Creating Community Connections

The following are sample actions that will help your Green Team with their efforts to become a Sustainable Community

- **Build your Support Structure - “Getting Support”**
  - Seek out and establish a mentorship agreement
  - Reach out, contact your Local Green Teams and build a partnership / collaborative arrangement
  - Look into what regional support exist (Camden County - Chris Waldron, Dir. Of Sustainability)
  - Utilize the Resources & Training provided by Sustainable Jersey

- **Engage in your Community – Get Involved - “Spread the Word”**
  - Participate in community & School events, such as annual fairs, festival, parades, etc.
  - Organize a community Clean Up and/or Tree planting event for Earth Day & Arbor Day
  - Attend other groups/organization meetings in your community
  - Participate in any local, regional, and State level meetings, events, seminars, webinars, etc.

- **Create a Plan of Action - “Moving Forward”**
  - Perform a Planning session, determine what Sustainable Jersey actions fit your community
    - You may find that several of these actions may have been done or in the process
  - Use existing tools to help build a plan of action, such as
    - Decision Making Wheel, Power Mapping, other Green Team, Mentor, etc.
    - Sustainable Green Team Rubric - Sustainable Jersey
  - Use Ideas from other Communities
    - Review /assess what other communities have done on actions you want to pursue.
    - Create a Sustainable Partnership Agreement and/or Implement the Sustainable Journey Project

- **Establish your “Wheel of Influence” - “Utilizing Existing Resources”**
  - Identify all groups & organizations in your community, seek out what their mission/purpose and goals
  - Review your Plan of Action; map each group/organization to all actions that are relevant to them.
  - Using your Plan of Action map, identify what group/organization could possibly fall under one of the following three categories:
    - **Partner** – Groups/Organizations that will make a commitment to provide support and assistance with completing Sustainable Actions for Certification
    - **Supporter** - Groups/Organizations that will can provide resources and/or support on Sustainable actions which will help you to achieve/complete an action.
    - **Allies/Friend** - Groups/Organizations that can may not be able to provide resources and/or support, but will participate in any public/Community events and/or actions for certification.
  - Create a report for each group/organization, presentation method, & deployment plan.
    - Report should consist of, high level overviews of the actions mapped, the similarities between the Green team and the group/organization, & the benefits of being a Partner, Supporter, or Ally/Friend.