

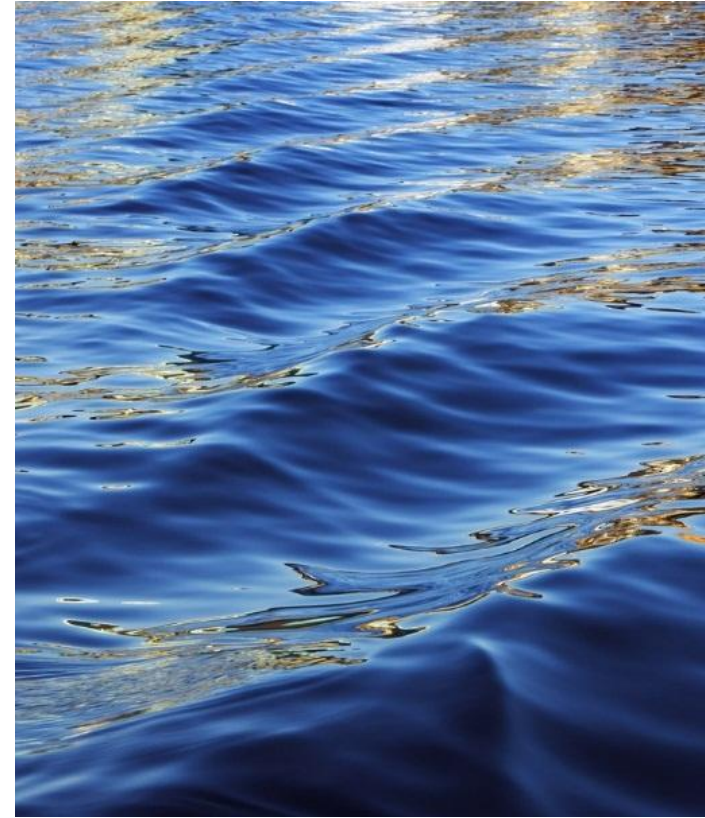


Evesham Township Green Team

End-of-Year Report
for 2025

December 9, 2025

FINAL



Evesham Township Green Team (EGT) 2025

Chair / Secretary: Ila Vassallo

Vice-Chair: Samantha Hurley

Joe Cook

Ann Fischer

Marcy Glantz

Joyce Goldsmith

Maria Wenzel

Environmental Commission Liaison

Township Liaison: Zane Clark

Council Liaison: Deputy Mayor Hunter

Green Ambassador: 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 2010 (259-2010), 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
 - 2025: Silver Certification, 35 actions for 405 points across 15 categories

Accomplishments in 2025

- Marlton Garden Tour
- Plastic garden pots recycling program
- Presented at Burlington County Library's "How To" Festival
- Skip the Stuff recommendation
- Community Solar flyer and outreach
- Green Stories Project
- Halloween costume collection and give-away
- Light pollution flyer
- Leave the leaves tips
- Go Green Award proposal
- Sustainable Jersey Silver certification
- Holiday light recycling
- Zero Waste Wednesdays
- Website planning and updates
- Collaborated with the Environmental Commission
- Recommended community members for appointment to the EGT

2025 Highlights in Pictures



5th Annual Marlton Garden Tour

Saturday, June 7, 2025

10 AM to 2 PM

(rain date: June 8, 2024, 10 AM to 2 PM)

Self-guided tour of Marlton gardens
showcasing native plants

FREE

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

MarltonGardenTour.com

Gardens include:

- ❖ 7 Brighton Drive
- ❖ 9 Smallwood Court
- ❖ 17 Colonial Avenue (PLANT SALE!)
- ❖ 33 Greenbrook Drive
- ❖ 148 Greenbrook Drive

Location: Country Farms & Cambridge
Park Neighborhoods



Collaboration Opportunity



Evesham Economic Advisory Committee (EEAC)
+
the Evesham Green Team

April 3, 2025

Prepared by the Evesham Green Team



How to Live ^{more} Sustainably



Ila Vassallo
Chair, Evesham Township Green Team

05/03/2025

Burlington County
Library System's
HOW TO Festival

2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

Community Solar

A clean energy option for everyone

What is community solar?

Not everyone can put solar panels on their home—maybe it costs too much, they rent, or their roof gets too much shade. That's where community solar helps! Instead of putting panels on your home or business, you can subscribe to a community solar project—a group of panels in your area that makes clean energy.

