

## **Hawthorne Green Idea Committee Minutes September 28, 2009**

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Patricia Hutzelman, and Mary Mahon

### **Green Team Purpose**

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey certification

### **Topics Discussed at Meeting**

- New Jersey Clean Energy Grant Update – Part I is complete and approved by New Jersey Clean Energy Program. Part II - Hawthorne submitted the draft RFP to New Jersey Clean Energy for review and approval. At this point, we are waiting for approval. Once the RFP proposal is accepted, Hawthorne can request bid proposals from the approved list of consultants.
- Reviewed and discussed the template for the Sustainable Plan short and long term goals.
- Action Plans will be developed and documented for the following topics: Environmental Commission Mary Mahon and Green Fairs Pat Hutzelman
- Cel-Earth-Bration 2010 (green fair) – T-shirt Design Contest with a “Green” theme. The Hawthorne school system would participate in the contest. Currently, working with Doug from Hawthorne’s Department of Public Works on the t-shirt details. The Environmental Commission provided Doug with samples of the Green project contest documentation as a guide.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

**Next Meeting October 26, 2009 at Hawthorne Library at 7:30pm**