

## The “Green Team” Needs Your Help!

Sustainable development, sustainable community, sustainable industry, sustainable agriculture. You may have heard these words used in many different ways, but what does "sustainability" really mean and how can you tell if a community is sustainable? Sustainability is related to the quality of life in a community -- whether the economic, social and environmental systems that make up the community are providing a healthy, productive, meaningful life for all community residents, present and future.

Sustainable Jersey is an initiative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Mayors' Committee for a Green Future. It is a certification and incentive program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to **go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term**. Sustainable Jersey will have required and elective “actions” that municipalities can implement to receive the certification. The actions address issues such as global warming, pollution, biodiversity, buying locally, community outreach, green building, and sustainable agriculture.

Hanover Township is taking the first step in establishing a community sustainability program by the formation of a Green Team. The role of the Green Team is to lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of the community toward achieving certification. The Green Team leverages the skills and expertise of team members to develop plans, implement programs, and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community.

Would you like to help implement the required and elective actions for our community by joining the Green Team? If so, **please contact us at [greenteam@hanovertownship.com](mailto:greenteam@hanovertownship.com)**.