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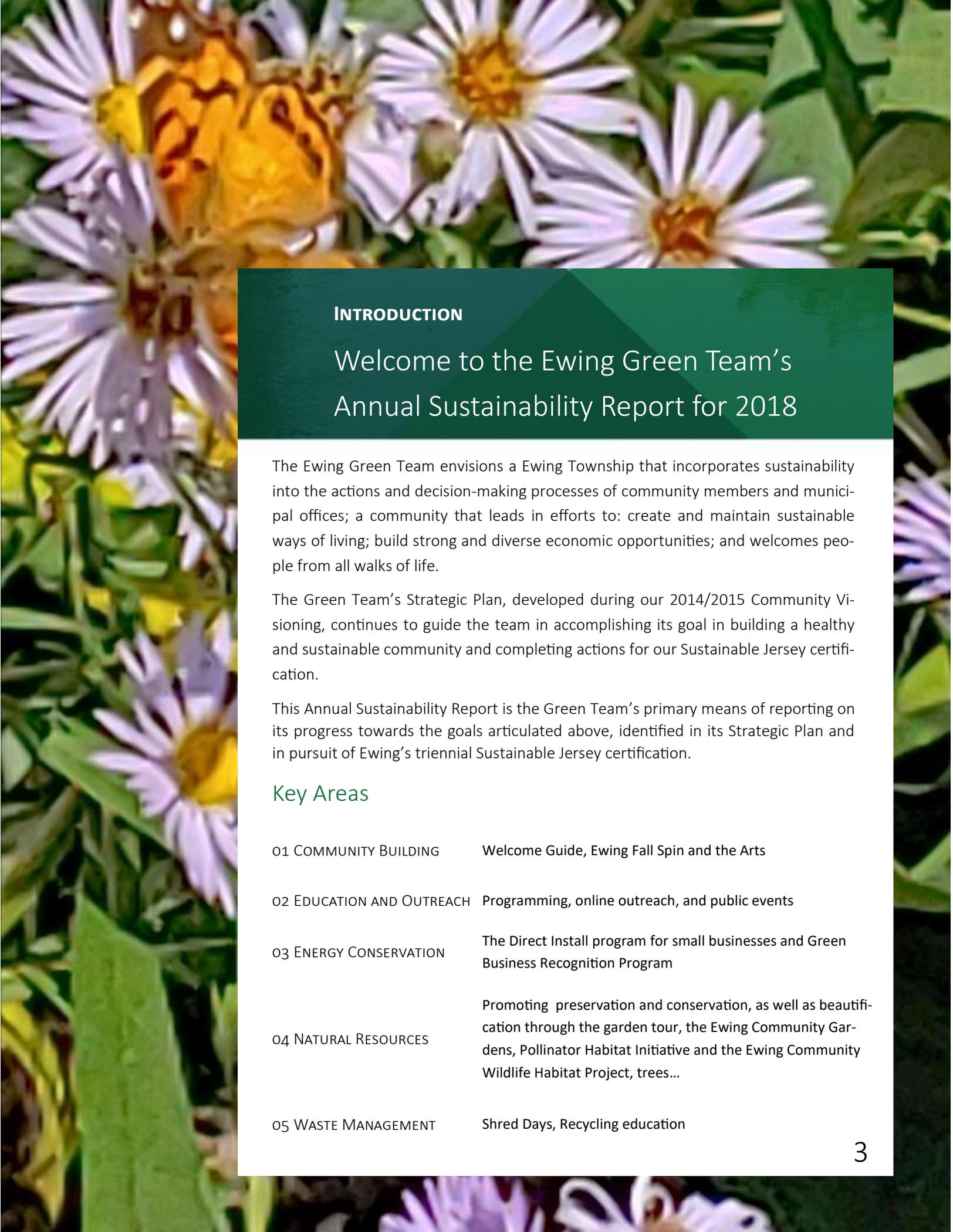
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Ewing Green Team

*Promoting People, the Planet and  
Prosperity in Ewing Township*



## INTRODUCTION

# Welcome to the Ewing Green Team's Annual Sustainability Report for 2018

The Ewing Green Team envisions a Ewing Township that incorporates sustainability into the actions and decision-making processes of community members and municipal offices; a community that leads in efforts to: create and maintain sustainable ways of living; build strong and diverse economic opportunities; and welcomes people from all walks of life.