Community solar allows multiple subscribers to use the electricity generated by a large solar installation. There are no panels to install. Most subscribers save between 10% and 30% on their electricity!¹ There's no fee to sign up, and you can cancel at any time without a penalty.

How Community Solar Works

A solar farm gets built near you. Renters, homeowners, and businesses can subscribe to a portion of the farm that matches their energy usage.

When you join, your solar share sends its energy through your utility's power grid, so there's no need to install anything on your home or pay upfront fees.

You will receive your electricity as normal, no change to your everyday life, except for the savings you get and the good feeling of going green.

source: solartivus

Why should I consider community solar?

- Reduce your electricity costs**
Most community solar subscriptions can save you from 10% to 30% on electric supply charges.²
- Lower Evesham Township's carbon footprint**
Using natural sunlight means less use of fossil fuel-generated electricity – a major cause of global warming.

More →

Evesham Green Team and You: Growing a Sustainable Future Together

③ Everyone can participate

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory says that nearly 50%³ of homes and businesses can't have solar panels on their roofs. Community solar helps everyone enjoy the benefits of solar energy because you won't need to install panels on your home.

How do I learn more?

To learn more about community solar, head to the [NJ Community Solar Project Finder](#) (link below) for info on the providers in our area. Also, refer to "Helpful resources" below.

Helpful resources:
NJ Community Solar Project Finder:
https://lookerstudio.google.com/embed/reporting/e61544cd-a71b-4121-b263-b958c4843d67/page/p_2eutes0ctc

NJ Clean Energy Program's info on community solar:
<https://njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/programs/community-solar>

Sustainable Jersey and community solar:
https://www.sustainablejersey.com/fileadmin/media/Actions_and_Certification/Actions/Energy/Community_Solar_Resources.pdf

Sustainable Princeton and community solar:
<https://www.sustainableprinceton.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Community-Solar-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

US Department of Energy:
<https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/community-solar-basics>

Notes:
1 Evesham Township Community Energy Plan, 2024
2 Woods, T. Overview of Community Solar. August 2023 Power Point, Sustainable Jersey
3 U.S. Department of Energy

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Guaranteed Bill Savings for PSE&G and Atlantic City Electric Customers

Join Evesham Township and representatives from Solar Landscape to learn how you can save money with community solar.

DATE: Wednesday, [blank]

2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

Evesham Green Stories Project

With our Green Stories Project, we aim to create a collection of stories that inform about green solutions, inspire green behavior and raise awareness of different pathways towards sustainability.

Why Green Stories?

Increasingly, research shows that solution-based stories are more likely to inspire greener behaviors than catastrophic tales of climate change.⁽¹⁾ A collection of stories present positive visions for inspiration and motivation.⁽²⁾ According to Professor Denise Baden, University of Southampton Business School (UK), negatively framed stories either make people avoid the topic and switch off or leave them feeling helpless to make a difference.

Guidelines and Tips

- ✓ Share a personal story that showcases your experience with a green activity or event. Explore your personal experiences with sustainability: What inspired you to change your behavior or mindset, and what step(s) did you take to accomplish your purpose?
Tips: 1-Start by setting the scene: explain a problem or issue you have faced
2-Move to (and focus on) your solution process
3-Describe the outcome and/or impact of your efforts
4-Use a personal first-hand tone. Avoid a preachy tone (eliminating "should," for instance).
- ✓ Be concise, keeping busy readers in mind. The length should be between 100-200 words.
- ✓ Finalize submission sections:
 - Title
 - Story
 - Your name (or initials)
 - Photo (1 or 2 max)

(1) <https://theconversation.com/environmental-storytelling-can-help-spread-big-ideas-for-saving-the-planet-107621>

(2) <https://habitatmag.com/habitat-mag/does-eco-fiction-change-behaviour/>

We appreciate the resources at Green Stories Project in UK, a writing competition promoting sustainability:
www.greenstories.org.uk



Rain Barrel to the Rescue

When I moved into my log home in Medford Lakes 17 years ago, I faced something entirely new: relying on well water for my house and gardens. My previous high-rise condo in Center City sure didn't have well water! I started tuning in to my water usage more keenly, particularly with building out gardens around my home. Word on the street was that wells can run dry, as a few neighbors confirmed.

