

## 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 collective and individual 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

## 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.*



## 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: Since 2013 we have worked closely with the Lee Chamber of Commerce and others to achieve zero-waste during Founders Weekend, getting closer to our goal each year.
- Cleaning up Lee: We organized the First Annual Green Gateway Town-wide Cleanup in May 2016, which attracted 66 volunteers (including 40 students) and removed more than 200 large bags of trash and recyclables from roadside areas.
- Promoting composting and recycling: We provided signs, bins, and at times volunteers at business, community, and regional



events, including *Jazz in the Park* and the *Relay for Life*.

- Diverting food waste: In the spring of 2016 we initiated a voluntary table-to-farm, food waste-to-compost-and-animal feed program.
- 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 and rain barrels.

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 spring cleanup, and to initiate such activities as mini town cleanup days throughout the year.

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.