

Resolution 2019-44
A Resolution Adopting a Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to adopt a Green Grounds and Maintenance program to ensure that municipally maintained parks and landscaped areas are managed in the most resource-efficient and environmentally friendly manner, and;

WHEREAS, it shall be the goal of this policy to achieve a low-maintenance, eco-friendly Green Grounds and Maintenance Management Program in the following categories:

1. Efficient Landscape Design – to reduce maintenance and promote rainwater re-charging
2. Minimize Water Consumption – to reduce the volume and frequency of watering and promote the use of landscaping strategies, which use low-maintenance native and drought-tolerant plantings
3. Integrated Pest Management - to eliminate toxic chemicals, reduce chemical inputs of pesticides and fertilizers, and promote Integrated Eco-Friendly Pest Management strategies,

And;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee's, Building & Grounds Committee along with the Superintendent of Public Works or his designee shall be responsible for implementation of this Policy, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires that the following Green Grounds and Maintenance practices be implemented in the most resource-efficient manner:

- Compost landscape waste (e.g. leaves, prunings, etc) 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. Consider property contours and create plantings that will slow water flows and filter runoff to improve groundwater recharge and prevent erosion.
- Significantly reduce or eliminate the use of conventional pesticides through an Integrated Pest Management program.
- Avoid excessive fertilizer use. Test soils, and then apply specific fertilizers to correct soil chemistry if needed instead of using a generic mix
- Improve operations with efficient watering schedules, improved irrigation equipment and rainwater capture. Water the landscape only when needed instead of setting schedules that are not sensitive to weather and species

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP



Ronald L. Campbell Sr. Clerk



Ellen B. Pompper, Mayor

ADOPTED: March 19, 2019