

## HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

March 10, 2022, via Zoom, 7:30 pm – 9 pm

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

### SINGLE USE BAG BAN

- Coordinated Message and Outreach with FoHVOS - flyer available (missing “It is law”), articles have been circulating in the local press, Scott working on HVGT website page, FB page posting & community discussion, getting the word out so people are not surprised
- Hopewell Borough Adopted NJ Bag-up Resolution – every year, May is Bag-up month!
- HV Mobile Food Pantry challenge to get people to return their bags for re-use (Joe L.)

**HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN WEEK** (Joann) April 18-23, many in-school activities, link for all activities: <https://sites.google.com/hvrsd.org/hopewellvalleygreenweek/home>

- HVGT Session on Decarbonizing your Home (**April 18, 7-8:30 pm via Zoom**), info will be on HVGT website energy page, recording will be made available
- Repair Café (April 23) Need help from HVGT
  - Clothing/Bikes/Furniture/Jewelry et al? Need volunteers!

**MERCER COUNTY GREENING TOGETHER April 23-30** Outside sessions on April 23 & 24. Link to activities: <https://mercersustainabilitycoalition.org/greening-together-2022/>

- Note: Energy Tools for the Homeowner, Thurs., April 28 Session
- Sat., April 30, 10-2 pm Landscaping Approaches to Re-Wilding your Backyard, plant sale, focus on sustainability (speakers, bike rodeo, different groups, electric vehicles, composting, worm sale, Green Teams invited to have a table outside.

**PENNINGTON DAY: Saturday, May 21, 10 am – 4 pm**

### REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

- 2022 Flyer (Margret)
  - ~ How to distribute? PFM, P-Day, in reusable bags we hand out
- PFM Collection Items? Reviewed the items we will be collecting this summer
- Loose Ends
  - ~ Styrofoam: Mobile Densifier at <https://styroamerica.com> is coming to NJ! Possibly use Clean Communities funds for a drive this year!
  - ~ Metals Recycling: Langhorne Scrap Metal (willing to drop off a container for collection), Sims Metal (Ewing), et al (Lynne and Michelle to compare)

### WEBSITE (Scott)

- New Host! Host focused on sustainability! Acorn has low monthly prices! All of us, please look at the website and let Scott know if any links not working, or new information.

**RESIDENTIAL FLOODING:** Best Management Practices – nothing to report

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 14: Green Team Meeting at 7:30pm – Rescheduled to APRIL 7 at 7:30 pm**

April 18-23: Hopewell Valley Green Week

April 23-30: Mercer County Greening Together

April 30: Green Get-Together at Lawrence High School, 10-2

May 4: Single-Use Bag Ban Goes into Effect

May 12: Green Team Meeting at 7:30pm

May 21: Pennington Day

May 28: PFM Opening Day

DECARBONIZE YOUR HOME

Monday, April 18, 7 pm via Zoom

**Abstract:** The way we use energy at home and the way that we drive our cars makes a significant contribution to the overall emissions of carbon in this country. So, if we want to meet the carbon reduction goals that have been set by our cities, state, and nation as a whole, it is up to each of us to make some changes, by being more energy efficient and making energy choices that produce less carbon.

**In this interactive session, the Hopewell Valley Green Team and local experts will outline a variety of options and provide lots of resources to make it easy to take your next step in Decarbonizing Your Home. Topics will include:**

### **Energy Efficiency**

Energy Audits: Do-It-Yourself vs Contractor

Smart Outlets and other Energy Hacks

### **Switching To Electric**

Heat Pumps

Induction Cook Tops

Lithium-Ion Back-up for Emergencies

Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations

### **Renewable Energy**

Residential Solar (Energy Sage, et al)

Community Solar (Yvette Viasus, Solar Landscape)

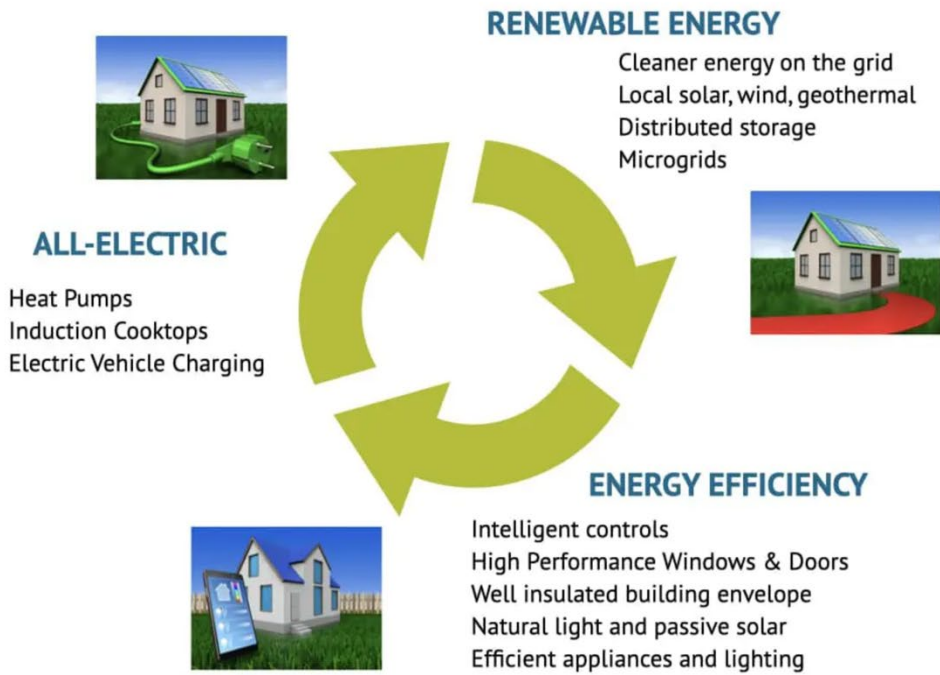
Energy Aggregation

### **Extra Credit**

Reducing Food Waste & Composting

About the Hopewell Valley Green Team (HVGT): HVGT is composed of representatives appointed by our 3 Hopewell Valley Municipalities – Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township & Pennington. Working together with the residents and officials of Hopewell Valley we work To lay the foundation for a sustainable future in the Hopewell Valley by:

- Focusing the attention of our municipal leaders on green issues, grants and initiatives that can save tax dollars and improve the quality of our citizens' lives, both short and long term;
- Educating our children and the greater public about affordable, sustainable practices that can improve our working and living environments;
- Advocating for energy efficiency of existing building stock and the implementation of renewable energy technologies;
- Promoting responsible environmental management and conservation;
- Promoting social equity and fairness in the creation of sustainable communities and sustainable practices;
- Building greater self-reliance, through the support of our local farms, businesses and existing human resources; and
- Strengthening our sense of community by identifying opportunities for Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, Pennington and the Hopewell Valley School District to share assets and resources;



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