

## **Cranford Environmental Commission Goals and Accomplishments for 2010**

1. Work with the Green Team to have the Township certified by the Sustainable Jersey program by June 2010. A top priority is to complete an energy audit of Municipal buildings.
  - Certified as a Sustainable Community.
  - Energy Audit of Community Center completed. Final report will be available soon.
2. Continue to work on the implementation of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for Existing Buildings.
  - The LEED committee met in conjunction with Energy Committee (see # 3).
3. Continue to work with the Conservation and Renewable Energy Task Force to develop energy-savings ideas for the Township. Explore the possible installation of solar panels on Municipal Buildings, such as the library and pool complexes.
  - Committee met 3 times with LEED Committee. Recommended that lighting be upgraded throughout the Community Center (done) and sensors be installed in every room (pending). Reviewed and commented on Energy Audit.
4. As a Community Partner in the BPU's Clean Energy Program, continue to promote the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Programs and other programs.
  - Green Team collected over 300 Energy Star Pledges.
  - Distributed information at Earth Day event and at Green Fair at UCC. Earned incentives of \$1,100 from Program.
5. Increase scope and usage of our new web site, My Green Cranford. Promote subscriptions to the monthly e-newsletter.
  - The number of visits during the year were significant improvement over last year.
6. Continue to work with the Rahway River Association to promote regional projects.
  - We had meetings and programs with the RRA during the year.
7. Continue to work with the Jersey Central Arts Studio to promote the Flip Your Lid for Art project.
  - The project was installed in January 2010.

8. Work with the DMC and Chamber of Commerce on a program to promote green businesses in town. Investigate feasibility on of starting a green business Pride in Cranford Award.
  - The Green Business Award program was begun. Sustainable Jersey awarded us 10 points for this project.
9. Work with the Township Committee to create recycling program for #3 to 7 plastics.
  - Container installed at Conservation Center this summer. Publicity flyers placed around town. Press release issued.
10. Strengthen relationships with the Board of Education. Work with the School District's Environmental Education Committee to promote its anti-idling programs at the District's schools and the installation of solar panel on the new roofs.
  - Mary Sudiak, a member of the Board of Education, was made the liaison to the Commission.
  - 50 anti-idling signs have been purchased and will be installed early next year.
11. Increase the number of educational articles appearing in local newspapers and enhance the use of TV 35.
  - Numerous articles appeared throughout the year.
12. Inform the community about how to identify and control invasive plant species.
  - An Eagle Scout candidate organized a knotweed removal day at Hanson Park. He prepared a brochure warning of its dangers that was distributed to every household along the river.
13. Increase the number of educational speaking engagements.
  - A lecture series was held at the Community Center as part of the Sustainable Jersey certification.