The Green Team's Strategic Plan, developed during our 2014/2015 Community Visioning, continues to guide the team in accomplishing its goal in building a healthy and sustainable community and completing actions for our Sustainable Jersey certification.

This Annual Sustainability Report is the Green Team's primary means of reporting on its progress towards the goals articulated above, identified in its Strategic Plan and in pursuit of Ewing's triennial Sustainable Jersey certification.

### Key Areas

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| 01 COMMUNITY BUILDING     | Welcome Guide, Ewing Fall Spin and the Arts   |
| 02 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH | Programming, online outreach, and public events   |
| 03 ENERGY CONSERVATION    | The Direct Install program for small businesses and Green Business Recognition Program  |
| 04 NATURAL RESOURCES      | Promoting preservation and conservation, as well as beautification through the garden tour, the Ewing Community Gardens, Pollinator Habitat Initiative and the Ewing Community Wildlife Habitat Project, trees... |
| 05 WASTE MANAGEMENT       | Shred Days, Recycling education   |

# 01 | Community Building

Community building is a process. Engaging thoughtfully in that process can lead to deeper, more authentic communication. The Green Team continued its efforts to increase citizen engagement through the publication of the Welcome Booklet and community events promoting sustainability such as the annual Scarecrow Contest (recycled materials and the Arts) and Ewing Fall Spin (health, bike safety and trails).

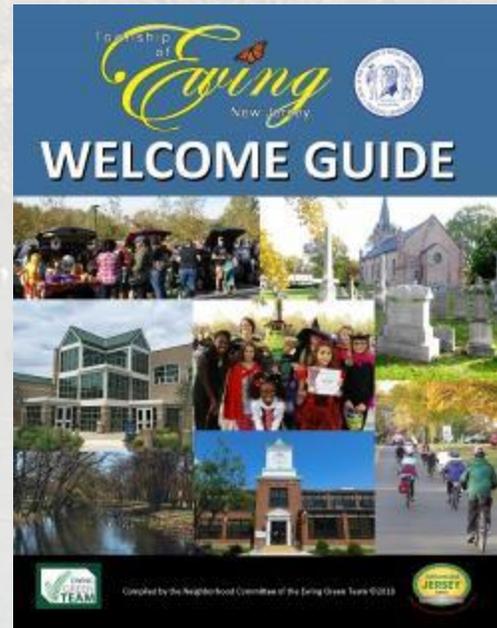
## Goals

The following goals were articulated in the Green Team Strategic Plan:

- ⇒ Develop a welcome package.
- ⇒ Improve and increase the number of arts and culture events
- ⇒ Develop and publicize the Ewing Bike Advocacy group to promote trail development and a more bikeable community

## Welcome Guide

A new *Ewing Township Welcome Guide* was published this year after a lengthy process of information gathering and formatting by the GT Neighborhood Committee spearheaded by Caroline Steward.



Welcoming new residents and helping current residents realize the richness of resources available in our community was identified during the 2014/2015 Community Visioning as a way to build community engagement among all residents and the GT was charged by participants with helping to build those community connections. The *Ewing Township Welcome Booklet* is the product of that charge and, we believe, speaks to why we all choose to live in Ewing.

The brochure is currently available in electronic format on the Green Team and Ewing Township websites, ([ewinggreenteam.org](http://ewinggreenteam.org) and [ewingnj.org](http://ewingnj.org)). In 2019 we will be looking for ways to share this resource with the wider business and local community in a printed format.

We owe a debt of thanks to the following contributors: Councilman Kevin Baxter, Lisa Feldman, Don Garay, Heidi Furman, Theresa Hullings, Kathleen Jordan, Chuck Latini, Joanne Mullowney, Jeff Prieschel, Caroline Steward, and Councilwoman Sarah Steward. Photographs were donated by Mark Wetherbee, other Green Team members, and various organizations.

# Green Team Autumn Community Events



## Ewing Fall Spin

On Saturday, September 29, 2018, community members from Ewing as well as other Mercer County townships enjoyed glorious weather and a great ride during the Ewing Green Team's 4th Annual Fall Spin bike tour. Nearly 40 riders participated in the bike event which was held in conjunction with the Township's 2018 Community Fest at The College of New Jersey. Mayor Bert Steinmann kicked off the ride at the college's Campus Town. Bikers enjoyed a 12-mile tour of the Township, stopping at landmarks including historic Higgs Park, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Islamic Center of Ewing.

