

New Providence Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification

[New Providence], NJ – Sustainable Jersey representatives announced that New Providence has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. New Providence is one of 74 towns that have attained certification in 2016 and will be honored at the Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 15 in Atlantic City.

New Providence Sustainability Committee aims to provide leadership and vision in advising the Borough of New Providence on actions and policies of sustainability including preservation and enhancement of New Providence's environment, natural resources and quality of life of its residents and businesses. To become Sustainable Jersey certified, New Providence submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least 2 out of 11 priority action options. New Providence did two of the 11 priority actions by completing a 1) inventory & upgrade all buildings, and 2) prescription drug safety and disposal.

"Sustainable Jersey is incredibly proud of the 74 New Jersey towns that achieved certification this year," said Donna Drewes, co-director of Sustainable Jersey. "The 198 Sustainable Jersey certified towns demonstrate leadership and are a testament to how much we can accomplish toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey."

Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency and health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts. "Collectively the 440 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey," said Randall Solomon, co-director of Sustainable Jersey.

About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 78 percent or 440 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 218 school districts and 538 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program.

Sustainable Jersey's partners include the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program. Program underwriters include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program and the Surdna Foundation. The 2016 Sustainable Jersey Small Grants program for municipalities is funded by PSEG Foundation and the Gardiner Environmental Fund. South Jersey Gas and New Jersey Natural Gas are Platinum Sponsors. NJM Insurance Group is a Gold Sponsor, Bayshore Recycling is a Silver Sponsor and our Bronze Sponsors are Investors Bank, Covanta, Energy Solve, JCP&L,

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