A Better Tomorrow, community at a Time

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

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ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

To become Sustainable Jersey Certified, municipalities must complete and document actions from this list.



Mandatory Green Team
2 out of 15 PRIORITY ACTIONS*
150 points across 6 of 17 categories.



Mandatory Green Team
3 out of 15 PRIORITY ACTIONS*
350 points across 8 of 17 categories.





Certified communities can earn stars for high levels of achievement in Energy, Health and Water. The icons identify which actions can contribute towards earning a star.

Action	Stars	Points
ARTS & CREATIVE CULTURE		
Establish a Creative Team	_	10
Creative Assets Inventory	_	10
Creative Placemaking Plan	_	10
Municipal Commitments to Support Arts & Creative Culture	•	5 to 25
Utilizing Your Creative Assets		10 to 30
BROWNFIELDS		
Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization	•	10 to 15
Brownfields Reuse Planning	•	5 to 15
Brownfields Marketing	_	10
Brownfields Assessment & Investigation	•	5 to 30
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREA	ACH	
Green Team - MANDATORY	_	10 to 15
Community Education & Outreach	_	5 to 20
Green Challenges	_	10
Green Fair		10 to 15
DIVERSITY & EQUITY		
Community Equity & Diversity Profile*	•	10 to 15
Diversity on Boards & Commissions*	•	10
Environmental Justice in Planning & Zoning	•	10
Lead Education & Outreach Programs	•	5 to 15
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Extreme Temperature Event Plan	•	10
Community Wildfire Protection Plans	_	10
Firewise Community	_	5 to 15
Ready Set GO! Fire Company		5 to 15
Wildfire Safety Council	_	10
Emergency Communications Planning	•	15
Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies	•	10

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ENERGY	
Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities*	5 to 50
Energy Tracking & Management*	10 to 20
Buy Electricity from a Renewable Source	
Municipal Onsite Solar System	5 to 45
Municipal Geothermal Energy System	
Municipal Wind Energy System	
Renewable Government Energy Aggregation	<u> </u>
Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach	
Energy Assistance Outreach	→ ♥ 10 to 20
Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach	_ 4 ♥ 10 to 20
Make Your Town Solar Friendly	\$\frac{15\to 30}{2}
Municipally Supported Community Solar	_ ♦ 15 to 25
Solar Outreach	
Wind Ordinance	10
Fleet Inventory*	10
Electric Vehicle Community Outreach	♦ 10 to 15
Meet Target for Green Fleets	₩ 30
Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles	5 to 15
Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly	→ ♥ 15
Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	
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FOOD	
Farmland Preservation Plans	_ • 10
Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen	
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Community Gardens	₩ 10 to 20
Community Gardens Expanded Supplemental Food Programs	10 to 20
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Town-Wide Gas Leaf Blower Restrictions

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Sustainable Jersey certification is a prestigious designation for municipal governments in New Jersey.

Registered communities:

- Work towards completing program actions to address sustainability issues and become certified
- · Receive guidance, tools and free training to enable
- Are eligible to apply for Sustainable Jersey grants
- Create a better future in New Jersey—one that secures economic, environmental and societal well-being

GETTING STARTED

To start the program, a municipality adopts a resolution of participation and then registers on the website: www.sustainablejersey.com.

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