

## **HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM**

**March 9, 2023 via Zoom**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance: J. Held, C. Meyer, L. Croucher, R. Parker, C. Colella, Urmila, S. McAuliffe, K. Haren, S. Fulmer, P. Kinney, G. Koblis,**

### **ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Promotion (DIY & Subscription - Demonstration Project - Municipal Program) Talking it up with municipalities and cost analysis, to see if it can be scaled up. Master Gardeners have a composting education site at their Federal City location. Perhaps Rosedale Mills might host compost demonstrations during the PFM. Local libraries could also be a contact. Joann has handouts. Pennington Point model of their community compost. Drop off individually at the schools. Scott suggested lots of links for the website and book titles.

### **HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP CERTIFICATION WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**

**WORKING WITH OUR MUNICIPALITIES-** Feb, May, and Oct submission dates. Hopewell is on its way thanks to Uma, Paul, Joann, and Rex!

Joann has had progress in scheduling our attendance at municipal council meetings to remind officials what the green team does. Thanks to Samara and Uma for attending our green team meetings!

Report from Carolyn on Hopewell Boro on current topics (feral cats, wildlife crossings)

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

Clean Communities Grant - money to do spring community clean-ups. We should encourage our boroughs to apply for this money. Perhaps we could use the funds to hire a truck for a styrofoam collection. Or, as suggested, a local recycling company to pick up #5 plastics.

**PENNINGTON DAY - Organic Waste (Compost!)** Lots to talk about, book suggestions, handouts, websites, and live worms! Invite both compost companies (Kevin and Dolph). Perhaps obtain a corner booth spot for overflow. Local school children are all familiar with composting in their school cafeterias and their involvement with their school green teams.

**COALITION OF VALLEY GREEN GROUPS:** Pot Luck Picnic with other green teams and folks affiliated with environmental organizations, mayors, and officials. Have at the WaterShed. Joann would like to start a list of invitees. Possibly June 8? Joann clarified that this would be a networking event. **WEBSITE** (Scott) Made a small addition - the 2 different composting services and updated the composting information. More to add - Community solar and TerraCycle Home, PEFF link.

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WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY

CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARADIGM: Eliminate Waste & Pollution, Circulate Products & Materials, Regenerate Nature

COMMUNITY SOLAR

Municipal Resolutions of Support – not yet

Grant Opportunity??

RESIDENTIAL FLOODING: Best Management Practices – nothing to report

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 13: HVGT Meeting

April 22: Hopewell Valley Green Week Event - Not happening this year

April 29: Mercer County Green Fest Event – No big event, scaled back

May 5: NJ Sustainability Summit 9 am - 4 pm at Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ

**May 20: Pennington Day 10-4**