

## **Green Team Activities**

The Bernards Township's Green Team which was established in 2007 continues with their mission to improve municipal operations with "Green" initiatives which are economically & environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

The previous efforts of the Bernards Township's Green Team focused on the following projects, which have been implemented:

- Installation of the Solar Panels at the Department of Public Works Building – generating approximately 39,000 KWH on an annual basis
- Completion of the Warren Craft Meeting Room built with high efficiency HVAC systems and ductwork and high efficiency LED lighting
- Installation of a Computerized HVAC Control System at the Library and Department of Public Works Building
- Installation of LED lights and the "Wall Pack" exterior lighting at the DPW and Town Hall
- Paperless Township Committee meetings, Wi-Fi meeting room allowing all attendees to view agendas and documents on their electronic devices
- Utilization of vinyl recycling bags to replace paper recycling bags

The Bernard's Township's Green Team focus for the current year is:

- Landfill Solar Project broke ground – expected to generate approximately 3 MG of power
- Passaic River De- Snag Project – joint project with Warren, Long Hill, Berkeley Heights, Summit, New Providence, Union County & Morris County
- Installation of a Computerized Control HVAC System at the Police Department-energy efficiency
- Shared Services Agreement with Somerset County- Supplying & Replenishing Rock Salt & Sand during Inclement Weather
- Re-engineering the heating system at Town Hall to improve efficiency
- Installing additional insulation at the Police Department to improve efficiency
- Shared Service Agreement with Somerset County to install a 7,000 ton Salt Dome increasing efficiency and operations for Bernards Township and Somerset County
- Working to take title of 86 acres of wetlands from local non-profit
- Supplied & delivered start up materials (top soil/mulch) to local non-profit which created community garden whose produce is donated to Food Bank
- Partnered with local landscaping firm for Free Tree Giveaway for Township residents

- Created a wildflower garden in Pleasant Valley Park in conjunction with a local landscaping firm
- Installation of the Cirus Controls System on 4 new & existing fleet vehicles. This is an automated system for salt spreading, temperature monitoring, data collection and GPS navigation
- Maintaining certification in Sustainable Jersey

The Green Team continues to advise on energy savings initiatives & stormwater initiatives and maintains the Green Team website.

The Team works in conjunction with municipal departments on an ongoing basis to review and discuss projects implemented, underway and proposed.



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### Green Team

#### Community Asset Mapping:

Community Asset Mapping provides a collective inventory of the positive and valued aspects of a community, including places, institutions, programs, and people. In doing so, it also provides the foundation for assessing gaps and making improvements. Asset mapping is a positive (and enjoyable) approach to learning about a community. It begins to answer the question "Where are we now?" and helps community members to think positively about the place in which they live and work. It also challenges residents to recognize how other people see and experience the same community. This process fosters civic participation and can be a great way to engage students in their community. By identifying community assets, communities can better understand how to build on these important community resources to sustain and enhance future generations.

Please feel free to share with us what you think makes Bernards Township Special. Send your thoughts to our Green Team by [clicking here](#).

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#### Mission Statement:

The Bernards Township Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Township Committee on ways to improve municipal operations with "Green" initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation; "Green" practices will be incorporated into Township operations by the staff representatives.

#### Goals:

- Maintain certification in Sustainable Jersey program
- Advise on energy savings initiatives
- Advise on stormwater initiatives
- Maintain the Green Team website to create an up to date record of the Township's Green Initiatives and Accomplishments

#### Objectives:

- Collaborate with township employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the GTA
- Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives
- Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense
- Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations
- Consider energy use, and carbon footprint calculations in proposed initiatives, projects, and purchases

#### Membership:

Name	Membership	Term Expires
Ann Marie Siclare	Regular	12/31/2016
Bruce McArthur	Regular	12/31/2016
Francis Decibus	Regular	12/31/2016
Joel Coyne	Regular	12/31/2016
John Malay	TC Voting Member	12/31/2016
Pat Monaco	Regular	12/31/2016
Tom Timko	Regular	12/31/2016

#### Meeting Schedule:

The Green Team will meet at the call of the Chair

#### Contact:

[greenteam@bernards.org](mailto:greenteam@bernards.org)

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