

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

April 13, 2023, via Zoom Meeting Minutes

In attendance: S. Fulmer, C. Meyer, J. Held, K. Haren, M. VanVurren, R. Parker, L. Croucher, P. Stahlin, C. Colella

PENNINGTON DAY (May 20) Plans

Promotion of organic waste management: DIY & Subscription

Discussion on varying success levels from attendees of DIY composting, emphasize the benefits of composting and how it helps reduce Co2 and Methane, HV students all compost in the schools, Scott can bring some worms if it is not too hot, mention reducing food waste and utilizing yard waste recycling. ECC site mentions leaving leaves in your yard. Use DIY sheet from Mercer Fest.

WORKING WITH OUR MUNICIPALITIES- Update

- Report to Hopewell Township Committee April 3 - Joann attended and introduced our programs and focus. Joann's discussion agenda was well-received.
- Report to Hopewell Borough Council May 4
- Report to Pennington Borough Council – To Be Scheduled

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP CERTIFICATION WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

Clean Communities Grant - maybe

COALITION OF VALLEY GREEN GROUPS: Pot Luck Picnic? Possibly June 8 at the Watershed grounds, and possibly speakers; Dan Benson running against Brian Hughes, Katie U. with the DEP, the head of Sustainable Jersey, and Ornithologists from Cornell.

WEBSITE Scott added updated member names and information on native species (Mercer Cty Chapter) and updated the events list.

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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  
MS4 Permit

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 22: Hopewell Valley Green Week Event <https://sites.google.com/hvrsd.org/hopewellvalleygreenweek/home>

April 29: Mercer County Greening Together – Bike Rodeo & EV Meetup at Lawrence High School

<https://mercersustainabilitycoalition.org/>

May 5: NJ Sustainability Summit 9:00 am - 4:00 pm At Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ

<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/events/2023-sustainability-summit/>

May 11: Hopewell Valley Green Team Meeting via Zoom

May 20: Pennington Day 10-4

June 8: Pot Luck Picnic with Coalition of Valley Green Groups

May 6: Pennington Community Yard Sale

June 10: Hopewell Borough Community Yard Sale

## CHAT Notes

20:12:57 From Geri Koblis to Everyone:

I would like to suggest consideration at some point perhaps in a long range project- municipalities create incentives for homeowners and other residents to become sustainable households /landscapes. Maybe there can be a sort of contest like Hopewell Twsp did over the holidays -for the best decorated house. How about the best sustainable landscape or home? Give a prize of some sort-public recognition. Criteria would need to be created for interested households to follow in order to be in the running for the "prize"

20:18:44 From Scott Fulmer to Joann Held(Direct Message):

Date of Boro council meeting in May?

20:43:26 From Paul Kinney to Everyone:

Here is the link to Hopewell Township's "Notify Me" page where you can get notification emails for specific items, including specific orgs' agendas. <https://www.hopewelltp.org/list.aspx>

20:43:45 From Carolyn Colella (she/her) to Everyone:

thank you!!