Of particular note was the group's tour stop at The Arc Mercer. This year, all proceeds (over \$650) from the Fall Spin were donated to The Arc Mercer in support of its Food Training Center.

Feedback from this year's participants indicated that the most enjoyable part was meeting their neighbors and learning more about our township's wonderful history, people and organizations.

GT member Garry Keel led this effort, assisted by Pete Boughton, Joe Mirabella, Joanne Mullowney, Ted Forst, Steve Czelusniak, Mark Wetherbee, Patrice Coleman-Boatwright & Bob Kirby.

## Scarecrow Contest

This year marked the 5th anniversary of the annual Scarecrow Contest held in conjunction with Ewing Township's popular 'Trunk-or-Treat'. The contest awards cash prizes to participants who combine creativity with recycling to create scarecrows from at least 80% recycled materials. This

has become a community event with pumpkin painting for the kids, refreshments and music.

This year we introduced a fun, new element, a community art project which also combines recycling with the arts – a plastic bottle cap mosaic design presented on 3 vintage doors. A colorful design was drawn on the doors which will eventually be hinged together to create one large backdrop. Painted on the background was an exotic tree with wide flowing branches going through all the seasons with birds, bees, local animals and flowers. Plastic bottle caps collected by Ewing residents are pasted to the design pattern ultimately creating a colorful mosaic-like tile design.

This was the project's first introduction to the community and it was encouraging to see young and old alike excitedly working on the project. Once completed, we would like to install this colorful mosaic 'landscape' in the Ewing Green Team Pollinator garden at the Senior and Community Center as a backdrop to enhance the garden as well as to hide some of the less than pretty building utilities. We plan to work at completing the project whenever the Green Team participates in a community gathering. It is our goal to create opportunities for residential collaboration not only to create an art piece but also a sense of shared pride for their community.

These efforts, and other arts project, have been spearheaded by GT member Lisa Feldman, and supported by Heidi Furman, Caroline Steward, Dorin Ciocotisan, Mark Wetherbee, and Joanne Mullowney.

# 02 | Education and Outreach

Community education and outreach are essential components of any efforts to generate lasting change and a necessary first step in improving the community's approach to sustainability. The Green Team continued its efforts to engage citizens in sustainability actions and issues through numerous events and venues.

## Goals

The following goals were articulated in the Green Team Strategic Plan:

- ⇒ Recycling and waste management education
- ⇒ Education about energy conservation assistance for small businesses
- ⇒ Educational workshops about trees including, care, disease, identification, and the important role that trees play in the environment.

Education and outreach on sustainability topics remains a high priority for the GT. We offered the following programs in 2018: *Ewing Township and the Ewing Green Team Want Your Business to Get Funding!* (the Direct Install program), presented by Sandra Torres of Tri-State Light and Energy and GT members; an *Emerald Ash Borer Information Session*, presented by certified tree expert Bill Brash; the *Pollinator Habitat Initiative*, presented by Jillian Stark and Emily Blackman, Mercer County Land Steward and Planner, respectively; and the Sustainable State of Ewing Schools by Dennis Nettleton..

In addition, GT members participated in the *Mercer Green Fest*, *National Night Out*, and *Community Fest* to inform members of the public about our sustainability initiatives and goals. Our *Trash Toss*, part of our recycling outreach was particularly successful at the last two events. John Hoegl further spoke at the *NJ League of Municipalities Conference* in November about the [Direct Install](#) program.

The Ewing Green Team conducts electronic outreach via Facebook and the web through regular and frequent updates. We have maintained an Internet presence at [ewinggreenteam.org](http://ewinggreenteam.org) since the fall of 2012, as well as the [Ewing Recycles](#) and brand new Ewing Community Wildlife Habitat Project ([ewingwildlifegardens.com/](http://ewingwildlifegardens.com/)) websites. During the year we published 31 website posts on [ewinggreenteam.org](http://ewinggreenteam.org) that received 11,681 website views. The website and FB presence are managed by Chair Joanne Mallowney.

