

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #21-34

**A RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING
THE HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM**

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough recognize a need to develop “green” initiatives to create a plan for a healthy economy, environment and society in Hopewell Valley; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough desire to identify and support green, sustainable practices which benefit our residents and business partners that are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hopewell, the Township of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington have each resolved to participate in **SUSTAINABLE JERSEYTM**, a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, control costs and save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough have identified a need to work collaboratively to achieve **SUSTAINABLE JERSEYTM** certification as the economical and environmental health of Hopewell Valley does not end at municipal borders; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough, in an attempt to focus attention on green issues and to further the primary goals of saving tax dollars, assuring clean air and water, improving working and living environments, and strengthening communities that are sustainable economically, environmentally and socially well into the future, established the “Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force;” and

WHEREAS, since on or about August 3, 2009, the Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force, now the Hopewell Valley Green Team with annually appointed members comprised of a minimum of four representatives of each Hopewell Valley municipality, including one governing body member liaison, one municipal staff representative and at least two members of the public representing residents, businesses, congregations and other community groups, met quarterly or as needed to develop and recommend programs and projects that seek to:

1. Improve public health and safety.

2. Identify alternative energy options.
3. Encourage water and energy conservation.
4. Reduce environmental pollution.
5. Promote recycling efforts.
6. Preserve natural resources.
7. Increase public awareness regarding green initiatives through the development of educational programs and resources dedicated to green initiatives.
8. Provide updates and recommendations to Hopewell Valley governing bodies, administrations, planning boards, environmental commissions, shade tree board and other groups directly or indirectly responsible to environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough desire that the Hopewell Valley Green Team continue meeting, on a quarterly or as needed basis, to develop and recommend the above-described programs and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hopewell Township Committee, that it hereby supports and does re-establish the Hopewell Valley Green Team, formerly the Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force, in cooperation with the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to serve on the Hopewell Valley Green Team for 2021, and that the Township shall provide details of said appointments to the municipal clerk of the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington: Rex Parker, Carol Meyer, Molly Reinero, Paul Kinney

Date Adopted: January 25, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Deputy Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2021, via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk