



Rye Sustainability Committee

2017 Accomplishments

Energy

- Organized a free [Home Energy Efficiency Workshop](#) for the public at the Rye Free Reading Room.

Water/Land Use

- Launched [Tree Fund](#)
 - Solicited over \$6,300 in donations for the planning, purchasing and planting of eight native [street trees at different locations](#) around the City
- Rye Healthy Yard (RHYP) program
 - Held a [How to Talk to Your Landscaper About Going Organic](#) workshop
 - Held a [RHYP Landscapers' forum](#) at Jay Heritage Center
 - Increased [Rye Healthy Yard pledges](#) to over 100 families and organizations
 - Organized five neighborhood coffees
 - Created a [RHYP Landscapers' Directory](#)
- Hosted with Eastchester Environmental Committee, a leach mulching demonstration.

Waste Reduction/Recycling

- Compiled a [Where do I Recycle/Donate?](#) guide for residents.
- Launched [Put a Cork in It](#) cork recycling initiative.
- Hosted two [Green Screen](#) film events that focused on waste reduction:
 - Minimalism
 - WASTED!

Community Awareness/Outreach

- Acted as a sounding board for local org and individuals:
 - Advice for Rye Town in setting up a sustainability committee
 - Posting local, educational events on the RSC Facebook page
- Launched and announced the first [Rye Sustainability Leadership Award](#)
- Communications:
 - Website: informational posts, surveys, galleries, resource material



- Facebook posts, events, calls to action
- Published six [e-newsletters](#)
- Produced a pollinator pamphlet with CCAC
- Produced, with Rye TV's involvement, RSC's first Public Service Announcement on Rye City's leaf blower ordinance (to be aired in spring 2018)
- Partnerships/Guidance:
 - Rye Country Day School: Green Screen
 - Rye Garden Club: [Trees in Trouble](#) film screening
 - Eastchester Environmental Committee/Sustainable Westchester: Leaf mulching demo
 - Rye Nature Center: RHYP partnership
 - Jay Heritage: Landscapers' Forum
 - Bedford 2020: Partner in their Food Forum
 - Wrote letters of support for Rye Town, Rye City, Rye Nature Center grant applications
 - Rye YMCA: Advisors in Rye Y's *Derby Goes Green* event