



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2011-0211

Adopting the Sustainable Jersey Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy

WHEREAS, Bernards Township supports policies that encourage sustainable municipal operations, promote healthy communities, waste reduction, biodiversity and water quality protection and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy is such a policy; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Bernards Township Committee adopted An Integrated Pest Management Plan for the Township of Bernards Parks System and Municipal Grounds Including all Public Lands pursuant to Resolution #080520 which is in keeping with principles of the Sustainable Jersey Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby reconfirm our commitment made through Resolution #080520 by adopting the following principals from the Sustainable Jersey Green Ground and Maintenance Policy which includes efficient landscape design, minimized water consumption, recycled materials and composting, and integrated pest management that encourages sustainability.

- Compost landscape wastes (e.g. leaves, prunings, etc) or use the waste as mulch.
- Use native species instead of exotic plants whenever possible. Native species require less maintenance and provide valuable habitat for local wildlife.
- Minimize lawn areas to reduce required maintenance, and replace lawn areas with higher value landscaping.
- Design landscaping with stormwater management in mind. Consider property contours and create plantings that will slow water flows and filter runoff to improve groundwater recharge and prevent erosion.
- Significantly reduce or eliminate the use of conventional pesticides through an Integrated Pest Management program.
- Avoid excessive fertilizer use.
- Improve operations with efficient watering schedules, improved irrigation equipment, and rainwater capture. Water the landscape only when needed instead of setting schedules that are not sensitive to weather and species-specific needs. Minimize evaporation, and utilize efficient irrigation techniques, such as drip irrigation systems. Be sure to search for and fix leaks promptly.

Agenda and Date Voted: 04/26/2011

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 04/26/2011.


Denise Szabo, Municipal Clerk