We have also worked at increasing our Facebook presence with regular posts several times a week and by the end of 2018 we had increased our audience to 285 likes. We have continued our electronic outreach with regular communications throughout the year with an e-newsletter. In 2018, GT member Evan Crumiller sent out seven newsletters that achieved 2089 unique openings.

# Mercer County Sustainability Coalition

The Ewing Green Team has worked since 2013 to build partnerships with the green teams and other sustainability organizations in Mercer County through regular and enthusiastic participation in the [Mercer County Sustainability Coalition](#). The MCSC is one of a number of Sustainable Jersey regional “hubs” in the state and works regionally to promote sustainability initiatives.

John Hoegl, Lisa Feldman and Joanne Mallowney represent Ewing at the monthly meetings. Joanne administers the group’s website, [mercersustainabilitycoalition.org](#) and Facebook page. The Mercer Green Fest, run in March every year, is the primary outreach effort of the group.



The Mercer Green Fest, the area’s annual green fair, was held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rider University Alumni Gymnasium to promote sustainable initiatives and local businesses and non-profit groups. Attendance leveled out at about 1100 attendees over the last several years but was considered a strong turnout. This was our 7<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the event.

Three EGT members, Lisa Feldman, John Hoegl, and Joanne Mallowney, participated in the weekly planning meetings and took on leadership roles. Lisa organized the arts component, including children’s arts activities of rock painting and crafting butterflies from recycled magazines. She recruited the well-known Trenton visu-



al arts center, Artworks, to join as one of the participants, as well as Joe Harvard, a visual artist, musician and author, and other local artists and crafters specializing in sustainable art forms. John worked on electric cars and event sponsors and Joanne handled the website chores.

## Student Ambassador

2018 marked the conclusion of the first year of our newly created student ambassador appointment. We envisioned that the Student Ambassador would serve as a representative of the Ewing High School, a liaison between the Green Team and the Ewing High School Environmental Club, as well as the general school community, with the goal of improving sustainability practices at the school.

Each appointment is made for a one-year term. Our first student ambassador was Kylie King, a freshman at Ewing High School. Kylie’s appointment has been instrumental in raising the awareness on the part of the school and the GT about actions being conducted by each. She reports regularly on school initiatives. We are delighted to be a part of educating and motivating the coming generation towards environmental progress.

# 03 | Energy Conservation



## Direct Install

The Ewing Green Team Energy Committee activities were focused mainly on implementation of the [Direct Install](#) program developed and supported by [New Jersey Bureau of Public Utilities, Clean Energy Department](#). This program offers up to 70% funding grants for small and medium sized businesses in order to encourage them to upgrade energy consuming appliances, therefore reducing electricity usage.

The Energy Committee coordinated with the approved Mercer County contractor, [Tristate Light and Energy, Inc.](#), to identify and notify these Ewing businesses about this generous program. We also worked with Ewing's Administration and received Mayoral support in terms of a [letter](#) sent out to about 400 businesses. The committee also worked through the Ewing tax records to identify owners of Ewing commercial buildings in order to complete the notification process. In November we held a [Direct Install](#) work session to provide details of the program to interested businesses.

The Energy Committee is also coordinating its [Direct Install](#) outreach efforts with other Mercer County communities. In late 2018 we were notified that the Mercer County Hub had received a \$10k grant to create a coordinated and regional energy efficiency outreach campaign across the County. The goal is to advance and increase the participation of Mercer County small businesses in the program.

The participating MCSC municipal green teams will help to recruit Clean Energy Corps (CEC) outreach teams from local colleges, public and private school, and other organizations. Working with, [Tristate Light and Energy](#), the municipal green teams, and the CEC outreach teams will go out to the small business to describe the program and its benefits. The CEC outreach team will answer the small businesses questions on-site and help the business apply to take advantage of the Direct Install energy efficiency program.

In addition to the above project, the energy committee has discussed other action items contemplated for 2019. These include low cost residential energy audits, monitoring Energy consumption at the municipal buildings, and Ewing Township purchasing of green energy. Other energy projects may be included as we prepare for Sustainable Jersey recertification.

GT member John Hoegl heads the Energy Committee. Other members include Mark Wetherbee, Garry Keel, Evan Crumiller, Pete Boughton and Joanne Mullowney

Energy generation and consumption is perhaps the most crucial issue to be addressed in regard to global climate change. The Green Team continued its efforts to assist local businesses and residents in reducing energy consumption in the state of New Jersey through educational programming about grant opportunities available to aid them in making needed energy improvements.

