

The **Sustainable Southampton Advisory Committee** was established by the Southampton Town Board in 2008. Known best as the "Green" Committee, we are comprised of local community members with diverse backgrounds and employees from various Town Hall departments. Our formal meetings are twice-monthly at Town Hall, with various subcommittees meeting as needed.



Our official responsibilities include:

- Advise the Town Board on economic and environmentally sustainable practices.
- Prioritize goals, suggest programs and recommend policies that encourage sustainability.
- Educate residents on energy conservation and sustainability initiatives.
- Partner with other public and non-profit entities to further common goals.
- Provide regular reports to the Town Board to measure progress and time frames for meeting future goals.

Town sustainability accomplishments to date:

- Southampton 400+ adopted in December 2013 as an element of the Town's Comprehensive Plan; adds a sustainability focus for all future Town-wide decisions
- Policy requiring procurement of energy-efficient vehicles by town government adopted in 2011
- Idling-Reduction Policy adopted in 2010 and implemented in 2012
- "Green Homes" program which offers free energy audits for residents since 2011; NYSERDA provides low-interest homeowner loans for energy conservation improvements
- Creation of Southampton Town's Office of Sustainability in 2010
- Town Code changes recommended and implemented by the Town Board:
 - A Commercial Construction Energy Code in 2010
 - A Swimming Pool Energy Efficiency Code enacted in 2009, a first in NYS
 - An innovative Residential Construction Energy Code enacted in 2008
- Annual public education "Great Greening of Southampton" events since 2009

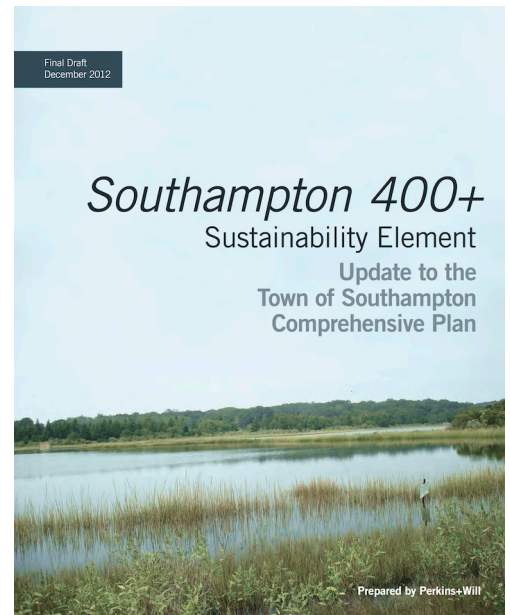
Projects in development:

- Climate Action Plan for Southampton
- Renewable Energy Plan for municipal properties
- Quarterly communication with the Town's Solid Waste Advisory Board
- Promote the use of reusable shopping bags; minimize the use of single use bags
- Develop energy-conservation recommendations for Town-owned facilities
- Nitrogen Management to protect local bays and fresh water bodies
- Collaboration with Town Trustees for sustainability measures to protect Town waters
- Town staff is analyzing the following Town practices
 - Green policies for Town supplies, office equipment, etc.
 - Maximizing use of electronic communications; minimizing paper flow
 - Expansion of organic maintenance practices on town-owned land
- Coordinate with the Southampton Business Alliance a voluntary "Green Business" program

About our Comprehensive Town Sustainability Plan

In December 2013, the Town adopted Southampton 400+, a comprehensive, long-term Sustainability Plan. The recommendations are designed to meld with future updates to our Master Plan, land use, transportation and individual hamlet studies. They also improve town planning by ensuring that future policies do not work at cross-purposes.

The plan is divided into ten major chapters that discuss education, economics, energy, green buildings, land use, quality of life, stewardship, transportation, waste, and water. The plan offers a wide range of alternative policy choices under these headings. Policies are designed to meet a triple bottom line – offering positive benefits for the local economy, environment, and local communities.



Policy goals for 2014: Create a Town Climate Action Plan; Advocate for renewable energy on Town lands; Propose low-Nitrogen pilot projects for septic management, Enhance our website; and Outreach to local civic organizations. Other priorities include recycling, waste management and affordable housing.

Visit our Online Website Tools: The Sustainable Southampton **Green Map** allows an individual to search within the Town of Southampton for various Green Sites. These sites include but are not limited to Cell Phone Drop off locations, LEED Projects, Local Farmstands, Recycle Centers, Organic Landscapers, etc. You also have the ability to view various forms of public transportation and bike routes promoting the reduction of the carbon footprint. Also available in this application are trails, parks, and various points of interest that encourage the enjoyment of our environment.

Our Mission: Southampton Town's green committee, Sustainable Southampton, serves as a resource, a catalyst, and an advocate for environmental, social and economic sustainability. Often we serve as a bridge between ideas and their practical implementation by advising the Town Council, fostering local partnerships, and engaging our local communities to develop goals, policies and practices together that Improve the well being of our town and ensure a vibrant and resilient future for all.

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