

# *The Wissahickon Sustainability Council presents*

SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 16TH

**COOK WISSAHICKON'S GREEN YOUR  
HOME AND COMMUNITY**

10:00 AM -  
1:00 PM

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LEARN HOW TO GREEN YOUR HOME WHILE LEARNING HOW WE  
ARE WORKING TO GREEN THE COOK WISSAHICKON SCHOOL

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**NATIVE PLANT SALE  
RECYCLING\*  
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
INFO ABOUT GREEN RESOURCES**

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE SUPPORTING THIS EVENT:  
SCHUYLKILL CENTER | TREEPHILLY | PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPT  
PHILADELPHIA STREETS DEPT | PHILADELPHIA BEEKEEPERS GUILD  
COUNCILMAN JONES | AUDUBON SOCIETY | SOLARIZE PHILY

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*Booths will be set up in the school yard at  
Cook Wissahickon*

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\*ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING INCLUDE:  
BATTERIES | SMALL E-WASTE (NO COMPUTERS OR TVS)  
EMPTY TOOTHPASTE | TOOTHBRUSHES | EMPTY FLOSS CONTAINERS  
SILVER-LINED BAR WRAPPERS | ENTENMANN'S LITTLE BITES BAGS

# Wissahickon Sustainability Council: who we are and how to get involved

In 2008, a group of parents, staff, students, and community members, formed the "Green Committee" as part of Cook-Wissahickon's Home and School Association, seeking to undertake a greening initiative in the school. In 2009 we became a 501(c)(3) non-profit and changed our name to The Wissahickon Sustainability Council. We work to:

- cultivate resources that enhance sustainability and sustainability education at Cook-Wissahickon
- beautify the school grounds through regular cleanups and service days
- raise awareness of sustainability issues in the neighboring community

We have installed and maintained raised bed gardens for classes and the Gardening Club, 36 street trees around the school's perimeter, a 10,000 sq. ft. meadow, an outdoor classroom, and various other native plants beds. As a result of this work, Cook-Wissahickon and WSC has received numerous awards and recognitions, including a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Community Greening Award at the Governor's Mansion in 2013 and being featured in the Philadelphia School District's May 2016 Green Futures report. This fall we are submitting a grant to depave large regions of the back school yard to improve water management, add educational resources, further the school's greening efforts, and enhance the beauty of the school.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the work that we are doing. We also need to fill the following positions, all of which take about 2-10 hours/month:

- Secretary- take notes at meetings and circulate them
- Volunteer Coordinator- set dates for regular school ground cleanups and coordinate volunteers for these cleanups and other events
- Fundraising Coordinator- coordinate with Treasurer to raise necessary funds for projects and maintenance, including grants and other fundraising events
- Events Coordinator- help to plan two events a year, one in the fall for fundraising and community outreach and one in the spring for service (Green Apple Day of Service)

If you would like to join the WSC or to be added to our volunteer list, email [wissahickonsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:wissahickonsustainability@gmail.com). We meet 4:30-5:30pm every third Wednesday of the month in Mrs. Power's classroom. Feel free to join us!