

GREEN TEAM MEETING
June 13, 2012

Minutes

Welcome & Introduction – Councilwoman Donna Abene

Sustainable Jersey Criteria – Overview by Wolfgang Albrecht

WCL Initiatives were reviewed and briefly discussed

Sustainable Jersey Initiative

➤ **About Sustainable Jersey**

As previously reported, [Sustainable Jersey](#) is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. We have successfully taken the first step towards certification by officially registering the Borough.

- **Woodcliff Lake's Green Initiative** – The following items are part of the Borough's Green Initiative.
- **Bike Racks** - Woodcliff Lake unveiled newly installed Bike Racks in 2011 located at Borough Hall and the Train Station. The newly installed Bike Racks provide daily commuters with a healthy and fun option to commuting!
- **Recycled Waste Vegetable Oil Pilot Project** - This is a recycling project. We are utilizing a waste product, Waste Vegetable Oil (WVO) that has been used for cooking and is ready for disposal. Rather than adding it to the landfill or having it enter the sewer system, Woodcliff Lake will process the WVO through filtration equipment and use it to power diesel engines in our Borough fleet. The pilot project is currently underway and the "blended fuel" is being used in all of our garbage trucks. Look for the WCL trucks that are labeled "*This Truck Runs On Waste Vegetable Oil*".
- **Purchase of Energy** - The Borough recently authorized joining the new Bergen County Coop on Purchase of Energy. The Bergen County Pricing System (BCPS) is a buying group for electricity generation and natural gas supply services available to all local government units within the Bergen County jurisdiction.
- **Conservation of Water** The Borough is researching and considering studying the benefits of a sanitary sewer excess user charge system.
- **Salt Brine Initiative for 2012** - The Borough is planning on initiating a program to use salt brine next winter. The use of salt brine will delay freezing precipitation from adhering to roads for a couple hours during a winter weather event and/or when temperatures and humidity can cause frost to form on bridges, hills and other potentially problematic roadways. The brine is applied prior to the potential of freezing conditions.
- **Green Team** – Wolfgang reported that a Resolution appointing current members will be before the Mayor and Council on June 18, 2012. Resolution appointing members was passed on June 18, 2012 at the Mayor and Council meeting.
- The Green Team, a component of our Sustainable Jersey initiative, will identify concrete actions that can be implemented on the path to becoming a green, sustainable community.

➤ **Recycling program**

➤ **Shredding Days**

Green Purchasing Policy – WA will research and bring back to the committee on July 18th .

The following ideas were noted for future discussion and consideration. The committee will continue discussion of these ideas at the July 18th meeting and determine which idea(s) will be pursued.

- Invite the Hackensack River Keeper to a future meeting
- Green Schools Program
- Solar Energy
- Expanding the use of light motion detectors in Borough facilities
- Energy Management
- WVO
- Permaculture Garden
- Increase use of recycling containers, ie. at ball fields
- Use Borough newsletter to promote Green Team initiatives
- Create a Sustainable Jersey tab on Borough website to inform residents of our work

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 7:30p.m. at Westervelt-Lydecker House at Old Mill Park.