

HP Green Team Minutes: Wed Feb 6, 7pm HP Boro Hall

And discussion/followup

Present-

Mary Ann Schran	Chair/EC
Cindy Kennedy	EC
Peter Ardito	EC- Chair
Joon Kim	Council
Mayor Paul Hoelscher	
Katie Fritz	
Judy Hunter	HP Library board
Mike Hakeem	
Debbie Dworkis	
Ann Lander	EC

Sustainable Jersey Website (updated)- <http://sustainablejersey.com>

On Jan 29th Mayor Hoelscher, Cindy and MAS attended the

[2012 Certified Communities and Award Winners Special Recognition Ceremony](#) .

HP was presented with a 2012 SJ Certification Plaque, which will be mounted in the Boro Hall hallway. Certification lasts 3 years.

>> Please plan to attend the Tues Feb 19th HP Council Meeting to present the (beautiful) Certification Plaque at 7pm.

Harrington Park Sustainable Actions:

Item # 1	Green Team (Mandatory)	10 pts
Item # 2	Community Education & Outreach	10 pt
Item # 10	Education for Sustainability	10 pts
Item # 11	Green Challenge	10 pts
Item # 20	Inventory and Audit all Buildings	50 pts
Item # 23	Municipal Carbon Footprint	10 pts
Item # 50	Community or School Gardens	10 pts
Item # 56	Environmental Commission	10 pts
Item # 63	Tree Protection Ordinance	10 pts
Item # 82	Green Fleet- inventory	10 pts
Item # 94	Recycling Depot	10 pts
Item # 100	Community Paper Shredding Day	5 pts
Item # 101	Waste Audit- School	10 pts
Item # 142	Backyard Composting	5 pts

Certified September 11, 2012 with 170 pts

Harrington Park was awarded the **2012 Sustainable Jersey Innovation and Creativity Award**. MAS gave a photo slide show presentation on Harrington Park's SJ actions for "Community Education & Outreach and Education for Sustainability".

2012: Harrington Park

Harrington Park was recognized for involving students in environmental education and sustainability through retreats, active [clubs](#), and [initiatives](#). The school administration is also promoting [recycling](#), working toward increased energy efficiency, and planning a comprehensive school waste program that will involve the students.

INNOVATION and CREATIVITY AWARD

This award recognizes one municipality that contributes most to Sustainable Jersey by pioneering or testing a significant innovation and/or incorporating creativity and the arts into their sustainability efforts. The award recognizes the development of community and social capital through creation of a culture of creativity, originality, and forward-thinking that can lead to new best practices and strategies by which we pursue sustainability.

The award is a beautiful framed original print which HP will have for one year. Theresa Hazelton spoke with Dr Fried- and the plan is to display it at HP School; *working on plans for a presentation at a school board meeting, also poss to invite the artist &/or framer to do something at school.*

Town Website

Address <http://harringtonparknj.gov/>

Cindy spoke with Ann Bistriz- we can now email Ann information to post/link to the site.

MAS will send Green Team description,

Katie is working on a recycling info sheet to link as a pdf

Ann Bistriz has the Sustainable Jersey Certified logo stuff

Recycling

Katie reported on progress with the recycling information Sheet/Handout, hopes to have this ready for March meeting

Discussed recycling rates (Cindy had collected data in 2011 and first ½ 2012)...HP recycled 25%.

Costs town \$ to have contractor (Advanced Waste Management...and name will change in March- Co was sold) to take away waste and curbside recycling; town charge more \$ for WEIGHT of waste. The contractor sells the recycling (paper products and cans/glass/plastic mix) to recycling stations.

HP DPW take the materials/items left at the HP Recycling Center to recycling stations>> and MAKES money on cardboard, white glass and aluminum cans; other things cost money to dispose of (esp colored glass).

NO MATTER how people recycle- curbside or at the Center >>> **recycling costs HP less than the dumping fees charged for waste disposal.**

Per Joon & Mayor -- new contract to start Jan 2014- will be discussing and out to bid in 2013...poss contract for singlestream?

