

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLAN – VISION UPDATE 2018

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY VISION

A thriving sustainable economy is one that leads to environmental, social and economic vitality. In a sustainable economy resources are not used up faster than nature renews them. To obtain true sustainability we must “mobilize the entire community” by reaching every resident, business and industry in the Township with the message that individual action matters and is essential to meeting community wide climate control goals. In particular, by taking positive measures toward reducing its own carbon footprint, the Township plays a leadership role by setting an example. Therefore, through this Sustainable Community Plan, Woodbridge Township is committed to growth of an economic and socially sustainable community, and to developing strategies that will reduce our impact on the environment both collectively and individually, so that we might preserve our natural resources for the citizens now and in the future.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The above Woodbridge Township Sustainable Community vision statement was drafted by the Woodbridge Green Team for Sustainable Jersey initiatives, as well as other stakeholders and with a public visioning meeting and “Best Talks Around” on Thursday, August 16th, 2018 and then finalized and adopted by vote at an open public meeting of the Township Council on Tuesday, August 21st, 2018.

Additionally, the Sustainable Woodbridge Plan has been posted for public review and comment on the Township’s Greenable Woodbridge webpage. Additionally, the visioning meeting and “Best Talks Around” were taped by TV 35 and available on our website and YouTube.

FORMAL ADOPTION

This Sustainable Community Plan (SCP) was formally adopted by a vote of the Township Council on Tuesday, August 21st, 2018. The SCP was originally submitted on September 3rd, 2010; revised on October 1st, 2010; updated on April 10th, 2012; revised on July 2nd, 2015; and newly revised on May 2nd, 2018. The SCP was formally adopted by vote at an open public meeting of the Township Council on Tuesday, August 21st, 2018.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Each year the Woodbridge Township Green Team, under the guidance of the Woodbridge Township administration, will analyze, monitor, and evaluate the SCP. Actions will be tracked to evaluate overall progress. Based on the internal evaluation, Woodbridge will work with our environmental consultant to determine the SCP’s implementation and effectiveness.

UPDATING AND REVISION

Based on our annual SCP evaluation, which will include consideration of changes in external circumstances and assumptions, Woodbridge and its partners will update and revise the SCP and submit the revised document to the Green Team and then the Township Council for formal adoption.