



# Overview of the Work of the Committee for the Environment

Village of Mamaroneck  
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# CFTE Mission Statement

To advise and make suggestions to the Village Board of Trustees about ways to protect our natural resources from further damage, and to initiate, promote and recommend to the BOT programs and the adoption of laws designed to improve the health of the land, water, and air in and around our unique waterfront village, located on Long Island Sound serving as a watershed for many Westchester communities.

CFTE is responsible for providing information about environmental concerns to residents, businesses, and public officials; raising awareness of serious problems facing all of us today and in the future; promoting the quality of life in the Village; and encouraging participation in programs to reduce waste, increase recycling, decrease pollution, reduce energy consumption and carbon footprint, cut back on noise and litter, and eliminate the use of harmful pesticides & fertilizers.

# Members

- Monica Pfeiffer-Barach, co-chair
- Marc Karell, co-chair
- Kristen Carpenter
- Martin Hain
- Joan Heilman
- Cathy Hiller
- Laura Holbrook
- Phil Horner
- Maria Karsou
- Shonna Keogan
- Sarah Richards

# Our Goals

- Provide advice to the BOT and Village Management concerning existing environmental issues of the day.
- Be proactive and provide advice on “non-pressing”, forward-thinking matters to improve the environmental footprint and quality of life of our Village.

# Issues of the Day

- USEPA Consent Order, water testing in streams feeding the Sound
- LWRP
- Save the Sound Testing of the Sound
- Protection of Sound from encroachment
  - NYSDEC NOV re: crushed stone entering Sound from Harbor Island Park tennis bubble
- TOD Project/zoning
- Deer overpopulation
- Way-finding project

# Proactive Elements

## 5 Sub-committees

- Water
  - Reduce salt, fertilizer, etc. use in Village
- Recycling
  - Fabric (not clothing) recycling bin
  - Modifications of the Village Recycling Center
- Energy / Greenhouse Gases
  - Report, with ideas for energy upgrades of Village buildings to save money
- Quality of Life
- Outreach

# Recent CFTE Achievements

- Plastic bag ban
  - One of the first in the County! We are a model for others.
- Village carbon footprint
- Solarize Larchmont-Mamaroneck
  - Ongoing project that offers State incentives and Village expedited permitting for residents and businesses to investigate and install solar PV on their buildings.
- “Mow ‘em, Don’t Blow ‘em” – leaf mulching program
- Water Forum
- Composting video

# Future Programs, Outreach

- Annual Harbor Island (and other locations) Clean-Up: April 25
- We address environmental concerns of certain members of the public
- Village Community Garden at Bub Walker Park (almost there!)
- Marine Museum at Harbor Island Park
- Bicycle-friendly community



# Something to Think About!

"To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them...."

-President Teddy Roosevelt

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