I saw a township ad for a rain barrel workshop, which I immediately jumped on and proudly linked up my barrel to a major downspout – happy not to rely as much on my well for water. That rain barrel provided plenty of water throughout the gardening season and was easy enough to disconnect for the winter. Though I moved to Marlton 4 years ago and now have EMUA, I still opt to conserve water and use a rain barrel for the bulk of my garden watering.

--Ann Fischer, Marlton



2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)



HALLOWEEN

Costume Drop & Giveaway

Team up and “Green” up with the Evesham Green Team and the Evesham Township Library!





Drop off your gently used and clean Halloween costumes at the Evesham Library now until September 24th.

Then stop by the Evesham Green Team table at the Harvest Fest on September 27th where you can select from the collected costumes.





- Accepting clean items in good condition for **all** ages
- If a costume has multiple pieces, please place them in a bag together



Evesham Green Team and You: Growing a Sustainable Future Together



2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)



Combating Light Pollution

What is light pollution?

According to Dark Sky International (n.d.), "Light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally" (i.e., the result of artificial light at night).

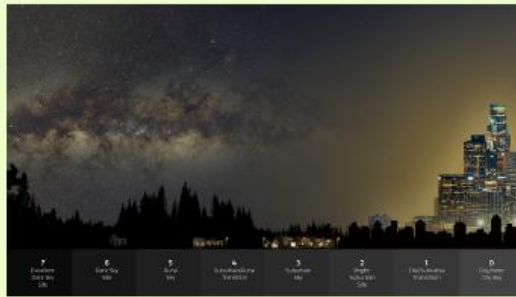


Image credit: NOIRLab/NSF/AURA/P. Marenfeld

Light pollution can:

- **Waste money!** Between 2011 and 2022, the night sky became 10% brighter per year on average. That's like leaving every door in your house open in the summer with the AC blasting!
- **Harm animals**, including disorienting birds, causing them to become lost. Plus, it makes it harder for them to find food.

Light pollution also changes animals' sleeping and mating patterns, reducing their populations.

- **Cause health risks**, such as increasing the risk of developing breast cancer. It can also increase the speed of breast cancer tumor growth.

In addition, light pollution increases the risk for developing, and worsens the symptoms of, Parkinson's disease, anxiety, depression, bi-polar disorder, and other health problems.

More →

Evesham Green Team and You: Growing a Sustainable Future Together

What can you do to help stop light pollution?

- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Draw your shades after dusk.
- Use timers and/or motions sensors on all exterior lighting.
- Use warmer toned bulbs (yellow or orange) instead of cooler toned bulbs (blue or white).
- Have outdoor lights pointing only where you need them. In the example below, the Full Cutoff setup is best.



source: delmarfans.com

Sources:

Impacts of Light Pollution on Birds: [1,2,3](#)
Impacts on Human Health: [1,2,3](#)
Impact on Insects: [1](#)
Rate of Brightening: [1,2](#)
Safety Impact: [1,2](#)

2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

October 28, 2025

Go Green Award Evesham Township NJ INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

Purpose

The Go Green Award seeks to recognize those individuals, groups and organizations who have recently made or are making a material contribution to the protection and enhancement of our natural resources and are making a more sustainable environment in Evesham Township.

Go Green Award Planning Committee

- Ann Fischer, Evesham Green Team
- Marcy Glantz, Evesham Green Team
- David Lieberman, Evesham Environmental Commission
- Debbie Share, Evesham Environmental Commission
- Ila Vassallo, Evesham Green Team

October 28, 2025
Final

Go Green Award Evesham Township NJ OVERVIEW and PROCESS

Eligibility

>Residents, businesses, institutions, organizations, schools, associations, and clubs located in Evesham Township, NJ.

>Eligible nominees known to have taken action in the last two years resulting in improvement or protection of the environment that creates a more sustainable community.

Go Green Award Categories

We seek to establish an annual award that recognizes those individuals, groups and organizations who have recently made or are making a material contribution to the protection and enhancement of our natural resources and are making a more sustainable environment in Evesham Township. Five categories are open for nominations:

Resident: Presented to an individual or individuals residing in Evesham Township and not part of an organization (see Organization category below).

