

WHAT IS NPCCR?

By the Spring of 2007, about a dozen local residents had been actively challenging Borough plans to support condominium development of the 17-acre Villa Maria property for the past five years — and had been actively ignored by the Council and Planning Board. We decided to refocus our efforts on the larger problem: Americans do not have genuine self-governance, despite the promises of the American Revolution. With assistance from the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, the core organizers drafted and circulated a petition to empower local citizens to make local decisions.

The petition drive served as a spark, encouraging more people to step forward to discuss an expanding list of local problems, and to plan proactive strategies for solving those problems. Interest has grown. We now:

- Regularly obtain and disseminate public records on government activities;
- Hold monthly Town Meetings at the Vermeule Center to discuss, plan, and implement solutions to local problems;
- Continuously seek public, accountable constructive dialogue with Borough officials;
- Regularly publish a news and opinion blog to share factual information and diverse opinions on local issues;
- Circulate petitions to directly adopt new local laws that protect the interests and represent the will of the people.

OUR VISION

Our vision is open, accessible Borough government, through which individual and collective citizen voices are valued and democratic self-government is a reality.

North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights fulfill OUR VISION by:

- Involving Borough residents in discussion, strategic planning and action on key local issues;
- Pressuring Borough leaders to act on key local issues;
- Unifying the diverse voices of North Plainfield citizens, empowering neighborhoods in Borough matters that affect us all;
- Ensuring that Borough leaders diligently explore and exhaust all available sources of funding (county, state, federal, philanthropic) before raising property taxes;
- Pressuring law and code enforcement officials to enforce Borough ordinances fairly and consistently;
- Striving to maintain a healthy balance between open spaces, locally owned businesses and sustainable land development.

RAISE YOUR AWARENESS I.Q.

Find out ...

- What's going on with YOUR government and tax dollars;
- How can YOU access public records through the Open Public Records Act;
- How can YOU identify other people to help craft and implement evidence-based, workable solutions to local problems;
- Who will – and will not – work with YOU to create and maintain a positive community vision for the Borough as a whole.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

OUR MISSION

As stakeholders, we seek to preserve the history, heritage, ecological beauty and economic strength and prosperity of North Plainfield for present and future generations by developing an open and collaborative relationship between the citizens of North Plainfield and Borough government, a relationship in which decision-making is open and inclusive of all citizens and a genuine example of the American ideal of government of, by and for the People.

JOIN US NOW

- Empower Your Community
- Find a Support Network
- Take Action
- Learn How You Can Achieve Results and Support Change

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