

Zoom attendees: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon,

Notes: from the July 2021 meeting approved.

DISCUSSION NOTES

Township Picnic / EC-GT Participation Sunday, September 12, 1-5

- Project Medicine needs to be advertised prior to the picnic
- 500 “Bag Up NJ” reusable grocery bags arrived on Thursday for distribution
 - Bag recipients will be asked to sign a Pledge: “I pledge to use this reusable bag for shopping at least once a week”
 - Hoping that at least 40 people take the Challenge: “Use this shopping bag for at least once a week for the next 12 weeks” ending in Christmas Market weekend and an ornament prize. Tracking by email or text Saturday of each week: Name, #of times bag used that week, optional-comments.
 - Bag “education flyers” will be available by QR code, or sign up for municipal building pick up after the following Wednesday.
- PIE for email database and creative assets; need to update display
- “Green tips”: have sandwich board, engage attendees to write suggestions on slips of paper and add to board.

OPTIONAL:

- 1 Info display/QR code and hardcopy sign up for Spotted Lantern Fly Handling
- 2 Tree Buddies sign up
- 3 Sign up to “Put the brakes on Mile-a-Minute”; have a day scheduled for this effort. Get to it before it seeds (Heavy duty gloves, long sleeves, long pants). At least have a poster/info code to identify and encourage everyone to weed it out at home
- 4 Sign up for an “Invasive Plants” guided walk in SMP (if we have a guide scheduled)
- 5 Have book nook poster and books to give out, since we have over 100.

Community Outreach and Education

- Consider Movies, webinar playbacks (spotted lantern fly), speakers, partnering with school and PTA presentations
- Rain Gardens would be a good subject for a presentation and possibly for a grant.

EC By-Laws

- Change proposed to move absentee member to alternate, then to Green Team; *to be voted on at next meeting.*

Meeting Day in 2022

- By Vote: EC-GT meeting day will change from 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning January 2022.

NJ Forestry Bills / Resolution

- As it stands, the TC will not address/pass a resolution opposing the 3 NJ bills without new input to support such a resolution. Possibly more data from Washington effort.

Open Space Inventory — New map available, sent previously

Clean Communities Funds

- CC Funds will be used to pay for the reusable bags. More info needed on disbursing funds; and on guard rail jurisdiction and handling to minimize herbicide application

NJDEP Climate Change Planning Toolkit: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience>

- To assist municipalities to adjust their Master Plans as necessary to accommodate climate change mitigation. Check if updates to Master Plan are mandated for asap or for MP scheduled 10-year reassessment. Could this effort be a grant candidate?

Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 2022 (150 points for Bronze, 350 for Silver)

— **Identify actions/steps: <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/>**

- Assistance welcome: View Status: <https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/discussion>
- At picnic, looking to further: “Green Challenges (bag use),” “Reusable Bag,” “Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal,” “Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government”, “Creative Assets Inventory”

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn E.Benoit; second: M.Biblin; at 9:17 PM