

# Lee Greener Gateway Committee

*A citizens' committee whose mission is to be instrumental in Lee's becoming a Greener Gateway to the Berkshires – more environmentally-friendly, sustainable, and attractive for residents, visitors, and future generations.*



## Achieving Success

Achieving success will require a community-wide effort in which we serve as conscientious and considerate partners who —

- foster the widespread application of reduce, reuse, and recycle principles;
- encourage and support individual and collective change;
- act on our own and with others to conserve resources, reduce waste, and keep our community clean;
- promote environmentally friendly policies and practices;
- collaborate and share resources with and seek the timely and substantive involvement of all community members; and
- carry out our work inclusively and with integrity.



## For More Information

Please visit our committee's section of the Town's website:

<http://www.lee.ma.us>

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**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”**

**~ Anne Frank**

## Examples of Our Work

- Reducing the use of plastics: We were the driving force behind the bylaws passed at the 2016 Town Meeting regulating the use of thin-film plastic shopping bags and polystyrene drink and food containers.
- Achieving zero-waste during Founders Weekend: Since 2013 we have worked closely with the Lee Chamber of Commerce and others to try to achieve zero-waste during this annual event.
- Cleaning up Lee: We organize Annual Green Gateway Town-wide Cleanups in the spring, which attract scores of residents, and also hold cleanups the last Saturday of each month (weather permitting). These efforts have gotten rid of tons of litter!
- Promoting waste reduction: We set up and staff compost-recyclables-trash stations at various community events.



- Diverting food waste: In 2016 we initiated a voluntary table-to-farm, food waste-to-compost-and-farm program and worked with Meadow Farm to have a public compost hopper available 24/7.
- We've started working with Lee's schools to increase recycling and possibly introduce composting.
- Encouraging proper household hazardous waste disposal: We help promote full-scale and "mini" waste collection efforts held in the region as part of the South Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program managed by The Center for EcoTechnology. Visit [www.cetonline.org/events](http://www.cetonline.org/events) for more information.

## We Need Your Help

You can make a difference every day by large and small actions you take to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We have resources that can help – from written materials to compost bins.

So much needs to be done to achieve our mission that we are constantly seeking new members and volunteers – especially for Founders Weekend and our annual and monthly cleanups.

We meet the second Monday of every month at 4:00 pm at the Tri-Town Health Department on Railroad Street in Lee. We would be pleased to have you come.

To learn more about how you can join the Committee or volunteer for one or more of our activities, please contact us.