Business: Presented to a for-profit enterprise located and operating in Evesham Township.

Organization: Presented to a citizens group or organization based in Evesham Township -- such as, though not limited to, a neighborhood group, civic association, homeowner association, nonprofit institution, religious congregation.

Education Group 1: Presented to a school, student(s), group, or club - 1st through 5th grade, within Evesham Township.

Education Group 2: Presented to a school, student(s), group, or club - 6th through 12th grade, within Evesham Township.

2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)



2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

Evesham Township – Sustainable Jersey Status (FINAL) SILVER CERTIFICATION

Approved points: 405 (35 actions over 15 categories)

Approved Actions

Action	Points
Building Healthier Communities	25
Clustering Ordinance	10
Community Education & Outreach	5
Community Energy Plan (P)	10 (P)
Community Equity & Diversity Profile (P)	15 (P)
Community Gardens	10
Community Paper Shredding Day	5
Community Wildlife Protection Plan	10
Create a Green Development Checklist	10
Digitizing Public Information	10
EC Site Plan Review	10
Enhanced Stormwater Control Ordinance	15
Environmental Assessment Ordinance	10
Environmental Commission	10
ERI (P)	20 (P)
Farmers Market	10
Green Fair	10
Green Infrastructure Implementation	10
Green Team (M)	10 (M)
Hazardous Household Waste	15
Improve Public Engagement in Muni Gov	15
Improve Public Engagement in P & Z	10
Innovative Community Project 1	10
Materials Reuse Program	10
Municipal Communications Strategy	10
Municipally Supported Community Solar	15
Non-mandated Materials Recycling	20
Online Municipal Public Service Systems	15
Open Space Plans	10
Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles	10
Support Local Businesses	10
Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal (P)	10 (P)
Recycling Depot	10
Sustainable Land Use Pledge (P)	10 (P)
Tree Protection Ordinance	10



2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

RECYCLE

your NON-WORKING holiday string lights this holiday season.



DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Staffa Stone & Garden Center
199 Tomlinson Mill Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053

Marlton Ace Hardware
230 N Maple Ave, Marlton, NJ 08053

Evesham Public Works Recycling Center
100 Sharp Road, Marlton, NJ 08053

Lobby of Municipal Building
984 Tuckerton 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**



2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)

 Sustainable Evesham is with FASTSIGNS and 3 others.
Published by Samantha Shae · December 3 at 3:00 PM · 🌐

This [#ZeroWasteWednesday](#) is dedicated to Marlton [#acehardware](#) and [#staffastoneandgardencenter](#). At both locations you can drop off your non-working holiday lights to be ... See more

RECYCLE
your NON-WORKING holiday string lights this holiday season.



DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
Staffa Stone & Garden Center
199 Tomlinson Mill Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053
Marlton Ace Hardware
230 N Maple Ave, Marlton, NJ 08053






 Sustainable Evesham
Published by Samantha Shae · November 26 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

🌱 Zero Waste Wednesday! 🌱
Post-Thanksgiving is the perfect time to get creative and keep food waste low. Try these 6 simple ways to reinvent leftovers:
👉 ... See more


6
ways to reuse
your thanksgiving
LEFTOVERS

2025 Highlights in Pictures (cont.)



Evesham
Township
NEW JERSEY

Monday - Friday
8:30 - 4:30

856-983-2900

984 Tuckerton Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Sign In

HOMEGOVERNMENT▼DEPARTMENTS▼BOARDS▼RESIDENTS▼MAYOR & COUNCIL

Search ...



GREEN TEAM

GREEN TEAM BOARD INFORMATION

Growing a Sustainable Future Together

Mission: The Evesham Green Team strives to unite our Evesham community around tangible actions and solutions towards a green and sustainable future. To encourage participation and realize change, we provide community outreach and education avenues, while working alongside residents, businesses, local and state nonprofits, and Evesham Township elected officials and employees.

GET INVOLVED



COMMITTEE MEMBERS



UPCOMING EVENTS



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> -

TEAMWORK!

Thank you to all who made our accomplishments possible

- Mayor and Council
- Township Manager and Township Manager's Office
- Township Liaison: Zane Clark
- Council Liaison: Deputy Mayor Hunter
- Employees of the Township's departments
- Volunteers with the Township's Boards and Committees
- Residents
- Businesses

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