

**Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer**

Ordinance No. 2121-12

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND
SUSTAINABILITY GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to building a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community that would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting efficiency during implementation of sustainable practices without duplicative efforts by two separate committees; and

WHEREAS, the combining of the Environmental Resources Committee and the Green Team will produce a more efficient and productive use of Township resources;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the membership of both the Environmental Resources Committee and the Green Team shall be combined into one committee to be known as the Environmental Resources and Sustainability Green Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the membership of the Committee shall consist of 10 members for 4-year terms with said terms ending as follows:

5 Terms ending December 31, 2013

5 Terms ending December 31, 2015

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the initial membership shall consist of the five current members of the Environmental Resources Committee and the four current members of the Green Team at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the powers and duties of the Environmental Resources and Sustainability Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Advise and consult with the Municipal Manager with respect to the environmental needs and resources of the Township;**
- B. Review and make recommendations with respect to Township acquisition and administration of open space and other conservation areas and projects;**
- C. Study and develop proposals for the conservation and preservation of natural features, including landscaping of the Township and make recommendations with respect thereto to the Council and Municipal Manager;**
- D. Review and make recommendations to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board on all site plans and subdivisions submitted to said Boards;**
- E. Collaborate through the Municipal Manager with service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with sustainability;**

- F. Encourage participation through the Municipal Manager to solicit ideas on green initiatives to maintain Sustainable Jersey Certification;**
- G. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense; and**
- H. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that upon final adoption hereof, the Environmental Resources Committee and the Green Team are hereby disbanded and repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that:

- A. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.**
- B. All ordinances, rules or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.**
- C. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption after publication thereof in accordance with law.**

Adopted: May 1, 2012

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Ms. Lewis							
Dr. Maffei							
Mr. Powers							
Mr. Puliti							
Mayor Kownacki							