

Sustainable Ringwood/Green Team

Sustainable Ringwood's Green Team is working to establish sustainable practices in Ringwood by leading and/or supporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions and protect the environment. We have offered presentations, published digital brochures, posted information on our Facebook page, and engaged in numerous community actions and public outreach events. Our green initiatives include engaging the community through the arts and the creative sector. The Green Team also functions in an advisory role to the Borough Council and other municipal entities.

Examples of successful campaigns completed by Sustainable Ringwood's Green Team include the following:

Collected 500 lbs. of plastic to earn a TREX bench for the Ringwood Public Library

Sustainable Ringwood/Green Team Donates Trex Bench to the Library



We started with a massive collection of plastic bags



We weighed, loaded and then delivered the bags to Stop and Shop



Our Bench Arrived! We were delighted to donate it to the Ringwood Public Library



Shared information with the public and engaged children in a bag decorating activity at community outreach events

1. Traveling Display



2. Children's Bag Decorating Activity



Organized an art installation and juried exhibit in partnership with the Ringwood Manor Arts Association, and presented a retrospective exhibit of sculptures and artistic creations of repurposed materials at the Ringwood Public Library

Found Art Project - Retrospective Exhibit at the Ringwood Public Library
March 23, 2022 - April 16 2022



Created a digital brochure providing critical information on what homeowners can do to help maintain healthy lakes

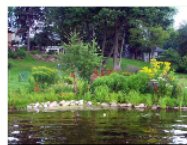


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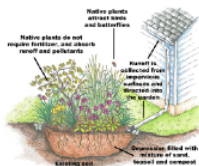
Cultivate Native Plants and Natural Vegetation

Deep-rooted native plants and trees help absorb water and hold topsoil in place during rain events. A shrub border or 'island' will help soak up rainwater. Native plants attract birds and butterflies!



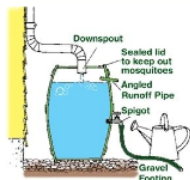
Create a Rain Garden

Capture stormwater runoff and beautify your property. Rain gardens will preserve nutrients and keep them from washing into our lakes and feeding algae blooms.



Redirect Downspouts

Redirect rainwater to your lawn or garden. Rain barrels will collect nutrient-laden water at the beginning of a rain event. You can save the water and use it later. The nutrients in the water will be a natural fertilizer for your plants.



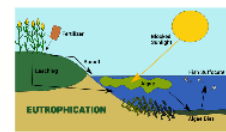
Protect Storm Drains

Stormwater passes through leaves and brings harmful phosphorus into our lakes. Clear clogged or obstructed drains. Pet waste should be bagged and disposed of properly. Remember that storm sewers run directly into our lakes. Never dump waste into storm drains.



Eliminate Fertilizers

Topical fertilizers have nutrients that feed algae blooms when they enter our lakes. Most lawns and gardens do not need fertilizers and the excess is having a negative impact on our lakes. Native plants will reduce the need for fertilizers. Learn about environmentally friendly lawn care.



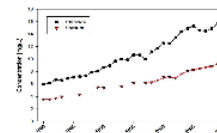
Maintain Your Septic System - Pump Your Tank Regularly

If you have a septic system, make sure it functions properly and meets current standards. A key to proper maintenance is regular pumping. A properly functioning septic system will protect your yard and our watershed.



Reduce Salt Use

Winter salt runoff into our lakes can be toxic to aquatic plants and animals. Salt use has quadrupled over the past 40 years. Shovel right after a snow event to prevent the snow from melting and then freezing into ice. If necessary, use salt sparingly. One 12 oz. mug of salt will treat a 20 foot driveway.



Inspire a Friend or Neighbor

Leading by example creates a large ripple effect!

To learn more about how you can help our lakes, please see our brochure at http://www.ringwoodnj.net/filestorage/2500/2508/Maintaining_Healthy_Lakes.pdf

Conserve Today to Preserve Tomorrow

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Planted a demonstration pollinator garden at the Ringwood Public Library

Pollinator Garden

A pilot project by the Sustainable Ringwood/Green Team in conjunction with the Borough of Ringwood. Green Team members and volunteers designed and planted the garden. The Borough of Ringwood purchased all the materials. The Pollinator Garden is located adjacent to the Ringwood Public Library and will be part of an educational program focussing on the importance of pollinators, how plants can support pollinators, and the role local homeowners can play in promoting the survival of pollinators.



POLLINATOR GARDEN AT THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Planted by Sustainable Ringwood/Green Team & Friends
September 2022

