

**HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM**  
**April 7, 2022 via Zoom Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: J. Held, S. Fulmer, L. Croucher, Dolph Geurds, P. Stahlin, D. Aicher,  
C. Meyer

**SINGLE USE BAG BAN** - Begins May 4! Flyers distributed, FoHVOS distributing bags through the schools during Green Week, students making posters & FaceBook.

**RESIDENTIAL ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION** – Dolph Geurds owns Terra Preta, a residential and commercial composting service in the area (daily and weekly pickup leaving clean buckets). Soon to have a 95 acre farm in Hopewell, part ranch and vegetable garden/composting. Has certification and is working on a permanent plan. Recycling wood and cardboard from construction sites. Farm should be up and running in Fall 2022. This is a private/public partnership. <https://www.terrapreta.earth/> We will put out Terra Preta cards and a sample bucket on Pennington Day, and info on the HVGTT website. Dolph is hoping the farm will eventually welcome school groups to teach about food waste/composting.

**HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN WEEK** (Joann)

- Session on **Decarbonizing your Home (Sun. April 18 24 at 7pm - 9:30 pm)** April 18 is declared no school, no activities, go outside day. The team has been working hard to make this an informative session.
- Repair Café (April 23)
  - Clothing/Bikes/Furniture/Jewelry et al?

**MERCER COUNTY GREENING TOGETHER April 23-30**

- Green Get-Together April 30 at Lawrence High School 10-2 including a Bike rodeo, electric car/bike meetup, tables, demonstrations, bag giveaway, making bags from t-shirts, sustainable landscaping, rewilding your backyard, refill vendor, WaterShed, and much more!

**PENNINGTON DAY:** May 21, 10-4, reuse our Green Get-Together info table

**REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE**

- Textile Recycling: No longer at the Schools
- 2022 Flyer (Margret) ~ How to distribute
- PFM Collection Items (see next page)

- Loose Ends
  - ~ Styrofoam: Mobile Densifyer at <https://styroamerica.com>  
Submitted a form expressing interest
  - ~ Metals Recycling: Langhorne Scrap Metal, Sims, et al

**WEBSITE** (Scott) Scott to work with Joann to put the website in (dev) format, then plan the move to the new host.

- New Host

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 18-24: 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 7:30 pm via Zoom

May 21: Pennington Day 10-4

May 28: Pennington Farmers Market Opening Day

**Pennington Farmers Market (PFM)** *penningtonfarmersmarket.org*

The Hopewell Valley Green Team will collect:

- cell phones, MP3 players, chargers, digital cameras, tablets, and Bluetooth devices
- Brita products
- dental care products (toothpaste tubes with cap on, toothbrushes, floss containers, etc.)
- stick deodorant containers
- single-use razors
- wine bottle corks (real, not synthetic)
- button cell batteries
- used tennis balls & baseballs
- newspaper (for the Mercer County Wildlife Center)
- plastic nursery pots.

Saturdays June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29: 9 am - 1 pm  
Rosedale Mills, 101 Route 31 N, Pennington.