

2024 Wrap Up of SHP Accomplishments

Developing SHP's Structure and Goals - Ongoing Process

- *Focus of January Meeting, goal setting and structures
- *Discussed a Mission Statement, drafts, work in process
- *More focus on SHP as Green Team and SJ actions; needs to be done in conjunction with Borough
- *Possible Sub-committees explored
- *Began using a survey asking people to identify their interests, becomes a basis for grouping people into sub-committees
- *Sub-committees have taken form slowly and organically
- *This summer and fall, other members chairing the meetings to begin the transition to new leadership in 2025

Increased Our Membership and Network

- *We are at full membership per ordinance
- *We are considering amending the ordinance and increasing the number of Borough appointed members
- *Sustainability is more mainstream and we have almost unlimited ways of interacting with our residents only constrained by our capacity
- *Regularly have new members at our general monthly meetings
- *Are attracting younger residents who live in apartments

Apartment / Tenant Outreach

- *Met with JCM management and have had some follow-up
- *Started a sub-committee to discuss issues, Tami and KT and Tina
- *Increased our awareness of meeting the needs of all the residents regardless of whether you are a property owner
- *Raises equity issues
- *Trying to integrate this equity perspective into all of SHP work

Communications and Social Media

- *Lisa and Claudia implementing an SHP grant received to improve website. Should be done in the spring.

*Lisa developed a monthly newsletter using MailChimp, excellent template and calendar of sustainable programming

*Lisa and KT increased the use of social media for outreach, broader outreach

*Internal group communications on email which led to

*Use of Slack/Discord reflects the development of committee work

SHP-School Collaboration

*Rose and Meli got approved as HS Environmental Club mentors

*Can now work more closely with School Green Team

*Plan to deepen our understanding of School District's sustainable goals

Outreach to the Public

*Giving SHP a Public Face in the borough

*Street Fair – Earth Day Event (see below)

*National Night Out - native plant giveaway

*Arts in the Park - native plant giveaway

*Irving School Earth Day Table (Rose, Sheree and Irene C M)

*First year of Participating in Borough wide Garage Sale

Earth Day Festival

*Signature SHP event

*Third year of working with Main Street at the HP Street Fair, excellent attendance

*Good attendance by HP Boards & Commissions

*Good attendance by other organizations

*Good information on climate change solutions, EVs, IRA etc

Year-Round Bi-Monthly Clean-Ups

*Thanks to Mark's commitment we can say this is a standing SHP project

*Some clean-ups very well attended, others less so

*Have coordinated to some extent with HS Environmental Club, bought them equipment for their clean-ups on school grounds

Adopt-a-Drain Program

- *Maintained in its third year
- *Monthly reminders
- *Need more outreach into different sections of HP
- *Brought drain map to all events and in monthly newsletters, so steady stream of interest
- *Excellent program for low level of community service

Ongoing Programming

- *Developed a subcommittee working on programming
- *Is trying to plan and budget for the year
- *Has meetings independently

Applied for and Awarded Park Partners Grant (\$2000) for Native Plants

- *Excellent outreach and giveback to community
- *Continued education on Native Plants & Green Infrastructure
- *Benefitted the community whether plants are on residential property or not
- *Integrated into Arts in the Park event, great community visibility
- *Donated plants to Native Plant Sanctuary and considered other public or municipal land (rain gardens)
- *Got verbal approval to continue this project as part of SHP budget

Restricting Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

- *Worked with other munis on this issue and help an event in Edison
- *Working with HP Board of Health and HP EC
- *New SJ action and working with Borough over whether we can make some progress on it.

Developing a Model for Rain Garden Maintenance

- *Thanks to Mark and Chris and working with STAC
- * Working in conjunction with DPW and Borough