Social Media!! Weblog <http://hpgreenteam.wordpress.com>

and **facebook>>>** friend the **HPgreenteam**

MAS- both facebook and wordpress are getting visitors/views: 141 FB friends, getting ~4-12 visits daily to blog. Interesting to look at how people get to the blog and what the link out to. In December- January, in FB- posted re brine on roads, tree chipping, and stream up after heavy rain, Beechwood photos, one of skating at Pondsides. In the weblog- posted re- BS/community sign, recycling update, Xmas trees, Beechwood Park, Pondsides Park, School garden/club update >>Plan for FEBRUARY- SJ awards- prob with presentation to Council, Pondsides skating, local birdfeeders? **Greenteam members are invited to submit articles/photos for posting!!**

Discussed Sustainable Jersey actions/plans for 2013 (refer back to list of what was previously completed above; many actions need annual updates...MAS is trying to keep abreast of what needs to be done to update each action)

- Buy Fresh Buy Local- **Cindy** > restart in spring – publicize list of farmers markets, etc
- School Waste Audit- Sept 2011, Sept 2012 ...**Theresa**> Plan repeat audit Spring 2013— and again Fall 2013.
- (NEW) Safe Routes to School ... ??? New Complete Streets Action...on the back burner for now; may integrate information from Greenmap- Ann & Cindy
- (NEW) Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy... **Joon** presented this (potential for 40 points) to Mayor and Council, has met w Mark Kiernan, continues work—plan to complete in next 2-4 months.
- (NEW) ERI- **Peter** \$5000 in HP budget for this; he met with Sonia Clark of United Water- poss \$20,00 for ERI- needs to go through a 4013C organization ...discussed, will cont work carried over for this from last year- as matching for an ANJEC grant. Peter will meet with (The Summer 2012 ANJEC Report covers updating an ERI, with the example of Highland Park <http://www.anjec.org/ANJECReport.htm>)
- (NEW) Rain Garden- no activity between softball field and Hackensack. **Joon** reported that **Lauri** Scappi was waiting to hear about funding resources after Jan 1, 2013; **Peter** will discuss with Water Company. Poss involvement of 8th grade students- Project Pride.
- (NEW) Diversity on Boards ...**Joon** > will pursue after Green Grounds done > ? summer 2013
- (?yes) Green Mapping (not sure this is an action...) **Cindy and Ann**- as below- EC
- (NEW) Recycled materials/grounds (follows the Green Grounds) > **Joon**
- (NEW) The New- Direct Install- municipal promotion to local businesses & nonprofits; **Judy Hunter** is looking into this <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/di>
- (NEW) Possible Mayor's Fitness and (NEW) Green Roof demonstration- **Debbie**- discussed green roof challenges
- Environmental Commission- **Peter** will write summary of 2012 activities
- Community Paper Shredding Day- next on April 27, (**MAS** will get totals/write up)
- Backyard Composting- discussed- plan for demonstration composter at HP Library, also to get more composters from BCUA to sell on consignment...**Cindy**

HP School update

From Theresa *in absentia*-

School activities for March and April

The green club advisors along with the green club are planning a plastic bag recycling drive. To compliment this recycling drive the green club is going to do a fundraiser and sell HP school/green club custom logo canvas reusable bags. The proceeds of the fundraiser will be used to purchase additional recycling containers needed throughout school.

In April, I would like to do a recycling presentation/slide show in the lunch room. (Need to touch base with Inhea as she photographed the audit and we discussed making posters) I would like to do this before we do another waste audit which will be in the warmer spring months. Perhaps May.

I plan to speak with the green club and HPTV and arrange do green tips throughout the month of April and perhaps another catalog canceling challenge.

It's already been 2 years since the last catalog challenge.

MAS- HP School and the change in culture to more "green" was one focus of the presentation at the SJ Awards Ceremony. To recap the progress/changes at HP School since ~ 2009:

