

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

December 12, 2024, via Zoom Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, S. Fulmer, H. Wilenius, P. Kinney, J. Gallagher, K. Haren, A. Jackson, Frank, L. Rapoport, C. Meyer, R. Parker

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

- Curbside Collection of #5 Plastics - starting in 2025!
http://mcianj.org/filestorage/119/%235_PLASTICS.pdf
- Scrap Metal Collection February 8, 2025 - 2 township staff members, Joann will recruit volunteers, tables for sorting, no swap area, for large appliances if they can unload it, they can bring it.
- Styrofoam Update - Rex did not get a straight answer regarding a densifier that Montgomery Township has purchased. Heidi and Joann will follow up with them,
- Pennington Environmental Commission Program, January 2025, is planning a series of online education webinars (such as recycling) on Jan. 16 or Jan. 30 and will advertise over the 3 municipalities.

ENERGY

- **Community Energy Planning Grants** - in process (\$10K each). Plans for the GT to assist the municipalities on their certification. A fun strategy item is an idea for an electric vehicle show.
 - Pennington Borough
 - Hopewell Township
- **Sierra Club Electrification Program** - Dec. 19 - part of an ongoing effort to help others decarbonize their homes and consider solar. Sierra Club can be a resource for us.

HOPEWELL BOROUGH UPDATE (Heidi, Jack, Scott) HV Community Wildlife Program gets points on the certification for sign-ups. Jan. 26 from 5-7 pm
Community-wide potluck at the train station with a puzzle swap!

SOCIAL MEDIA (Jack) - Liz introduced herself and talked about target audiences

WEBSITE (Scott) suggested using the Google Calendar for the meeting dates.

ROLE OF GREEN TEAMS - Happy 15th Anniversary to the HVGT!

- Education vs Advocacy
- Advice vs Policy Making

PLANNING FOR 2025

- Meeting Dates
- Certification - HT is up for recertification for bronze
- Other Focus Areas

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## For Future Discussion

- BIKING ISSUES
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARADIGM
- RESIDENTIAL FLOODING
- NATIVE PLANTS & POLLINATORS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 9: Green Team Meeting

Jan 18: Native Seed Sowing Extravaganza

Feb 8, 2025: Scrap Metal Collection

2025 Meeting Dates - second Thursday of every month

Jan 9

Feb 13

Mar 13

Apr 10

May 8

Jun 12

Jul 10

Aug 14

Sept 11

Oct 9

Nov 13

Dec 11