## Goals

The following goals were articulated in the Green Team Strategic Plan:

- ⇒ Educate about and promote the Direct Install program for small businesses.
- ⇒ Promote those businesses that have completed improvements that increase energy efficiency and sustainability through a Ewing Green Business Recognition Program.

## Ewing Green Business Recognition Program

The Ewing Green Business Recognition Program seeks to promote all the great work our local businesses do to keep Ewing sustainable and environmentally friendly, while also encouraging businesses to join the growing (and vital) trend of making sustainability a theme of its business practices.

Each eligible and interested business completes a thorough survey, indicating the areas in which they implemented sustainable practices, from water usage to recycled supplies and longer lasting lightbulbs. Program leader Evan Crumiller then inspects each business and selects whether they will qualify to join the program.

The first round of the Ewing Green Business Recognition Program was a wild success, as six business owners within Ewing Township demonstrated that they had been carefully and consistently considering the environmental impact of their business, and had each pitched in to work towards a common goal of a healthy, vibrant, and green Ewing. Each received a commendation from the Mayor and Council as well as a decal to display in their store.

Now the program is in its second round as the Green Team seeks to expand the roster of official Ewing Green Businesses. Fortu-



nately, it seems there are more business owners in Ewing who care about the environment, as one business, a metal finishing company that utilizes groundbreaking and cutting-edge sustainable practices, has already been confirmed as a member of the second recognized class of the program, and several other businesses are involved in the verification process.

As this program continues, the Green Team looks forward to recognizing more local businesses and their owners as members of our sustainable and responsible community.

# 04 | Natural Resources

## Natural Resources

Preservation and Conservation of community assets such as open space, forests, wetlands and historic sites are important elements of any approach to community sustainability. The Green Team works in a particularly robust partnership with the Environmental Commission to affect changes to the natural environment. We coordinate actions to protect and increase the tree canopy and to educate Ewing residents about the importance of this critical natural resource. We promote sustainable landscaping practices to protect biodiversity and vanishing wildlife. The Garden Tour and the Community Gardens contribute additional benefits to this action area.

## Goals

The following goals were articulated in the Green Team Strategic Plan:

- ⇒ Sponsor educational workshops about trees
- ⇒ Tree plantings to increase the tree canopy
- ⇒ Township beautification efforts through landscaping.
- ⇒ Support and increase community gardens in Ewing.

## Arbor Day 2018

We conducted a number of programs to support the tree canopy during 2018. We held an Arbor Day Celebration at Drake Farm Park on April 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Environmental Commission. A Princeton Elm was planted on the drive as a living memorial to the service of our two boards.

Members donated to purchase the tree and Environmental Commissioner and landscape architect Dan Burke contributed a work crew to do the planting. Evan Crumiller coordinated the event and arranged for a celebration afterwards that was held at the Ewing Historic Preservation Society and for a bronze plaque on site. Since rainfall was plentiful, the tree appeared to thrive during the season. Hosting an Arbor Day celebration is one of the requirements for becoming a [Tree City USA](#).

## Promoting Wildlife and Biodiversity



In the spring of 2018 we formed a new subcommittee called the *Ewing Community Wildlife Project, or Wild About Ewing*. It is focused on protecting and promoting biodiversity and vanishing wildlife and wild flora. Chair Joanne Mullowney headed up this initiative, joined by Joe Mirabella and Mary Corrigan, as well as community members Heidi Furman, Eileen Antolino, Karen Kissel, Glenn Steinberg, and Jocelyn Wallace.

The committee's mission is to encourage Ewing homeowners to create wildlife habitats and connections on their own properties. To achieve this goal, we registered in the National Wildlife Federation's [Community Wildlife Habitat Project](#), a national program that partners with communities across the country to combat habitat loss and fragmentation by promoting gardening for wildlife and certifying those properties that meet certain basic [requirements](#) in providing food, water, cover, and a place to raise young while gardening sustainably.

Requirements for certification are based on the population of the community. Ewing needs a total of 250 habitat certification points (Points accumulated for certified properties: 1 for each residence, 3 for each common area, and 5 for each school habitat.) At the end of 2018 Ewing had 65 points. In addition, the project requires the accumulation of 150 education and outreach points in a number of different categories. By year's end we had reached 35 points, with some yet to be approved.

