

Watchung Green Team Activity Summary 2020-2021

The Green Team has been working on recertification. Due to restrictions resulting from the pandemic the activities were limited to remote meetings. In person activities, such as the farmer's market and the planned Green Fair were canceled. The terms of a number of members expired at the end of 2020 and the council appointed new members, including a new chair. Activities that have taken place since xxx 2020 include:

- Regular meetings of the green team
 - Monthly meetings from July 2020
 - Increasing to biweekly meetings beginning in March 2021
 - Planned resumption of monthly cadence upon submission of certification application in June
- Work towards Sustainable Jersey certification
 - Tactical identification of “low hanging fruit” for submission to recertify as bronze. These are actions that are already either completed or planned for completion in time for inclusion in a June 2021 submission.
 - 23 items for a target of 195 points
 - As of 5/7/21, documentation of 2 items completed, 19 in progress, 2 not started
 - Planning towards goal of submission for silver certification in 2022
 - 15 items for a target of 170 points tentatively identified
 - 9 items will be investigated for any additional points required to reach the 350 point requirement
- Appointment and training of new members
- Transition of team to new leadership
- Engagement with Ridewise to drive EV readiness
- Team education
 - Attendance of seminar on community solar by the Rutgers Energy Institute
 - Promotion of other recorded REI seminars
 - Attendance of presentation about invasive pest issues, including emerald ash borers and spotted lantern flies
- Planning for joint
- Resumption of farmers' market
- Green Building Checklist added to Master Plan (will be included in future submission for silver certification)
 - Worked with Planning Board to include in revised Master Plan
 - Working in conjunction with Environmental Commission to recommend council adoption of resolution requiring use of checklist