

Rye Sustainability Committee

2017 Goals (List in formation)

- RSC Progress Report 2017
- Leaf mulching initiative
- Cork recycling initiative
- Clubs – reduce waste
- Community forum
- Promotion of Rye Healthy Yard Program (RHYP) signs
- Increase Tree fund donations
- Education for the public on the importance of home energy efficiency in reducing GHG; plan an evening talk at library by a panel that includes companies that offer free home energy audits
- Adoption by Rye of the United Solar Permit
- Continue to encourage and facilitate the purchase of electric vehicles and charger station for the city.
- Municipal pesticide law or official policy
- Affiliation with farmers' market
- Dedicated recycling bins/bottle stations for sports fields (

2017 Goals Grouped Within Rye Sustainability Plan Focus Areas

Energy

- Muni solar possibilities (5.1)
- Promote community commitment to renewable energy/energy efficiency (5.3)

Transportation

- Muni EVs (1.4)
- long term: dedicated bike paths (2.2)

Waste Red'n/Recycling

- expand waste red'n/recycling info resources on RSC site (1.8)
- community waste red'n campaign - cork recycling? (2.7)
- water bottle stations at Rye Rec
- Sports fields recycling bins (1.2)

Water/Land Use

- Tree Fund (1.8)
- Muni landscaping policy (1.2, 1.6)
- Natural landscaping awareness campaign/RHYP (2.1)
- Leaf mulching initiative - fall 2017 (2.5)

Community Awareness/Outreach

- Newsletter (1.3)
- Website (1.1)
- Green Screen

2016 Accomplishments

Energy

- Solar workshop (10/20/15)
- Research of solar options for City

Water/Land Use

- Launch Tree Fund
 - Educational material about the importance of trees
- RHYP program
 - *Under the Soil* Wainwright presentation
 - Composting workshop
 - RHYP sign contest
 - neighborhood coffees

Community Awareness/Outreach

- Acted as a sounding board for local org and individuals:
 - Friends of RTP
 - Posting local, educational events on our FB page (Jay Heritage, RGC)
 - Hank Birdsall
 - Westport CVS bag
- Communications:
 - website: informational posts, surveys, galleries, resource material
 - Facebook posts, events, calls to action
 - Launched e-newsletter
- RSC Tips - digital version
- Partnerships:
 - Rye Garden Club: 2017 film
 - Eastchester Environmental Committee/Sustainable Westchester: Leaf mulching demo
 - Jay Heritage: Invasives workshop
 - Rye Nature Center: RHYP partnership
 - Rye Arts Center: RHYP sign contest