The early months were spent creating outreach materials including a new website, the Ewing Community Wildlife Habitat Project, [ewingwildlifegardens.com](http://ewingwildlifegardens.com), and a promotional flyer. With the support of Community Affairs Director Ted Forst, we planted a pollinator garden at the Ewing Senior and Community Center in May. The garden was planted with NJ native plants and did very well for a first-year planting. We saw numerous pollinators on our visits to the site.

The committee attended National Night Out and Community Fest, talking to residents and handing out promotional materials. In addition, we met with [Lambertville Goes Wild](#), the group that is undertaking the same project in Lambertville. They started a number of years before us and had a number of worthwhile tips to share. Mary Anne Borge, a naturalist at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, and member of [Lambertville Goes Wild](#), also volunteered to present nature programs for Ewing residents.



## Emerald Ash Borer Grant

We also concluded the \$20k EAB grant that we received in the spring of 2017. An informational session for Ewing residents about the Emerald Ash Borer was presented in April by Bill Brash, the certified NJ Tree Expert with whom we had worked on the project. The grant also included bare root tree plantings that were planted in June of 2017. The contractor replaced and replanted the trees that didn't make it in the spring of 2018.

Bill Brash also completed his inventory of the Ash trees identified in the Rutgers Rapid Ash Survey, adding critical additional information about tree conditions to prioritize possible hazards and treatment. This information was distributed to our partners in the project, Mercer County and Public Service Electric and Gas Co., as well as to Township staff.

Green Team and Environmental Commission members Lee Farnham, Ann Farnham, Dan Burke and Joanne Mullowney all contributed to this effort.

## Pollinator Habitat Initiative

coming soon....

In early spring, the GT was contacted by Jillian Stark, Mercer County Land Steward, about the possibility of partnering with the County on a pollinator habitat initiative. We were approached by the County because of the robustness of our website and demonstrated interest in sustainable landscaping and vanishing wildlife. Establishment of a wildflower meadow for pollinators boasts environmental, aesthetic, and decreased maintenance advantages. These include: decreased chemical use, increased storm water retention, reduced emissions from fuel, and decreased maintenance costs from weekly mowing, fertilizing and watering.

We were sold! We applied to Twp. Administration for permission to follow up on the offer. We then worked through the summer to identify locations where this might be done with high educational visibility. After much consultation with staff and area groups, we selected two locations for planting: the green space between the Ewing Senior and Community Center parking lot and the New Ewing Diner (with a path to be left to travel between the two) and the Village on the Green park.

Mercer County agreed to pay for the installation of two ½ acre meadows. Ewing Township will contribute the funds for another ½ acre at the Village on the Green. The partnership was formally approved by the Freeholders in November and construction of the meadows will begin in early spring. We are looking forward to moving this initiative toward completion!



## Beautify Ewing (Through the Garden Gate Tour)

Under the leadership of Chair, Joanne Mallowney, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *Through the Garden Gate Tour of Ewing* was held on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. The event was run in collaboration with local Girl Scout Troop #70138 and the West Trenton Garden Club to promote the organizers' mutual causes of beautification, sustainability, and youth development.

Twenty gardens were showcased during the event. The tour started at the Ewing Senior and Community Center and tour goers could visit the brand-new pollinator garden in the building's central courtyard created by the Gardening for Wildlife Committee. A work in progress, it featured some of the requirements necessary to support wildlife in the garden; pollinator friendly native plants, a water source; cover and food.

A number of new gardens were showcased this year and improvements to some of the gardens from prior years were highlighted. Most of the gardens followed sustainable landscaping practices and a few were even [National Wildlife Federation](#) and [North American Butterfly Association](#) certified. The goal is to build a community of gardeners and use the tour as an engine of economic development and civic pride in much the same way as Garden Walk Buffalo. Showcasing some of Ewing's noteworthy gardens is a great way to help us engage more people in beautifying our community.

## Ewing Community Gardens

The Green Team continues to work with plot holders at the Ewing Community Gardens through the Garden Council organized by the EGT in 2013 to promote the interests of the gardeners. Cleanups, as well as social and educational gatherings, were organized as needed.

