

## **Clean & Green Commission**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Clean & Green Commission is to promote and encourage the use of environmentally responsible actions and strategies throughout Hamden while improving the physical appearance of the Town through education, beautification, tree planting, landscaping, prevention of litter, blight and improper property maintenance, and the enforcement of ordinance pertaining to these matters.

**Goals for the Future:** The Clean and Green Commission divides their goals among three sub-groups: Clean Up Group, Green Up Group, and Zoning Group.

The Clean Up Group will be responsible for organizing and publicizing quarterly clean-ups, including business sponsorship and involvement, choosing, publicizing and presenting the Onion & Orchid awards, organizing the Adopt a Road program and Earth Day events.

The Green Up Group will be responsible for the creation of community education programs on environmental practices, researching and applying for educational and beautification grants, researching and facilitating plans for a Town tree farm, and assisting with Earth Day events.

The Zoning Group will work as part-time, volunteer Zoning Enforcement Officers for the Town researching, recording and reporting zoning violations primarily concerning blight and property maintenance. They will educate communities on zoning violations and penalties and publish a regular "Where's the Blight," column on the website. The Zoning Group will also be responsible for organizing the annual joint meeting of Hamden's environmental commissions and helping with the organization of Earth Day.