

RESOLUTION 156-2013 ADOPTING A GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown supports policies that encourage sustainable municipal operations, promote healthy communities, waste reduction, biodiversity, and water quality protection and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy is such a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Eatontown Department of Public Works implemented and continues to implement its extensive recycling depot and shared compost site with numerous surrounding municipalities which are in keeping with the principles of the SJ Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy; and

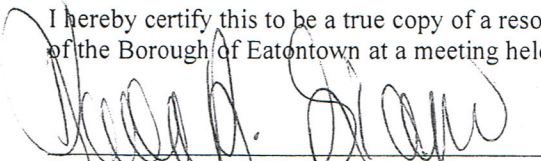
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown reconfirm their commitment to this existing Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy and propose to continue these efforts as well as evaluate and/or implement additional principals and measures where applicable from the SJ Green Grounds Policy for Efficient Landscape Design, Minimizing Water Consumption, Recycling Materials and Composting, and Integrated Pest Management that encourage sustainability such as:

- Recycle materials in a recycling depot.
- Compost landscape waste (e.g. leaves, prunings, brush, etc) and/or use the waste as mulch.
- Use native species instead of exotic plants whenever possible.
- Minimize lawn areas to reduce required maintenance, and replace lawn areas with higher value landscaping.
- Design landscaping with stormwater management in mind.
- Reduce or use conventional pesticides as needed and/or adopt an Integrated Pest Management program outlining same.
- Avoid excessive fertilizer use.
- Improve operations with efficient watering schedules, improved irrigation equipment, and rainwater capture, utilize efficient irrigation techniques, and search for and fix leaks promptly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, does hereby approve and authorize said policy.

Offered by Councilman Regan, seconded by Councilwoman Piazza, and approved on a roll call vote as follows: Council Members Talerico, Connelly, Regan, Piazza, Araman and Kroposky

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown at a meeting held on April 24, 2013

  
Karen R. Siano, MMC, Borough Clerk