

## 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