

Collaborative Effort

Environmental Commissions and the Landscaping Industry



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Collaborative Efforts: Environmental Commissions and the Landscaping Industry

- The Challenges
- Understanding Regenerative Land Care
- Role of the Landscaping Industry
- Role of Environmental Commissions
- Collaborative Strategies
- Tools and Resources

The Challenges

- Disconnect between humans and the natural world
- The traditional /conventional landscaping model
- The need for sustainable solutions
- Budget constraints
- Municipal staff training

Understanding Regenerative Land Care

- **Definition and principles of regenerative land care.**
 - A holistic view - Organic strategies - Native plants -Low-impact = battery tools
- **Benefits of regenerative practices for the ecosystem and climate.**
- **Examples of regenerative practices.**
- **Battery Power in the field**

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Guidelines to create meaningful and equitable programs, New Jersey would assume a leadership role as an example for the rest of the country to follow.

- **Create and FUND educational programs** for both professionals and consumers
 - (i.e., safety, charging, use)
- **Provide a rebate/point-of-sale program** for commercial users
 - Solar and EV sectors have been afforded billions of taxpayer dollars to implement their protocols
 - The taxpayer activist groups that are demanding the industry upend its practices should assist monetarily with this transition

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- Designate a period of Review
 - See positive and unintended consequences and make amendments as needed
- Create a **viable recycling program** for all batteries.
- **Seasonal allowances for gas-powered blowers**
 - GLB's are permitted at residential and commercial sites between March 1 and May 15 and October 1 and January 15.
 - Additional exemptions may be needed for storm cleanup.

Role of the Landscaping Industry

- Importance of shaping local environments.
- Opportunities for the industry to adopt and promote regenerative practices.
- Educating our workforce

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Role of Environmental Commissions

- Responsibilities and circle of influence.
- Support and advocate for regenerative and Low-impact land care practices.

Collaborative Strategies

- Foster collaboration between Environmental Commissions and the Landscaping Industry.
- Make informed decisions on transitional landscape practices that address:
 - climate change
 - stormwater runoff, and water quality
 - restoring native habitats.

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COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS



1. AGZA Green Zone® Certification

- Property transition

2. AGZA Service Professional Certification

- Crew transition: education, training, certification, marketing advantage

3. Other AGZA Initiatives

- AFTC Certification, exchanges, workshops, symposiums

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Course curriculum

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2	Lesson 1. Electric: The Way of the Future	⬇
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4	Lesson 3. How Battery Electric Equipment Works	⬇
5	Lesson 4. Commercial Mowers: Electric vs Gas	⬇
6	Lesson 5. Commercial Handheld Tools: Battery Electric vs Gas	⬇
7	Lesson 6. Commercial Grade vs. Residential-Prosumer Grade	⬇

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