

# Town of Clinton Green Team



## Current Team Members:

Veronique Lambert – Co-Lead (Member, Environmental Commission)  
Deena Roberts – Co-Lead (Member, Environmental Commission)  
Jeff Schaumburg (Chairman, Environmental Commission)  
Jean Pierson (Member, Environmental Commission)  
Patty Smeltzer (Resident, Clinton)  
Thomas Smeltzer (Resident, Clinton)  
Stephanie Willis (Resident, Clinton)  
Ann Modro (Environmental Services, Johnson & Johnson, Resident High Bridge)  
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## Partners:

Members of the Union Township Green Team

## History

The Town of Clinton formed its first Green Team in 2009. Some of the activities completed by this team were an audit of the Municipal Building and an evaluation of fleet vehicles. Recommendations were implemented as feasible. These actions are updated and documented in the appropriate area of this certification.

## Summary

The current Green Team (members listed above) is actively being marketed to recruit more members. Recent projects include participation in the Raritan Watershed River Clean-up, leading an In-River clean-up and an on-going collection at the Municipal Building of non-recyclable items to be shipped to Terracycle®, [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com) an organization committed to eliminating waste. The Green Team is expected to be a major contributor to the planning of and participator in the annual Red Mill Earth Day celebration and the Mulligan's Harvest & Sustainable Living Festival. Additionally, the Green Team will be instrumental in assisting the Environmental Commission achieve Sustainable Jersey Certification. A website, Facebook page and newsletter are all being evaluated as tools to recruit volunteers, provide resources and education for the Community on sustainable issues and related activities.

The Co-Leads plan to meet with the Green Team of neighboring town Union Township to leverage ideas and join forces where possible. Reaching out to other neighboring communities is being considered.

Current and Proposed Activities:

**River Clean-up:** (completed April 20, 2013, annual) Participated and helped recruits volunteers to walk our banks of the Raritan River picking up trash. This was in partnership with the Raritan Headwaters Association.

**In-River Clean-up:** (completed July 20, 2013; annual) Dredged up 22 tires and various other items of trash to fill 3 large garbage bags.

**Terracycle:** (on-going). Collection units at Municipal Building and Johnson & Johnson in Raritan and evaluating other locations. Shipments including over 500 units have been diverted from landfills and sent to Terracycle for upcycling. With the points generated from these shipments trees have be planted through the Arbor Foundation

**Become a Monarch Butterfly Way station:** (proposed) Milkweeds and nectar sources are declining due to development and the widespread use of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides. <http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

**Mulligan's Harvest & Sustainable Living Festival:** (planned Nov 10, 2013, annual).

**Earth Day:** (planning for April 2014, annual);

**Events, Speakers, workshops:** This team will research, consult with EC and schedule various workshop

**Communication:**

Webpage: the site will provide a central location for promoting the Green Team, Project information, opportunities to join the team and/or participation on projects, provide tips and links for sustainable associated items.

Facebook page: (in-progress); same as for Website

Newsletter: (being considered) to provide pertinent articles for education or informational.