

WHAT'S AT ISSUE

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Mainstream environmental programs like Sustainable Jersey and Complete Streets hold many benefits for our community.

Current Committee is allowing extreme right wing views to silence our discussion, impede our progress on environmental issues, and block our participation in programs that most people would support if they had accurate info.

CATHY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ We need to bring our approach to working with environmental issues out of the closet and in to the open.
- ✓ We need to stop allowing such extreme views as the notion that “sustainability is dangerous” from precluding our ability to work constructively with environmental issues.
- ✓ A good starting point would be to identify the goals we agree on: conserve resources, save \$, and preserve the environment for future generations.
- ✓ Let's acknowledge the major conflict source we need to address: how to balance individual rights and freedom of choice with encouraging practices that benefit the community as a whole.
- ✓ Time for us to stop “stuffing” this discussion and go there.
- ✓ **Sustainable Jersey:** Provide the public with accurate information about this program. Work to collaborate with Morristown on obtaining SJ certification.
 - Many opportunities here to go green, save \$, and support the local economy (especially the food sector).
 - Tea Party objections to the contrary, this program is not “dangerous.” It's voluntary. And it won't replace anyone's individual freedom with the “hidden agenda” of a government conspiracy.