

## HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

January 12, 2023, via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, S. Fulmer, M. van Vurren, C. Meyer, C. Corella, L. Croucher, N. Haughton, B. Merry

**STRENGTHENING OUR TIES TO MUNICIPAL GOVT** (Ideas from Nov. mtg) Lynne will work with Joann on a more detailed plan.

- Inviting reps to come for a portion of our GT mtg.(have a daytime mtg?)
- Have a special meeting with the 3 administrators
- Be a part of the Hopewell Municipal Alliance
- Different ways to engage our officials. Ask to be on the agenda for each municipal mtg and ask “How are we going to work together?” Or discuss specific issues such as lawn blower noise and fumes, composting, and non-certifying due to open admin positions.

### **WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY**

- Where does your drinking water come from? How do you know if it is safe? Have a water page on our website with data from each municipality.

### **REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE**

- Plans for 2023 (be at PFM monthly, metal recycling event, possible styrofoam event, repair cafe (Scott has a list), B. Merry to check into local manufacturer wanting styrofoam, ideas on *reducing* the use of plastic)

### **NATIVE PLANT MONTH (Nell Haughton)**

- Nell works with the Garden Club of America. Native plant month in NJ in April 2023. Getting a proclamation, and a possible bill. Possibly passing an evasive species ban. There are 2900 native NJ species!

### **STAR NEIGHBORHOODS?**

- <https://www.sustainableprinceton.org/star-neighborhoods/>

### **CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARADIGM**

- Eliminate Waste & Pollution
- Circulate Products & Materials
- Regenerate Nature

### **WEBSITE (Scott)**

- The site was tweaked, fixed some items and new banners. Good traffic with our new host. Will be adding topics we discussed tonight. Scott could use help with write-ups, updated information, needs images, and broken links.

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### **COMMUNITY SOLAR**

- Municipal Resolutions of Support – not yet

- Grant Opportunity?

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Green Team meetings for 2023:** Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10?, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14?

Hopewell Valley Green Week - date TBD April

Pennington Day - date TBD May

Hopewell Harvest Fair - date TBD September

B. Merry is the Director of Hopewell Library and would like to partner with the GT for speakers, events, displays, etc.