










**City of South Amboy Green Team  
Meeting Agenda**

13 OCTOBER 2022 | 6 PM  
ZOOM (virtual)

**Members:**             Jay Elliot                       Anthony Conrad             Gerry Gessie  
                                   Mickey Gross                     Jessica Maliszewski        Christopher Smiga  
                                   Brandon Russell                Mary Szaro

<b>Follow-Up &amp; Pending Actions:</b>	<p>➤ Review Project Worksheet/Action List to determine actions already completed and identify future actions, including Green Team leads for specific topics. (<i>Green Team members</i>)</p> <p align="center"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary            <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica            <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon            <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris  <b>PENDING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Jay (completed actions)    <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony    <input type="checkbox"/> Gerry         </p>																																																								
<b>Agenda Topics:</b>	<p><b>Project status review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 6 of 8 categories</li> <li>✓ 2 priority actions</li> <li>Total points 125+</li> </ul> <p>➤ Need to identify additional actions to ensure 150 pts for certification (<i>Anthony &amp; Gerry - projects pending</i>)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Category</th> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Action/Element</th> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Stars</th> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NATURAL RESOURCES</td> <td>Environmental Commission</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NATURAL RESOURCES</td> <td>Community Forestry Management Plan &amp; NJUCF Accreditation</td> <td align="center">♥</td> <td>10-20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY</td> <td>Wildlife Interaction Plan</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BROWNFIELDS</td> <td>Brownfields Inventory &amp; Prioritization</td> <td align="center">♥</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP &amp; OUTREACH</td> <td>Hold a Green Fair</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS</td> <td>Innovative Community Projects/PEG</td> <td align="center">♥ *</td> <td>10- 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SUSTAINABILITY &amp; CLIMATE PLANNING</td> <td>Community Visioning</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP &amp; OUTREACH</td> <td>Community Education &amp; Outreach</td> <td></td> <td>5-20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PUBLIC INFORMATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</td> <td>Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning</td> <td align="center">♥</td> <td>10-15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAND USE &amp; TRANSPORTATION</td> <td>Historic Preservation Element</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DIVERSITY &amp; EQUITY</td> <td>Diversity on Boards &amp; Commissions *</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WASTE MANAGEMENT</td> <td>Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal *</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS</td> <td>Removing Lead in Drinking Water</td> <td align="center">♥ *</td> <td>10-40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Project Goal:</b> COSA will become Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certified by 2023.  <b>Objective:</b> Submit application by May 2023 with a minimum of 150 points (2 out of 13 Priority Actions – 6 of 8 categories)</p>	Category	Action/Element	Stars	Points	NATURAL RESOURCES	Environmental Commission		10	NATURAL RESOURCES	Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation	♥	10-20	ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY	Wildlife Interaction Plan		10	BROWNFIELDS	Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization	♥	10	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREACH	Hold a Green Fair		10	INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS	Innovative Community Projects/PEG	♥ *	10- 30	SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE PLANNING	Community Visioning		10	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREACH	Community Education & Outreach		5-20	PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT	Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning	♥	10-15	LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION	Historic Preservation Element		10	DIVERSITY & EQUITY	Diversity on Boards & Commissions *		10	WASTE MANAGEMENT	Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal *		10	HEALTH & WELLNESS	Removing Lead in Drinking Water	♥ *	10-40
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<b>PROJECT UPDATES:</b>	<i>Community Garden</i> (Brandon)	
	<i>Environmental Commission</i> (Brandon)	
	<i>Wildlife Interaction Plan</i> (Brandon)	
	<i>Brownfields Inventory &amp; Prioritization</i> (Jessica)	
	<i>Hold a Green Fair</i> (Jessica)	Date confirmed: <b>March 4, 2023</b> SA Senior Center
	<i>Removing Lead in Drinking Water</i> (Chris)	<p><b>Pending: Jay</b> will reach out to Kristen. Chris provided information to share from Middlesex Water Company</p> <p>Middlesex Water Company - <b>"Getting the Lead Out"</b></p> <p>In accordance with the New Jersey Legislation signed into law on July 22, 2021, utilities must replace the entire length of the lead or galvanized steel service line from the water main in the street to the water meter on the home or building owner's property.</p> <p>Posted on COSA Facebook: <b>SOUTH AMBOY GREEN TEAM</b> - One of our current projects includes <b>Removing Lead in Drinking Water</b>. Please click on the link from the Middlesex County Water Company to learn more about "<b>Getting the Lead Out</b>" - A NEW UTILITY-WIDE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM TO REMOVE ALL LEAD AND GALVANIZED STEEL SERVICE LINES BY 2031. <a href="https://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/get-the-lead-out/#:~:text=You%20can%20also%20call%20800,can%20confirm%20and%20take%20action">https://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/get-the-lead-out/#:~:text=You%20can%20also%20call%20800,can%20confirm%20and%20take%20action</a>.</p> <p>Added to our Webpage: <b>Removing Lead in Drinking Water   "Getting the Lead Out"</b> <a href="https://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/get-the-lead-out/#:~:text=You%20can%20also%20call%20800,can%20confirm%20and%20take%20action">https://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/get-the-lead-out/#:~:text=You%20can%20also%20call%20800,can%20confirm%20and%20take%20action</a></p>

	<p><b>Community Forestry Management Plan &amp; NJUCF Accreditation</b> (Chris) 10-20 pts</p>	<p><b>ADDED</b> Chris will attend the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation’s Annual Conference on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to obtain Core Training Certification for the New Jersey Urban Community Forestry Program (fulfills a training requirement for a community volunteer). *Additional information on our shared drive.</p>
	<p><b>Innovative Community Projects</b> (Mary)</p>	<p>Focused on volunteer recruitment. <b>Volunteer Welcome &amp; Orientation Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm</b> (prior to regular meeting). Email &amp; Welcome packet sent to volunteers.</p>
	<p><b>Community Education &amp; Outreach</b> (Mary)</p>	<p>Newsletter (quarterly) Fall 2022 launched Promote Green Team, recruit volunteers and plan actions with table at Irish Festival -Oct 8<sup>th</sup></p>
	<p><b>DIVERSITY &amp; EQUITY - Diversity on Boards &amp; Commission</b> (Mary)</p>	<p><i>Evaluate the diversity of appointed municipal boards and commissions, compare to the community's demographics, and submit a summary report to City Council with recommendations.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of all city groups created</p>
	<p><b>Community Visioning</b> (Mary)</p>	<p>TBD – At Green Fair?</p>
	<p><b>Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning</b> (Mary)</p>	<p>Finalizing Planning Bord Guidance document</p>
	<p><b>Historic Preservation Element</b> (Mary)</p>	<p>Historic Preservation ordinance in process of being updated</p>
	<p><b>Establish a Creative Team</b></p>	<p>Discussions in progress/TBD Chris reached out to Joan Conway - Director of South Amboy Arts to collaborate on Creative Team (<b>response pending</b>).</p>
<p><b>Agenda Topics:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Welcome Volunteers !</li> <li> Green Team - Irish Festival October 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li> Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Student at Perth Amboy HS would like to coordinate a beach cleanup Apr 2023 for his class in South Amboy.</li> <li>2) Pathways to Success Inc (Jay)</li> </ul> </li> <li> Clean Communities Grant Funds – Acceptable Uses</li> <li> Partnerships (PTO, Business Association, Municipal Alliance, etc.)</li> <li> Sustainable Jersey for Schools – Anthony? <a href="https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/about/">https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/about/</a></li> <li> Beach Clean-Up October 22<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p>	<p>November 10, 2022   6pm</p>	<p>Venue: ZOOM</p>