

## **Green Idea Committee Minutes March 16, 2009**

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Joseph Wojtecki, Mitch Greene

### **Green Idea Committee Purpose**

- Establish Hawthorne's Green Vision
- Develop short and long term projects to implement Green Vision
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey certification (see below)

### **Sustainable Jersey Certification – Actions for Sustainable Communities**

Municipalities are certified after completing 100 points from the list of actions below.

#### **Community Partnership and Outreach**

- Create Green Team
- Community Education and Outreach
- School Programs and Partnerships
- Green Challenge & Community Programs
- Green Fairs

#### **Local Economies**

- Local Food Production & Gardens
- Buy Local Programs
- Green Business Recognition Program
- Green Jobs & Economic Development

#### **Diversity & Equity**

- Diversity on Boards & Commissions
- Incorporate Environmental Justice in Planning and Zoning

#### **Natural Resources**

- Natural Resources Inventory
- Natural Resource Protection Ordinances
- Water Conservation Ordinance
- Tree & Woodlands Management

#### **Energy Efficient**

- Energy Audits for Municipal Facilities
- Energy Star Buildings

#### **Operations & Maintenance**

- Green Purchasing Program
- Grounds & Maintenance
- Green Fleets

#### **Green House Gas**

- Municipal Carbon Footprint
- Community Carbon Footprint
- Climate Action Plan

#### **Green Design**

- Green Design Commercial and Residential Buildings
- Upgrade & Retrofit Municipal Building

#### **Sustainability Planning**

- Community Asset Mapping
- Community Visioning
- Sustainable Community Plan

#### **Health & Wellness**

- Mayors Wellness Campaign
- Anti-Idling Education and Enforcement Program

#### **Waste Reduction & Recycling**

- Recycling
- Waste Reduction

#### **Land Use & Transportation**

- Sustainable Land Use Pledge
- Sustainability Master Plan Element
- Complete Streets Program

#### **Innovative Demonstration Projects**

- Alternative Energy
- Water Infiltration Techniques
- Other

### **Topics Discussed at Meeting**

Reviewed the Sustainable website documents and discussed the Certification process

ANJEC on March 18, 2009 is conducting a webcast to discuss the Sustainable Certification and the Wal-mart Grant process – Rayna will be attending the webcast. All members are welcome to attend the webcast

Green team discussed potential grant projects – energy audits, pledge, etc.

#### **Next Step:**

Review the sustainable website documents and create a summary of the requirements to receive the eligible points for certification. Rayna will develop and share at the April meeting.

**Next Meeting April 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm City Creamery**