

## HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

February 10, 2022 via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, P. Kinney, P. Stahlin, L. Croucher, C. Meyer, R. Parker,  
R. Lieboff, S. Fulmer, M. van Vuuren, S. McAuliffe

#### HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN WEEK- April 18-23

- Session on Decarbonizing your Home (April 18 or 19)
- Repair Café (April 23) (community room in the high school ex. bicycle repair, clothing repair, furniture repair, jewelry repair, Agibettis on Main, etc.)
- Bright Action Platform (Follow-up Action)[www.brightaction.com](http://www.brightaction.com) join as a group, submit your actions, and it calculates your carbon footprint and gives suggestions, however this costs money. Carolyn McGrath and township trying to get a demonstration of this service.

#### SINGLE USE BAG BAN - MAY 4, 2022!

Coordinated Message and Outreach with FoHVOS

Joann discussed the details for restaurants, grocery stores, and others

Need to “ready” these businesses, students to give presentation

FoHVOS give out (cost effective)reusable bags; plan to prepare people

Distribute bags through schools, P-Day, etc.

Joann showed samples of flyers prepared by the Watershed

Tent cards and other reminders also available through “Bag Up NJ” & Resolutions

Hopewell businesses might be set up as an example for other businesses as well as PQM

#### SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

- Pennington Borough
- Hopewell Township - Rex suggests documenting in real-time and will not work this first half of the year with the new administration - a resource challenge. First should be to come up with good ideas to move forward. Joann thinks starting to look at the actions early is a good way to bump ideas into action and planning some far-reaching

#### REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

- 2022 Flyer (Margret)  
~ How to distribute
- Loose Ends  
~ Styrofoam: Exploring Options for Densifying  
~ CDs/DVDs & Cases: GreenDisk.com  
~ Metals Recycling: Langhorne Scrap Metal (we would need to monitor an onsite collection), Sims, et al

**RESIDENTIAL FLOODING:** Best Management Practices – EC working on this issue

## WEBSITE (Scott)

- 2021 Google Analytics Report?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10: Virtual Green Team Meeting at 7:30pm

April 14: Green Team Meeting at 7:30pm

April 18-23: Hopewell Valley Green Week

**April 23-30: Mercer County Greening Together** - some in-person stream cleanups, garden demos, plus virtual meetings. **On Saturday, April 30** outdoor scaled-down version of GreenFest at Central Park in Lawrenceville (crafting reusable bags, children's activities, worm sales, etc.)

May 4: Single-Use Bag Ban Goes into Effect

May 12: Green Team Meeting at 7:30pm

May 21: Pennington Day will be in-person!

May 28: PFM Opening Day

## Notes on "De-Carbonize Your Home" Session Planned for HV Green Week 2022 April 18 or 19

- Solar Panels:
  - Invite local experts; advertise Energy Sage; Discuss Community Solar; note: Sophie Glovier has researched Solar Providers; Renewables as part of Energy Aggregation
- Energy Audits / Do it Yourself
- Heat Exchangers
- Smart Outlets and other Energy Hacks
- E-Vehicles and Charging Stations: Share your experience of charging "in the wild"
- Commit Yourself to Something / Perhaps form a Bright Action Group
- Offer Follow-up Advice (e.g. Energy Session hosted by Mercer County Greening Together the next week)
- Home composting
- Lithium Ion Battery Backup as alternative to fossil fuel emergency generators
- Insulation / Green Home Solutions