



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
January 27, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, Maureen Cook, Holly Cowen, Charles Stebbins, Craig Cayetano, Judi Bosloper, and John Bosloper

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**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 January 27, 2025**

- a. Review Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Minutes December 12, 2024 – Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2025 Growing Season!
  1. 2025 Community Garden – three (3) 4 X 8 Beds. – Garden Beds – Available in 2025 – Rayna Prepare and issue press release in February 2025
  2. Prepare 2025 Community Garden – Application, and Rules & Regulations to Borough
- c. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification – 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline February 23, 2025
  1. Approved Sustainable Jersey Action Plans
    - a. Brownfield Assessment & Investigation 12/31/2025 expires – 20 points

- b. Natural Resource Inventory – **Priority** – 20 points
- c. Tree Protection Ordinance No expiration date – 10 points
- d. Tree Planting 12/31/2025 expires – 10 points
- 2. Sustainable Jersey Action Plans – To be Updated - 2024/2025 Activities
  - a. Green Team – Mandatory – Waiting for Electronic Copy of Resolution – passed Council January 22, 2025
  - b. Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy – Re-Adopt Policy – passed Council January 22, 2025 – Waiting for Electronic Copy of Resolution for distribution
    - i. Recycled Materials & Composting
  - c. Environmental Commission – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
  - d. Community Partnership & Outreach – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
  - e. Green Fair – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
  - f. Prescription Drug & Safety – **Priority** – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
  - g. Emergency Communication Planning – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
  - h. Hawthorne Community Garden – Completed and Uploaded into SJ Database
  - i. Municipal Communication Strategy - Sent to Boro on January 18, 2025 for review and update
  - j. Digitizing Public Information – Sent to Boro on January 18, 2025 for review and update
  - k. Mayor’s Wellness Program – In Process - Sent to Boro on January 26, 2025 and Mary Mahon for requested information
  - l. Farmers’ Market and Accessible Farmers’ Market – In Process; waiting for information from Chamber to finalize documents
  - m. Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen – In Process
  - n. Community Paper Shredding Day – In Process; waiting for additional information from Boro
  - o. Non-Mandated Materials Recycling – In Process (need 2024 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – will be submitted to NJDEP by April 30, 2025)
  - p. Household Hazardous Waste – In Process (need 2024 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report – will be submitted to NJDEP by April 30, 2025); Discussed prior collection of motor oil and other fluids at recycling center; Past operations – leakage of the aboveground storage tank; cleanup of the former area is taking place; very costly; Passaic County has collections of household hazardous waste – Maureen will communicate when the 2025 events are scheduled.
  - q. Recycling Depot – In Process
  - r. Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance – **Priority**
  - s. Sustainable Land Use Pledge - **Priority** - Prepared documents; waiting for response from SJ – Borough of Hawthorne Adopted Pledge in Re Exam 2022 Master Plan Elements in July 2022
  - t. Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergencies – Sent to Police for review
  - u. Brownfield Inventory & Prioritization – In Process
  - v. Community Asset Planning
  - w. Fleet Inventory – **Priority**
  - x. Anti Idling Education & Enforcement Program
  - y. Buy Local Campaign
  - z. Support Local Campaign
  - aa. Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation
    - i. Tree Hazard Inventory

ii. Tree Maintenance Programs  
bb. Innovative Project – Silver Girl Scout Badge Project

d. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 26, 2025 – Hawthorne High School

a. Discussion of theme and T-shirt design: Ideas for next meeting

- Drought Issue Water Conservation
- Protect Water
- Conserve Water
- Recycle Water Rain Barrel, Rain Garden
- One drop could Save a Thirsty World
- Save the water Save the Earth
- Climate Change-Causing to save water
- 8 Tips to conserve water
- Why does the Earth need water
- Conserve Water and Energy
- WATER the Engine of the Earth
- Saving Natural Resources
- Doing your part to conserve natural resources

Encourage Hawthorne to Conserve our natural resources: water, energy, plants, open space, ,recreation, river, ,green space, pool, library, 8 Acre Woods, Wagaraw Road Complex, Gateway to the Passaic River, Goffle Brook Park

Update Discussion 01-27-2025

- Water = Life – Selected – Mike/Brenda will bring an initial sketch of the logo at next Hawthorne Environmental Commission meeting
- Every Day is Earth Day
- Earth Day is Every Day

b. Potential Vendors

1. Hawthorne Fire Department

c. Communication to School System – Initial Letter in February announcing Cel Earth Brarion and the Theme; 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter along with the Registration Forms sent the End of March

e. Open Discussion

1. Rayna is playing tag with TREX – Plastics Collection

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting  
Monday February 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm**

**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