



**Borough of Oakland
Bergen County, New Jersey**

Resolution 21-37

A Resolution to Re-Establish the Borough of Oakland Green Team

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland recognize the need to take actions to ensure environmental quality, conserve natural resources, foster energy efficiency, promote health and wellness, support and develop the local economy, and reduce costs, all as a way of improving the quality of life for Oakland's residents and ensuring the long term economic, environmental and social sustainability of the community; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey is an initiative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Rutgers University, the College of New Jersey, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and a coalition of NJ non-profits, state agencies, and experts in the field; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey identifies programs that municipalities can implement and provides guidance to help accomplish these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland created the Green Team in 2009 and achieved bronze level certification as a 'Sustainable Community' in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and achieved silver level certification in 2020.

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for the Green Team to help the Borough focus on sustainability issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough Oakland that it does hereby re-establish the Oakland Green Team, that said committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall consist of at least five members, appointed annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- Five Full Voting Members, who shall be residents of the Borough, with one of the members serving as the Chair of the Committee.
- Council Liaison, ex-officio
- Borough Administrator or his designee, ex-officio
- Such other ex-officio Associate Members that the Council may appoint, including but not limited to representatives from the Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Board of Education, Business Community, Shade Tree Commission, and Planning Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the purposes of the Oakland Green Team are as follows:

1. To generally advise the Mayor and Council on 'greening' and sustainability matters

2. To solicit grants, with Council approval
3. To research and evaluate, or coordinate the research and evaluation of 'sustainable' actions that would be beneficial to the Oakland Community
4. To develop and coordinate the implementation of actions as outlined by Sustainable Jersey that will maintain the Borough's silver level certification. To that end, the Green Team may establish subcommittees as needed to carry out specific actions or focus on specific areas of interest.

LINDA H. SCHWAGER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LISA M. DUNCAN, BOROUGH CLERK

Date Adopted: January 13, 2021

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biale						
Knapp						
Kulmala						
Pignatelli						
Talamini						
Van Eck						
Mayor Schwager						