



# EWING GREEN TEAM

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



## GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES

10/23/24

### ATTENDEES

John Bennett	Karen Kissel
Mark Weatherbee	Karen Sare
Caroline Steward	Joanne Mullowney

### GUESTS

William Wilson, Executive Director of Outdoor Equity Alliance (OEA)  
Aaron T Watson, Ewing Twp. Business Administrator  
Jenn Rogers, Executive Director of Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (Naturalist)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trunk or Treat – being held at TCNJ. Candy donations gladly accepted (money also accepted to defer costs. The Green Teams members donate the candy.

### REPORTS

The annual ANJEC Conference was attended by Joe Mirabella and Joanne Mullowney

- There will be a stormwater education webinar online next week hosted by ANJEC please sign up to learn more.
- Salt & Science was topic – John Bennett and Karen Kissel volunteered to attend – it is closely related to our ongoing water salt testing project that will begin in December.

### GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Aaron T Watson introduced himself and explained his connection to Outdoor Equity Alliance and Jenn Rogers of Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space.

### OUTDOOR EQUITY ALLIANCE PROGRAM (OEA)

William Wilson, Director of Outdoor Equity Alliance (OEA) gave an overview of the program with a list of current OEA goals:

- To encourage and increase use of parks and outdoor spaces
- To work to plant trees in Trenton (RGGI) Tree Ambassador
- To foster a NJ Kids in Nature Program
- To plant meadows in Trenton



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Long Term and future goals:

- To promote an equity Fellowship at MCCC
- OEA Program Partnership with Capital City Farms (Located in North Trenton)
- High School Projects- promote Careers in Conservation

## FRIENDS OF HOPEWELL VALLEY (FOHVOS)

Jenn Rogers, Executive Director of the organization. Before this post, she also worked with Mr. Watson at the Mercer County Parks Commission. She gave a stimulating presentation about the work that FHVOS does and talked about the many natural opportunities in Ewing. Types of activities conducted by FHVOS include:

- Students will develop plans to improve service to local parks
- Evaluation of Red Alge Blooms in waterways
- Development of Urban Gardens
- Invasive species management
- Deer population management

There seemed to be numerous opportunities for the Green Team to work with the folks at FHVOS in the coming year(s).

Joanne thanked all the speakers for their time and their inspiring presentations.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Steward