



### **Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: September 23, 2013**

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Hazel Pinos, Robert Meier, Paula Tutein, Meghan Decker, Molly Sher, Chris Cooper, Mike Mariani, Rosanne Zagatta, and Ellen Brogno

#### **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 on 09-23-2013:**

- a. Review August's minutes - Approved
- b. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification Discussion – Deadline September 15, 2013
  - i. Actions to be Completed
    1. Lead Education and Outreach Program – Rosanne Zagatta
    2. Rain Garden – Rayna Laiosa – Included summary report and pictures for re-certification deadline of September 15, 2013
    3. Caring for Easement Inventory – Cindy Frank
- c. 2013 Projects
  - i. Green Fair at the Farmer's Market – Successful event.
  - ii. Community Garden – Discussed having a dedicated meeting to discuss the community garden. Molly will contact the Library for potential dates in November for the meeting.
- d. Hawthorne Day – Saturday October 5, 2013 – Facilitator – Mike Mariani/Rosanne Zagatta
  - i. Focus – Rain Garden, Green Map, Anti-Idling
  - ii. Need volunteers to participate - Rayna will send out an e-mail to the Team for volunteers
    1. Set-up 10:00 to 12:00 pm – Rosanne Zagatta and Mike Mariani
    2. 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
    3. 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
    4. 4:00 pm to 6:00 pmHazel Pinos and the boys will attend the event from 1 to 6 pm
- e. Open Discussions:
  - i. World Wildlife Fund – Earth Hour City Challenge Deadline October 13, 2013 <http://worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour-city-challenge>; Rosanne will further research the WWF website for additional information. Rayna communicated to Lori, Borough Clerk, to contact the resident and inform them that the Green Team is evaluating the proposal.
  - ii. Sustainable Jersey Action Plan - **Materials Reuse Program** i.e “Swap Meet” – Summit, New Jersey has a program – Team discussed the Materials Reuse Program Action Plan; Discussed ways that the Green Team can provide options to the community residents, increase

educational awareness about reuse materials and potentially establishing a partnership with Habitat for Humanity ReUse Store in Wayne NJ

### **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 28, 2013 at 7:30 pm**