We owe a huge vote of thanks to 2018 Garden Council leader Karen Serach, who did an outstanding job maintaining lines of communication between all gardeners, the GT, and Township officials, as well as overseeing the management of the gardens. She ran regular informational meetings and clean-up events at the gardens. The gardens were again fully subscribed in 2018.

### Recycling

Waste is one of the most prevalent issues facing our communities when it comes to sustainability. From creating waste, to disposal of all types of wastes, to recycling, the impact of waste on our environment and our economy is enormous. Educating the community about waste, its impacts and its proper management is the first step in creating positive change. The GT spent considerable resources in educating and outreach to residents. Our Trash Toss events enabled one-on-one education. Flyers, such as Trash Talk and the Recycle Right campaign on plastic bags and pizza boxes were aimed at the two biggest recycling mistakes. We also continue to update our Ewing Recycles website.

### Goals

The following goals were articulated in the Green Team Strategic Plan:

- ⇒ Develop informational brochures and create new website
- ⇒ Hold 2nd Annual Scarecrow contest for recycling awareness
- ⇒ Hold at least one educational event related to waste

### Shred Days

Twice each year the Township holds a Shred Day where paper shredding trucks are on-site at a convenient facility, usually at the Municipal complex for residents to bring their personal papers to be shredded for free. Members of the Green Team offer assistance with traffic control, check resident identification, disseminate literature, on a variety of topics and answer questions to help free up public works and Administration staff.

Recycling Committee members include Lisa Feldman, Evan Crumiller, Joanne Mullowney, Heidi Furman, Environmental Commissioner Charlie Maack, and community member Karen Kissel.

## Recycling Education

Every year the Ewing Green Team works with the Township Administration as facilitators and educators to help residents with recycling. The Ewing Green Team, as well as every organization, municipality, or company is dealing with the new harsh realities of recycling since the main outlet for our recyclables, China, just about closed its doors on the US market in 2018. They stopped accepting the US recycling materials because of its high contamination problems. Their new rule - unless it is at least 99.5% clean; they turn it away!

According to the [Mercer County Improvement Authority \(MCIA\)](#), Mercer County's contamination rate is 11.4% and this includes Ewing Township. The focus in 2018 has been trying to re-educate the public and clear up a lot of misinformation that is causing this high contamination.

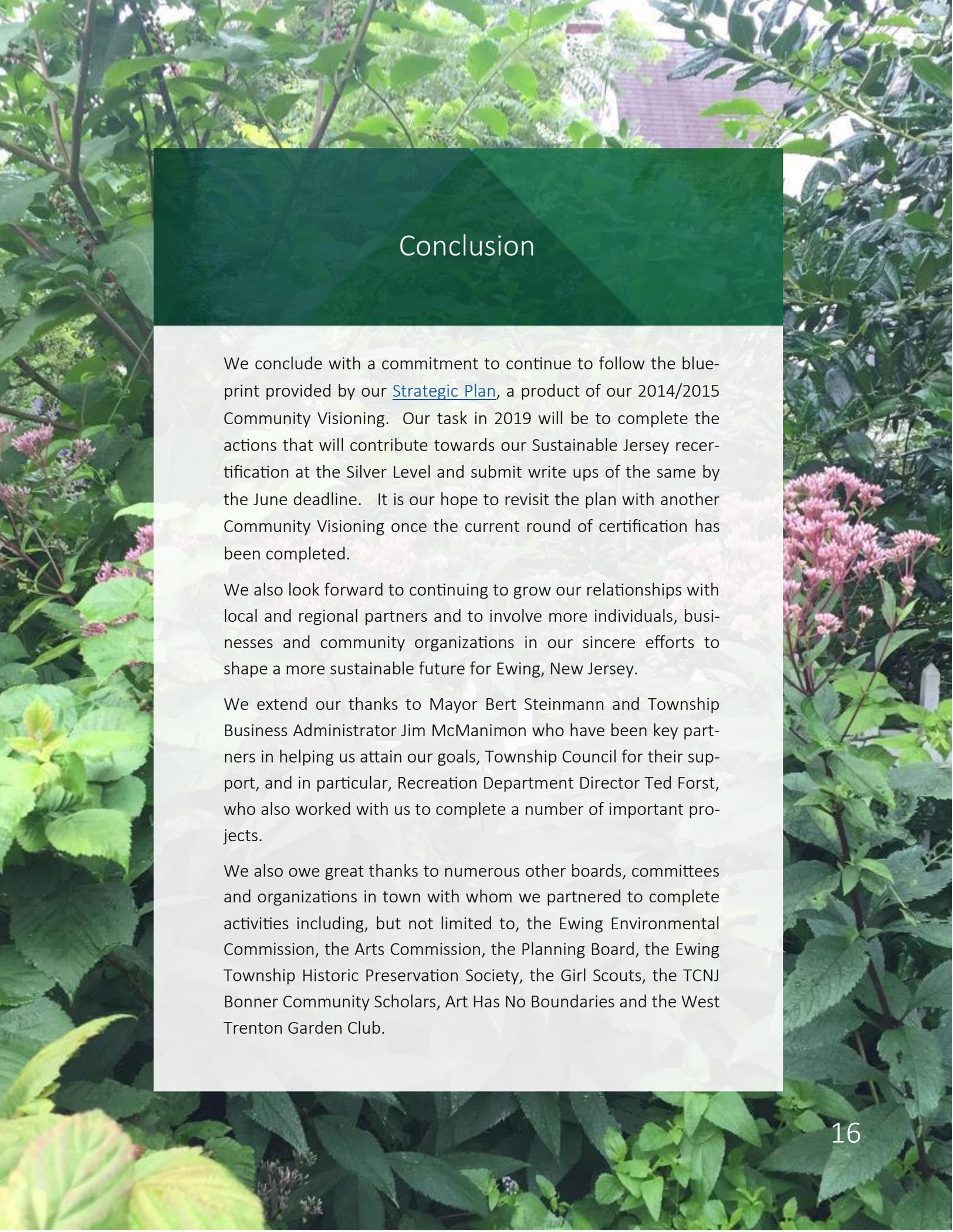
**Education:** in 2018 the members of the Recycling Committee wrote a comprehensive brochure, *Trash Talk: Recycling in Crisis* to help residents understand the real and current disastrous recycling situation and how to correct the mistakes that are causing the high contamination rate. These are given out at all community events.

