



May 8, 2019, 1 pm – Minutes of Meeting
Gloucester City Environmental Partners
Gloucester City Green Team 2019
Municipal Building, 512 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, NJ 08030

Present at Meeting:

Crystal Wessel, NJ Tree Foundation
Matthew Leconey, Rutgers Water Resources
Jack Lipsett, Gloucester City Administrator
Mickie Glassman, Gloucester City Community Garden
Meredith Brown, NJ Tree Foundation
Lori Ryan, Director of Community Development

Green Team Business

- Will run contest with GHS students for logo design for SustainableJersey efforts in fall of 2019 – to engage young adults in community activities.
- Lori would like to purchase reusable, environment friendly tote bags, maybe with the Community Garden logo on them until we get a Green Team logo designed. Lori will call Debra Sachs 856-209-6356 for assistance.
- SustainableJersey – After reviewing sustainable application actions, it does not seem attainable for certification this year as history is required for applications. Application will begin June 2. Lori to work this month on calculation of total points currently and report next month.
- Mickie asked if there is DE River Keepers points for SustainableJersey app. Lori will share application with Mickie to review “Action” values.

Green Infrastructure Municipal Action Team Business (Toby/Matt/Craig & Rutgers Water Resource Program)

- 319(h) Grant Update – Lori requested that we discuss dates of targeted completions for projects so we can be sure to complete within grant deadlines.
- Matt from Rutgers reported on the schedule for the grant projects:
 - Johnson Boulevard at Water Department building – Eric to begin excavation with City employees; Matt to schedule conference call or meeting in May with Eric and Meredith. Meredith indicated that her staff should be able to offer help with the planting when ready.
 - Meeting scheduled for May 14 at 1 pm at GHS to present plan for summer project in the courtyard, targeted completion August. Lori will attend this meeting as well.
 - Division Street and Cherry Street - rain garden - Matt presented an option for diverting the rain garden at Division Street. Matt and Eric will visit site after meeting.
 - Washington Street play lot – not working on now; located an unknown
 - Middle School – at the parking lot area – discussed some drainage projects in lot area for fall off rainwater diversion.

NJ Tree Foundation (Meredith Brown) – Meredith stated last weekend of planting at Gateway Park, 50 trees to restore barrier of property. 10-1 on 5/11 Saturday. The Treekeepers workshop is on 6/15 at 9-12 and is free to City Residents. It is held at 278 Kaighn Avenue; Mickie has three residents so far interested. Lori will share the TreeKeepers workshop information publicly.

Joyce Calzonetti previous to the meeting offered that PSE&G is providing 40 trees to the City. Joyce is providing locations to PSE&G. Hope is that they will assist in planting, but probably not. Lori’s Question: Is this the 40 trees to replace for PSE&G Substation work, or an additional 40 trees?

Mickie and Joyce will spread the word with the Tree Committee and the Community Garden residents. Meredith stated she is working on work plan for Gloucester City next grant cycle for locations discussed previously.



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LSR Grant – Carrie Sargeant, NJDEP, UCF, and Melissa Andrews, DVPRC reported

- Gloucester City Community Forestry Management Plan Kickoff Meeting – tasks and timeline attached for review and comment. Melissa submitted list for potential locations – two of which Lori stated would not be feasible. Melissa will send document requesting other location ideas to Tree Committee.

LSR Grant: Next step schedule tour of City to review target locations. Joyce working with Crystal on potential locations. Tour scheduled for 5/28; time and location to be verified by Crystal.

Mickie Glassman discussed the Community Garden has started planting; great participation, only two-three lots open. All work done by Community Garden is donated. Much must be purchased though through a supplier in Kennett Square for \$430 a load each year. This is paid for by the membership fee of \$20/lot. The team discussed having a rain barrel class. Lori will post to get interested population for rain barrel class. Eric has barrels already.

Eric Fooder stated Burlington Street project is completed. DEP is coming for CSO inspection 5/9/19. Two inlet repairs are being made to the CSO system on Klemm Avenue, no traffic interference. The Klemm Avenue flood mitigation project still planned; waiting for budget approval.

Author of minutes: Lori Ryan

Next Meeting June 12, 1 pm

