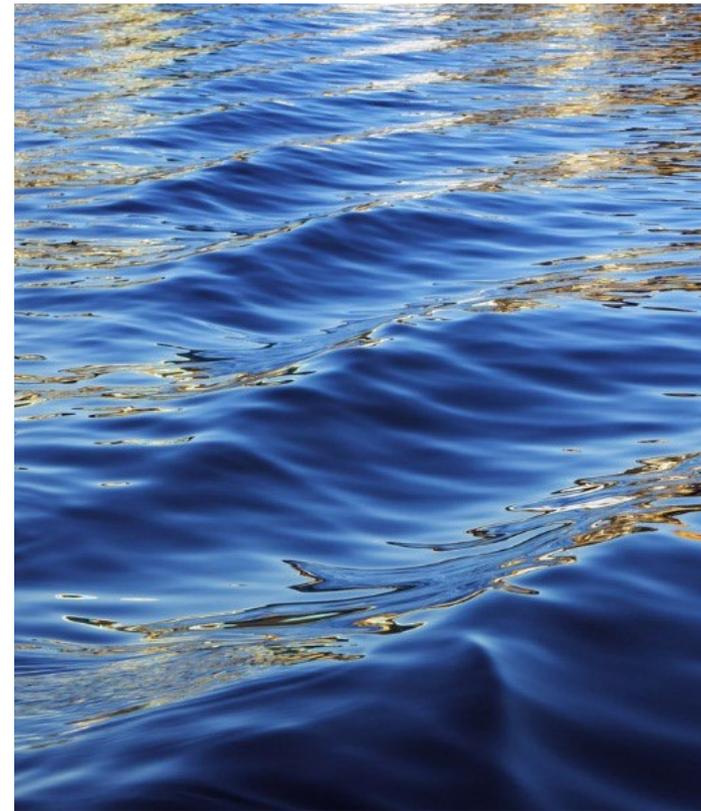




Evesham Township Green Team

End-of-Year Report
for 2024

January 14, 2025
FINAL



Evesham Township Green Team (EGT) 2024

Chair: Ila Vassallo

Vice-Chair: Samantha Hurley

Secretary: Ila Vassallo

Michelle Cimino

Sil Cimino

Joe Cook

Marcy Glantz

Joyce Goldsmith

Environmental Commission Liaison

Township Liaison: Zane Clark

Green Ambassadors: Shirley Bailey, Ann Fischer, Kelly Heard

EGT: Re-established by Resolution 136-2024 in April of 2024

- The Evesham Green Team was re-established by Resolution 136-2024 in 2024
- First established by resolution in 2012, the Evesham Green Team has successfully maintained a strong and committed presence in the township since that time.
 - In addition to education and outreach, the Green Team has successfully led the township in the following Sustainable Jersey certifications:
 - 2013: Bronze Certification, 16 actions for 175 points across 10 categories
 - 2016: Bronze Certification, 18 actions for 175 points across 6 categories
 - 2019: Silver Certification, 31 actions for 355 points across 12 categories
 - 2022: Bronze Certification, 16 actions for 170 points across 9 categories

Highlights of 2024

- Jan • Start weekly Zero Waste Wednesday Posts
- Apr • Earth Day Event
- May • Science Fair(s) at Elementary Schools
- Jun • Marlton Garden Tour
- Sep • Halloween Costume Swap at the Harvest Festival
- Oct • Content development and “look and feel” for new EGT page on township website
- Dec • Broken Holiday, String Light Collection

In 2024, the Evesham Green Team made it happen!

