

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

August 15, 2024, via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, S. Fulmer, C. Meyer, D. Hirsch, J. Gallagher, J. Schwank, K. Haren, Kirsi Bhasin, Uma Purandare, Rex Parker,

HOPEWELL HARVEST FAIR: Sept 21, raindate Sept. 28 from 9:45 to 4 pm

- Theme/Activity - need a game as an activity (Plinko?)
- Setup/Cleanup - We will have two sides to our booth; an activity and a metal collection to advertise our metal collection
- Staffing - Joann will be away that weekend

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

- Metal Collection, possibly on February 8, 2025 (Superbowl Saturday). Have a swap table this next time?
- Collections at Pennington Farmers Market - 200# of flowerpots are in Joann's garage! Scott will pick some up, and we will need assistance distributing the pots. Scott handled the shipping of the corks to ReCork and Cork Club, and Jack brought all the plastic to Wegmans.
 - o Staffing / Delivering Material

National Wildlife Federation COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM (Kirsi Paalanen)

The goal is to enhance the natural environment and certify Hopewell Township in this program. Lambertville is already certified. About 200 residential properties would need to be certified (through self-certification). This would earn points for the township through Sustainable NJ. Here is the link: <https://certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org/>. The suggestion was made to include both Hopewell and Pennington Boros in this initiative.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Jack showed us the Insta posts - we have 12 followers and need more! And Jack and June developed a schedule for posting this fall. Follow hvgreenteam on IG! HVGT Google folder for social media pictures and short videos

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qQV6CXv2JDoNmYp3hS7bS3WzbcKfc9oL?usp=drive_link

WEBSITE (Scott) Updated the website on action steps, an invitation to be part of our team, and the weblink library. Scott went into a swap shop in Maine and is excited about this idea in our area!

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### For Future Discussion

- WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARADIGM
- RESIDENTIAL FLOODING

- NATIVE PLANTS & POLLINATORS

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 31: Recycling at Pennington Farmers Market

Sept 5 ~~or 12~~: Green Team Meeting (a week early!)

Sept 27: Association of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) Environmental Congress  
(Rowen Univ)

Sept 28: Recycling at Pennington Farmers Market