

Sustainable Jersey Meeting

July 8th, 9:00 am

DPW conference room

Attendance: Marnie Vyff - Chair, Jackie Bay, Mimi Kaplan, Frank Sanchez, Allison Rankin, Mark Presina, Joan Best, Janet Horst

Update on SJ response

We are starting to get info back from Sustainable Jersey on what is approved or not. So far, we have definitely made Bronze with 270 points! There are 3 categories - approved (we get the points), must revise (we need to revisit it to get the points), and submitted (hasn't been judged yet).

Please note that SJ has now completed judging our submissions! Innovative Community Project 1 - ERI Quilts and Community Forestry Plan & Tree Cover Goal have passed and we are just 80 points away now from Silver. This means we need to get at least 8 of the Must Revise list to pass.

This is how it lays out right now. All * are the items moved to new categories:

Approved (we get the points)

Animals in the Community Education

Municipal Carbon Footprint

Community Education and Outreach

Create Green Team

Education for Sustainability Programs

Inventory and Upgrade All Buildings

Community or School Gardens

*Innovative Community Project 1 - ERI Quilts

Solar

Environmental Commission

Natural Resource Inventory

Water Conservation Education Program

Tree Protection Ordinance

*Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal

Tree Planting Programs

Recycled Paper

Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal

Community Paper Shredding Day

Non-Mandated Materials Recycling

Recycling Depot

Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program

Pay-As-You-Throw Program

Must Revise (we need to revisit it to get the points)

Creative Assets Inventory

- *Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization
- Energy Tracking and Management
- *Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program
- *Safe Routes to School
- *Innovative Community Project 2 - Waterview
- *Innovative Community Project 3 - Wellhead Protection
- Raingardens
- * Bicycle and or Pedestrian Audit
- *Tree Maintenance Programs
- *Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution
- Create a Policy (Grounds & Maintenance policy)
- Recycling Education & Enforcement
- Waste Audit of Municipal Buildings Schools

Articles in ML Living -

Marnie has written the August cover article and 3 sub articles on SJ and Mtn Lake's work on Actions. We will continue to have a column in the magazine every month keeping the town up to date with our work. Kristen Totaro, manager of the magazine, came to the meeting and took a photo of the Green Team for the cover of the August issue.

Sept 14th deadline and Actions to be worked on -

- Creative Assets Inventory - Marnie will reassess. In Oct, Mtn Lake's new website will be unveiled.
- Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization - Marnie and Allison are working on. It looks like Mtn. Lakes has one brownfield. Allison will supply an official definition of brownfield and Todd Terhune will be asked for info as well.
- Energy Tracking and Management - Bob Tovo has a company tracking the municipal energy use.
- Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program - Paul O. has a program laid out in the schools for the Sept. school opening.
- Safe Routes to School - Paul O. has a program laid out in the schools for the Sept. school opening.
- Innovative Community Project 2 - Waterview - Jackie will reassess.
- Innovative Community Project 3 - Wellhead Protection - Jackie will reassess.
- Raingardens - Marnie will connect Mark Presina and Rutgers.
- Bicycle and or Pedestrian Audit - Mimi and Allison are working on this.
- Tree Maintenance Programs - Janet and Marnie will reassess. Lorraine (arborist) can help. Also, check out the tools on SJ website.
- Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution - Mark P is working on this.
- Create a Policy (Grounds & Maintenance policy) - Jackie and Mark P are working on this.
- Recycling Education & Enforcement - Mimi and Marnie will reassess this. Can add EC at Empty Bowls and more documentation of School Education programs.
- Waste Audit of Municipal Buildings Schools - Mimi and Marnie will reassess this.

SJ Actions for 2017 -

We are working on other longer term actions that will be for the 2017 submission to SJ. Unfortunately, SJ is not offering grants right now so we need to look into other grant sources for the recycling roof and the iTree funding.

The assessment of the schools for energy conservation solutions will go into effect next year which is too late for this cycle but should be fine for 2017.

Mimi suggests getting the design and build class in the high school to design solutions for the recycling cover. Joan can supply them with a video of how the trucks move and dump the recycling into the bins.

Meetings -

We will have our next meeting in the same location on Tuesday, Aug. 5th at 9:00 am. When school begins we will consider alternating locations with the high school for ease of those members attending the meetings.

Minutes submitted by Marnie Vyff.