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CLOSTER GREEN TEAM INVITES NEW MEMBERS

Closter, NJ, 1/21/2011 - The first meeting of a newly reorganized Green Team was held on January 12, 2011. The Green Team has a unique opportunity to work in collaboration with the Closter Environmental Commission to achieve a more sustainable community. The Green Team is seeking input from Closter's residents, as it already has support from Mayor Sophie Heymann and all the Borough's boards and commissions. The next Green Team meeting will be on February 16, 2011 at 6:30pm in the community room of the Closter Public Library, 280 High Street and all members of the Community are invited to join!

Closter is joining dozens of municipalities all over New Jersey in working toward certification with Sustainable Jersey, the statewide environmental program started in 2008. Sustainable Jersey awards "points" and priority for grants to fund projects that improve community environmental sustainability. Certified Bergen County towns include Rutherford, Leonia, Hillsdale, Westwood, River Edge, Rivervale and Saddle River. These towns earned their certification by completing actions from an extensive checklist. Points are awarded for diverse actions including measuring the community's carbon footprint, using alternative energy sources, installing community/school gardens and promoting sustainable forms of transportation like walking, biking, and public transit). Closter's Green Team and the Borough have already accomplished energy audits at Borough Hall, supported an anti-idling ordinance, completed a Natural Resource Open Space Inventory, and adopted a Sustainable Element in the Borough Master Plan. But there's still so much more we can do!

Everyone interested in contributing to positive sustainable actions in Closter are encouraged to **COME TO THE GREEN TEAM MEETING**. It takes a village. Or a Borough in this case.

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