

Volunteers/Acknowledgments

Township Business Administrator, Jeff Bertrand

Public Works Supervisor, Joe Lentini

Township Financial Officer, Steve Mayer

Barlow's Nursery, Stephen Barlow Designer/Landscaper

Horticulture Teacher and Instructional Leader, Kelsey Clayton

WTEAC Members (Plantings)

Community Volunteers (Plantings)

Wall H.S. Environmental Club Volunteers (Plantings)

2016 Sustainable Jersey Small Grant

PSEG \$2,000 Grant

Whole Foods Market (Refreshments)



Volunteers with Professional Assistance

WTEAC Members

Wilma J. Morrissey, Chair

Joe Balesterri, Vice Chair

Ellen C. Smith, Secretary

Committeeman Clint Hoffman, Liaison

Bob Baumgartner

Ernest Bongivonni

Lori Lee Corson

Mike Falcone

Hance Sitkus

John Ozell

Allenwood Native Garden Re-Dedication



“To restore the Allenwood Native Garden is to believe in environmental sustainability, tranquility, and hope in the future”

September 17, 2016

Saturday, 10 a.m.



Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee

Re-Dedication

The WTEAC/Green Team received a \$2,000 small grant from the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program funded by PSEG for the Restoration of the Allenwood Park Native Garden located along the bike trail on Atlantic Avenue and Ramshorn Drive.

Formerly, the Allenwood Native Demonstration Garden was dedicated on Saturday, July 17, 2004. The soil report was analyzed by Rutgers Cooperative Laboratory, and the soil was found to be loamy sand and strongly acidic.

The purpose of the garden is to educate residents about the value of choosing native plants, to use IPM methods in avoiding pesticides, and to provide assistance for starting one's own home or business garden. The model demonstration garden uses volunteers for maintenance, fosters social interaction, and provides cultural value. In addition, the grant provides an opportunity for the WTEAC/Green Team to apply for re-certification of Sustainable Jersey project credit.



Since 2004, the garden has deteriorated for a variety of reasons and has now been restored. The garden adds beauty to the site, saves money by using less water and is low maintenance. It is relatively pesticide and fertilizer free. The garden has again attracted birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects in its natural habitat.

Stephen Barlow of Barlow's Nursery and Flower Center suggested the native plants, assisted with plantings, and provided technical expertise. The community, WTEAC members, and Wall High School volunteers led by Kelsey Clayton, horticulture teacher, advised and assisted volunteers in weeding and the planting on Saturday, June 18, 2016. The students received community volunteer hours for their endeavors.

Wall Township Public Works provided in-kind services by installing a wood fence to protect the plants and installed a smart watering system for automatic watering. There is also a flag pole in the garden.

One of our goals is to educate the public against fostering non-point pollution runoff to our Manasquan River Watershed area from the use of pesticides.

The WTEAC dedicates this restored educational native garden to all Wall Township residents, particularly our Allenwood friends, and neighboring communities. It is designed for public education and enjoyment for all.

Program



Master of Ceremonies
Welcome /Grant Project
Pledge of Allegiance
Musician

Chair Wilma Morrissey

Deputy Mayor Nick DiRocco
Hance M. Sitkus
"My Country Tis of Thee"

Invocation
Special Guest
Dedication

Deputy Mayor Nick DiRocco
Mayor Ann Marie Conte

Acknowledgements
Remarks:

By Wilma Morrissey
Ingrid Justick, Garden Brochures Author
Committeeman Tim Farrell
Hance M. Sitkus
"America the Beautiful"

Closing Remarks

Former Mayor Don and Mrs. Corson
Former Mayor Mike Clayton
Loren Diedrichsen, Former WTEAC member

WTEAC Members



Hance M. Sitkus
Joe Balesterri, Vice Chair
Ellen C. Smith, Secretary
Bob Baumgartner
Ernest Bongivonni
Mike Falcone
John Ozell

Refreshments in Gazebo Compliments of Whole Foods