OUTREACH

- Earth Day Event in April 2024 with over 100 members of the community in attendance
- Marlton Garden Tour featuring native plants in May 2024 with over 100 visitors
- Science Day Fairs at two local elementary schools featuring a presentation on conservation biology in the animal world
- Halloween Costume Swap at the Harvest Festival in September 2024 with over 100 costumes re-gifted
- Broken Holiday Light Collection with at least 254 pounds of lights kept from our local landfill

GUEST SPEAKERS AND INITIATIVES

- Presentation on how to implement a “Skip the Stuff” ordinance by ANJEC’s Ambassador for reducing single-use plastic
- Presentation on how to execute an education and outreach campaign for Community Solar by a representative from Solar Landscape

ZERO WASTE WEDNESDAYS

- In partnership with Sustainable Evesham, posted ways the community could go “zero waste”

TOWNSHIP’S ONLINE PRESENCE

- Created the content and “look and feel” for the Green Team webpage on the township’s website
- Created the Green Team logo

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

- EGT Chair created a road map for Sustainable Jersey recertification in 2025
- EGT Chair documented SJ processes for the township

LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY PILOT PROGRAM

- Presented program to recycle green and black garden pots; six-month pilot program approved by township and DPW

2024 Highlights in Pictures

Earth Day Event

Live music! *Family friendly*

Celebrate Earth Day

Sunday, April 28, 2024
1 PM to 4 PM

The Gibson House
535 E. Main Street, Marlton

Featuring

- Local band: Friends Classic Rock
- Bike Safety and Cycling Info
- Kids' Bike Helmets Give-Away
- Electric Vehicles and Lawn Equipment
- Wildlife Certification for Your Yard
- How to Enjoy our Open Spaces
- Water Conservation Tips
- Kids' Table
- Pop-up Community Mural
- Gardening with Native Plants
- How to Recycle Right
- Our Local History
- Learn about Native Butterflies
- Info on Rain Gardens
- NJ Native Trees Info
- Composting How-To
- EcoBlocks Demo

The future of our planet is in our hands.

Evesham Township
April 29 · 🌐

4/29/2024

We hope everyone had a great time learning about sustainability and conservation at yesterday's Earth Day event!

This even was as organized by the Evesham Green Team as a way to showcase all the different ways we can help protect Earth's natural resources for future generations, both individuals and as a society as a whole.... See more

+44

2024 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

Earth Day Event (cont).

Total of 20
groups
participated in
the Earth Day
Event

Evesham Township's Earth Day Event				
Organized by the Evesham Green Team				
April 28, 2024 ~ 1 pm to 4 pm ~ Gibson House				
No.	Table No.	Organization	Type	Focus
1		Veranda Band: Friends Classic Rock	Band	Entertainment
2	14	Butterfly Educator	Resident	Nature
3	19	Cross County Connections	Non-profit	Bicycling and mass transit
4		Outside Department of Open Space and Rec	Township Department	Electric mowing equip.
5	16	Department of Public Works	Township Department	Recycling
6	9	Evesham Environmental Commission	Township Commission	Tree giveaway
7	20	Evesham Green Team (Community Mural)	Township Committee	Host
8	2 and 3	Evesham Green Team (Kids' Table)	Township Committee	Hands-on activity
9	4	Evesham Historical Society	Non-profit	History
10	18	Evesham Police	Township Department	Bicycle safety
11	11	Friends of the Black Run Preserve	Non-profit	Nature
12	6	(The) Garden Club of Marlton	Non-profit	Gardens and native plants
13	15	Green Faith	Non-profit	Environmental advocacy
14	7	Marlton Lakes Garden Club	Community Group	Backyard habitats
15	12	Native Plant Society of NJ (NPSNJ)	Non-profit	Native plants
16	10	NJ Composting Council	Non-profit	Composting
17	13	Pinelands Preservation Alliance	Non-profit	Nature
18		Outside South Jersey Electric Vehicle Club and NJ EV Association	Non-profit	Electric vehicles
19	17	Team Evesham Cycling Club	Non-profit	Cycling
20	5	Water Conservation	Resident	Water conservation
21	8	Youth Advisory Committee	Township Committee	Nature
22	21	Light Refreshments	Evesham Green Team	n/a

2024 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

Marlton Garden Tour

4th Annual Marlton Garden Tour
Saturday, June 1, 2024
10 AM to 2 PM
(rain date: June 2, 2024, 10 AM to 2 PM)

Self-guided tour of Marlton gardens in Marlton Lakes showcasing native plants

FREE

Visit the gardens in any order with our Garden Tour Map:
MarltonGardenTour.com

Gardens include:

- ❖ 110 Marbel Road
- ❖ 115 Peach Road
- ❖ 223 Park Avenue
- ❖ 228 Lakeshore Drive
- ❖ 238 Poplar Avenue
- ❖ 222 Lakeshore Drive (**PLANT SALE!**)

Location: Marlton Lakes



2024 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

Halloween Costume Give Away



Halloween 

  **Costume Drop + Give Away**

Team up and “Green” up with the [Evesham Green Team](#) and the [Evesham Township Library](#).

