

## North Plainfield Green Team Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	February 6, 2012	<b>Time:</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Vermeule Mansion		
<b>Attendees:</b>	Doug Singleterry, Mary Forbes, Tom Fagan, Paul Alirangues, Thalia Soulikus		
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Loretta Alirangues		

Topics Discussed	
<b>Sustainable Jersey Certification – Bronze level</b>	The tree cover goal is 50% for suburban zones. North Plainfield has lost an estimated 40% of its canopy since 1999.
<b>Action items:</b>	Doug will resubmit the application soon so it's received earlier in the year with time to make corrections if any are asked for.
<b>Tree Planting Project (in relation to tree cover goal)</b>	Thalia: The Shade Tree Advisory Board goes street by street to see how many trees are needed. Trees were planted in the Fall on Jefferson Avenue. There were also fill-ins on other streets such as Watchung Avenue. Paid for 35 trees and got 40 as a deal from the nursery. Several hardy varieties are used such as Zelkovas. Volunteers each give approximately 6-9 man hours per week to this project. DPW is good when called for cutting and removal when needed.
<b>Action items:</b>	
<b>Local Economies/ Certification</b>	Paul was contacted by the Willow School in Peapack. It's a very progressive school. They have a gold LEED rated building and a silver LEED rated building. They have one of only two living buildings in NJ. It's completely off the grid. They called Paul because they are doing community outreach and want to partner with other communities. Maybe we can go to an open house day or get a private tour. We can possibly connect the Sundance School with Willow. North Plainfield can probably get credit for health, wellness, nutrition, living buildings with a project like this.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Willow School said they would be in touch
<b>Electronics Recycling Day</b>	Doug and Tom met with the mayor who will meet with county freeholders about the recycling day. An idea is to use the county trucks that are stored right here in town. We can load them up and drive them to the county recycling facility.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Find out result of that meeting and set a date.

<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>	March 5, 2012, 7:00 PM
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