

# BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

## GREEN TEAM AGENDA

JULY 22, 2014 - 3:15 P.M.

### ROLL CALL:

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### REPORTS:

#### A. Filing for Certification Deadline

Target submission date 11/23/14. Need to Confirm with Samatha if we are eligible to submit in November.

#### B. Actions already submitted:

1. Create Green Team- 10 Points
2. Hold a Green Fair- 10 points

#### C. Completed Actions but have not been submitted:

1. Inventory & Upgrade All Buildings (Clean Energy Audit) - 50 points (Need to Upload)
2. Open Space Plans- 10 points (Performed in 2006) (Need to Upload)
- 3 Community Paper Shredding Day-5 points (Need to upload) - Discuss with seniors & County-Emailed County inquiring about possible pick up or drop off if we organize a Seniors Shredding event.
4. Backyard Composting Program-5 points (Need literature and need to upload)
5. Energy Efficient Appliances or Equipment-10 points  
Certified document stating that all electronic purchases from within 4 months of submission deadline are ENERGY STAR rated. List some of the ENERGY STAR products. (Need to Upload)
6. Municipal Carbon Footprint-10 points-BH
7. 18. Tree Protection Ordinance-10 points  
Need to provide a link to the Tree Protection Ordinance in web codes, certified copy of Resolution adopting ordinance, certified adopted ordinance, and descriptions of the standards that relate to the Ordinance Structure listed on New Jersey Sustainable website. (Need to get paperwork from Engineering and Upload)

#### D. Open Actions

1. Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program- 10 Points  
Signs have been purchased, need to identify target areas and have Watchung PD develop enforcement. Get approval for DPW to put up signs at Watchung Square Mall and for Chief Cina to have PD enforce. BH already emailed TEA regarding this.
2. Raingardens- 10 points  
6 rain barrels purchased, however we need to identify areas to place them. Also we need doc documentation with project scope and outreach initiatives. We need to discuss placement with DPW and also create flyers for community outreach, website, and Facebook. Would this action also qualify for Water Conservation Education Program-10 points or Minimize Water Consumption [10 points]. BH already emailed TEA regarding this.
3. Community Education & Outreach- 10 points  
Qualifying actions by Environmental Committee: Queen of the Sun Movie, Water Garden Seminar, and literature (Healthy Vibrant Trees, Healthy Lawns, Cars & Air Pollution, Composting, Go Green, Tree Flyer, Tree Preservation Brochure, Water Smart/3 Stages of Drought, Pet Waste, Storm water, Homeowner's Checklist for Clean Water, Bloom Times, and Things You can do...) distributed by Environmental Commission, sent in school Backpack News via email and also posted on Borough's website. Need to prepare material to upload- can include town newsletter, flyer in backyard composting, fb posts. SP prepared documentation for this.

4. Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Ordinance-10 points  
Policy developed, but need council to adopt it. Green Building Policy/ Resolution- 5 points-  
Need to discuss with Environmental Commission. Member of EC was invited to the meeting.
  5. Recycled Paper- 10 points- Contingent on Adopt a Green Building Policy
  6. Community or School Gardens-10 points  
Girl Scout troop 65631 under the guidance of the Garden Club, planted a community garden  
behind the library of which the produce will be located to local food banks. Garden Club was  
contacted to see if we have permission to use this as an action for certification, awaiting re-  
sponse. DC was scheduled to follow up with Garden Club.
  7. Farmer's Markets-10 points from August to September 2x – SP did discuss with TEA and  
Board of Health. Waiting to speak with EB regarding zoning and Borough Attorney.
  8. Recycled Materials and Composting- 10 points—Tree mulch qualifies as per Samantha
  9. Grass-Cut It and Leave It Program-5 points- DC, Have printed materials from County avail-  
able.
  10. Reusable Bag Education Program- 5 points  
Contacted ShopRite and obtained some literature on Reusable Bag Program.TF
  11. Climate Adaption: Flooding Risk-20 points  
Already utilized tool to create map. Need to designate a team that will answer questions from  
website. BH did email TEA regarding this.
  12. Direct Install- Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community-10 points  
Already made 3 or more attempts to contact the contractor designated to our area and have had  
no success. BH
  13. Non-Mandated Materials Recycling- 10 points  
The Garden Club has bins at the library to collect water bottle caps, which are then sent else-  
where for recycling. The Garden Club has been contacted and we are waiting for some litera-  
ture regarding the program. Bulk pick up does not qualify.
  14. Energy Efficiency- Home Performance with Energy Star Municipal Program (20 points)  
and Outreach program (10 points)-  
Contacted Ciel Power, which offers discounted energy assessments for residents. They have  
implemented program in several municipalities, and two were contacted (Woodbridge &  
Princeton) and were very satisfied with the program. Literature sent to Law and Ordinances  
Committee to review.
  15. Grounds & Maintenance/Create a Policy-10 points  
Policy developed but need Council to adopt. BH
  16. Environmental Commission- 10 points (BH) – Need their annual report to submit
  17. Prescription Drug and Safety and Disposal-10 points – Need 1 more drop off day. We can  
discuss with police department or Lions Club. DC
- E. Warren Green Team-** Member present to discuss possible collaborations
- F. Working with Environmental Commission** on actions and programs.
- G. Other Actions-** i.e. Watchung Clean Up Day

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