Drop off last year's gently used and clean Halloween costumes at the [Evesham Library](#) from now until **September 25th**.

Stop by the [Evesham Green Team Table](#) at the [Harvest Festival](#) on **September 28th** where you will be able to select from the Halloween costumes that have been collected.

ACCEPTING CLEAN ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION FOR **ALL** AGES.
IF THE COSTUME HAS MULTIPLE PIECES, PLEASE PLACE THEM IN A BAG TOGETHER.



110
Costumes
Regifted at
the 2024
Harvest Festival!



2024 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

RECYCLE FOR IMPACT

The Evesham Green team is asking YOU to recycle your NON-WORKING holiday string lights this holiday season.



DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Laurel Oak Garden Center

199 Tomlinson Mill Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053

Marlton True Value

230 N Maple Ave, Marlton, NJ 08053

Evesham Public Works Recycling Center

100 Sharp Road, Marlton, NJ 08053

NOTE: STRING LIGHTS CANNOT BE PUT IN YOUR BLUE, CURBSIDE RECYCLING BUCKET

KEEP IT GREEN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND ALL YEAR

Broken Holiday String Light Collection



2024 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)



Talking "Conservation Biology" with our local elementary school students

Zero Waste Wednesdays



"On average, residential washing machines use around 41 gallons of water per load and dryers contribute to about 6% of a home's average energy use." How do you lessen the impact of your washing routine? Dryer balls? Cold wash? Share below!
#0WasteWednesday #ZeroWasteWednesday
[https://zerowastememoirs.com/zero-waste-laundry/...](https://zerowastememoirs.com/zero-waste-laundry/) See more



Growing your own food eliminates waste in the food supply chain. From reducing trucks on the road to plastic packaging, every little bit helps! Show off your patio planters, back yard farms, counter top herbs and more in the comments. (Note: the plastic containers pictured were being reused after being saved from the landfill) #ZeroWasteWednesday #0WasteWednesday

Another post for the kids... Children can be huge helpers in an effort to reduce food waste and let's be honest, we need all the help we can get! #zerowasteliving #zerowastelife #zerowasteliving #zerowastehome #zerowastewednesday #zerowaste



In 2024, the Chair of the Evesham Green Team estimated that the Green Team members collectively spent at least 300 volunteer hours in the support and furtherance of “green” initiatives in the township

Evesham Green Team Initiatives for 2025

- Sustainable Jersey Recertification
- Advocate for the adoption of a “Skip the Stuff” ordinance
- Kick off a Community Solar Campaign
- Annual events
 - Earth Day
 - Marlton Garden Tour
 - Halloween Costume Swap
 - Broken Holiday Light Collection
- Present at Burlington County’s ‘How-To’ Festival
- Keep the Green Team’s website up-to-date and add content, as applicable
- Zero Waste Wednesday posts
- Implement a pilot program for recycling plastic, garden pots at the DPW yard

Evesham Green Team Meetings

- 2nd Tuesday of the Month
- 6:30 pm
- 2nd Floor, Conference Room B of the municipal building
- Dates are on the township's website

- Evesham Green Team's web page on township site:

[https://evesham-nj.org/boards/green-team -](https://evesham-nj.org/boards/green-team)

TEAMWORK!

Thank you to our elected officials and the township departments and employees who made our accomplishments possible

- Mayor and Council
- Township Manager and Township Manager's Office
- Community Affairs
- Public Works
- Open Space and Recreation
- Police Department
- Public Information Office
- Council Liaison: Ginamarie Espinoza

Thank You!

Remember: There is no Planet B!

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

-John Muir

"We have become the impatient species, too busy to let nature replenish itself and too puffed up with our own sense of importance to acknowledge our utter dependence on its generosity."

-David Suzuki