

## Amanda Gillette Earns Girl Scout Gold Award



Amanda Gillette, a senior at Hillsborough High School was recognized by the Hillsborough Township Committee at the December 20th Township Committee Meeting for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. Amanda worked with diligence for many hours in order to achieve this highly coveted award.

Amanda's Gold Award project, Family Reading Garden - "Books to Grow", consisted of collaborating with literacy teachers, Township leaders and the staff of the Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department to develop a location where families can read together in a natural setting in Hillsborough.

The Reading Garden, located at the Township's Castle Park, supports the concept of family learning and encourages reading from a young age by providing books of varying genres for children as well as adults

and will continue to grow as readers borrow and share books. It is Amanda's hope that through this cycle an interest in literacy and the joy of reading will blossom for both young and old.

The Reading Garden's ribbon cutting ceremony was on May 10, 2016 and she received her Gold Award in a formal ceremony at Raritan Valley Community College on June 5, 2016.

Amanda serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through her achievements, leadership, and community service. The Mayor and Township Committee recognize and extend their sincere congratulations to Amanda Gillette for having earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, an honor for both her and for those who have guided her, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.