- waste audit Sept 2011...again Sept 2012, plan for spring 2013 > led to significantly improved lunchroom recycling & decreased waste
- Recycling stations in use in every classroom- mixed paper collected in large blue bin outside- *town dumps this.*
- Pizza lunch cardboard boxes go to town recycling center as does all school cardboard
- Single Stream recycling continues- started in school in 2010- program called ***Dream Machine Recycle Rally™***. This is sponsored by Pepsi and WasteMangement ... Students scan the bar codes on bottles and cans > which go into a dumpster for recycling; pints are given for these scanned items to receive credit toward rewards for the school (no idea on numbers such as weight or volume- this is not measured > all into one dumpster).
- The courtyard garden was built in summer of 2009; it has new beds, 2 rain barrels- 2011, now fruit trees-2012
- The Garden Club is active- *now 4 seasons* – Ms Denbeaux and Ms Howell
- The HP School Courtyard was remodeled over the summer of 2012– it is beautiful and enjoyed by upper-class students! (paid for by Board of Ed and the HSA, donation of labor by a local landscaper- John Terranova). There are now raised beds around sides— plan for each class/grade to use one.
- Butterfly garden – built and planted by GS (leader Kathy Zahos) > successful! *Garden Club may take over maintenance*
- Green Club- started 2007 Ms Sara Howell- now run (2012 by Ms Magat and Ms Draijer) is active, biweekly meetings, promoting recycling.
- Green Tips on (live) HP TV
- Earth Awareness Month in April
- Outdoor recycling containers (blue with logo) purchased by HSA in 2010- in use!

- Mr Lechte- science teacher and Student Council liaison, very supportive of recycling efforts >> in 2010 the school began participating in a program called Terracycle, which focuses on collecting and recycling chip bags and drink pouches; program is promoted by the Student Council with Recycling Brigades and competitions... The school Student Council receives money for these items and then each year the school makes donations to the Special Olympics.
- 8th grade students – Project Pride- have been involved in local watershed cleanups...working on plan for this year, poss to turn over the garden and do spring maintenance on the garden in May, also to clean George St woods.
- Mr Lechte- science teacher and Student Council liaison – very supportive of recycling efforts
- Walk to School Days- spring and fall- since 2010
- Home and School Association involved and supportive-promoting Earth Awareness Week/month, Arbor Day, Catalog Cancelling Challenge, Waste Free Lunch Day
- Water Stations- installed in 2007-2008 (funding by the Board of Ed) and Hydration Stations- (funded by the HAS)- encourage reusable bottle use
- Reusable blue BPA plastic bottles with school logo given to K-5th grade students entering school in 2012 (funded by DPW recycling grant)

Calendar and Dates

Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Seminars- MANY more on SJ site, ANJEC also has trainings
<http://www.sustainablejersey.com/nc/events-trainings/>

Wed Feb 20- SJ: **webinar** 1-2pm **Energy Benchmarking** part 1 and Wed 27 -1-2:30pm- SCHOOLS- part 2

Sat March 2- Clifton- **Fundamentals for effective ECs**-9-1:30pm

<http://www.anjec.org/ConfWorkshops.htm#commissioncourse>

Sat March 9- CONFERENCE at NJIT/Newark <http://www.njconservation.org/documents/Rally>

Wed March 6- SJ: **Rain barrels**- Rutgers, 6:30-9pm

Sat April 20—Bi-State watershed cleanup (*invitation from Park Ridge Green Team*)

Discussed- will plan to conduct local watershed clean up- poss Old Hook Rd & Lafayette

Mon April 22- Earth Day

Sat April 27- HP History Day/Mulch Sale

Shredding- Michelle Ryan contact for this

Plan to have an information table

June- ? first weekend HP library rummage sale

Plan to have an information table...freebies?

Sept ? date? HP Town Day

Plan to have an information table...freebies? Sell something

UW wants to have a table

Mentioned/Discussed at the EC Meeting

- **There is now a greenmap HP site.** Ann and Cindy are working on this, some glitches, expect to demo at next meeting
- Plan to set up a **demonstration composter by the HP Library**—to be working by end April; info to be posted on ?community bulletin board- Cindy
- Hope to coordinate an ANJEC presentation in May on EC possibilities and energy benchmarking- and invite other local EC members
- Tree planting- will be ordering saplings to give away in April at Mulch Day
- (also- poss new trees at Don Horsey Park)
- **Update on Town-Hackensack/bordering School Trees-** Cindy spoke with DPW's Mark Kiernan- 11 trees are dead, many apparently need pruning; he will present information to Council
- **"islands"**- Hackensack & George and Bogert's Mill- with dead shrubs, trees died... new plantings ?(Michelle Ryan was looking into this?)
- MAS will put information about April activities in the next town newsletter (Cleanup ? 20, Shredding & info at Mulch Day April 27)
- Peter- UW can help – if we pursue a Rain Garden

Next Meeting Date – Wed, March 6 at 7pm Boro Hall