

# HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

December 9, 2021 via Zoom

## Agenda

WEBSITE (Scott)

WATERSHED AMBASSADORS follow-up

Best Practices for Homeowners to manage funding

BENEFIT OF BANNING SINGLE USE BAGS (Paul)

PLASTIC USE AT COSTCO AND OTHER BIG CHAINS

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

~ Styrofoam: Exploring Options for Densifying

~ CDs/DVDs & Cases: [GreenDisk.com](http://GreenDisk.com)

~ Metals Recycling: Sims

GREEN TEAM GOALS FOR 2022

MEETING DATES FOR 2022

Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9

Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

UPCOMING EVENTS

## **HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM GOALS FOR 2022**

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### **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION**

- Assist Pennington Borough in the process of Re-certifying with Sustainable Jersey in 2022.

Note: Check to see if Hopewell Township and/or Hopewell Borough plan to Certify in 2022.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION with an emphasis on REDUCE/REUSE**

- Single Use Bag Ban (short-term plan is a “reusable bag swap”)
- Energy Efficiency
- Tips for Reducing Waste
- Training for Correct Recycling

Note: Venues for education include monthly attendance at Pennington Farmers Market, Community events such as Pennington Day, Hopewell Harvest Fair, Mercer County Green Fest, and the events organized by the Hopewell Valley Arts Council.

*Note: We would like to purchase a table cover with the Green Team’s name and logo so that we can be more visible at community events.*

### **RECYCLING**

- Find a way to densify Styrofoam so that we can resume collection

Note: A long-term goal is to find a host for a recycling depot in the Valley

### **COLLABORATION**

- Continue to be actively involved in the HoVal Regional School District Green Team and the Mercer County Sustainability Coalition
- Assist with the Pennington Borough Carbon Free by 2035 Initiative
- Actively engage representatives of our 3 municipal governments