A new community education game was created and introduced at National Night Out,

**Trash Toss.** We put people to the test; the recycling test that is... People are handed a wide variety of items ready to be disposed and asked to toss it correctly, i.e. is it trash, or is it recycling? They can toss it to the yellow recycling bucket, or the garbage. Do they know their trash? Or will they hear the buzzer? People are great sports as they find out how much they don't know about recycling. It gets the message across in a fun way and became a good family game that eliminated a lot of misinformation. They left with the new 'Trash Talk' brochure, for future referral and recycled pencils for the kids as fun mementoes. We got to talk 'trashy' with a lot of residents! This was repeated at the fall community gathering, Community Fest at The College of New Jersey, where 'Trash Talk' was shared by lots of visitors and again at the Trunk or Treat Celebration in late October.

The GT also created two educational one page flyers about our main contamination causes, plastic bags and pizza boxes. These were published on the GT and Township's websites and Facebook pages and were shared extensively.

The Ewing Green Team recycling website, [ewingrecycles.org](http://ewingrecycles.org) is also a wonderful resource for the most up-to date information on recycling, especially helpful for the disposal of the odd items.



## Conclusion

We conclude with a commitment to continue to follow the blueprint provided by our [Strategic Plan](#), a product of our 2014/2015 Community Visioning. Our task in 2019 will be to complete the actions that will contribute towards our Sustainable Jersey recertification at the Silver Level and submit write ups of the same by the June deadline. It is our hope to revisit the plan with another Community Visioning once the current round of certification has been completed.

We also look forward to continuing to grow our relationships with local and regional partners and to involve more individuals, businesses and community organizations in our sincere efforts to shape a more sustainable future for Ewing, New Jersey.

We extend our thanks to Mayor Bert Steinmann and Township Business Administrator Jim McManimon who have been key partners in helping us attain our goals, Township Council for their support, and in particular, Recreation Department Director Ted Forst, who also worked with us to complete a number of important projects.

We also owe great thanks to numerous other boards, committees and organizations in town with whom we partnered to complete activities including, but not limited to, the Ewing Environmental Commission, the Arts Commission, the Planning Board, the Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society, the Girl Scouts, the TCNJ Bonner Community Scholars, Art Has No Boundaries and the West Trenton Garden Club.