

10/26/2017 - Fair Lawn Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification



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Sustainable Jersey representatives announced today that Fair Lawn has met rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Fair Lawn is one of 70 towns that have attained certification in 2017 and will be honored at the Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 14 in Atlantic City, with Councilwoman Lisa Swain accepting the award.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Fair Lawn had to complete a balance of rigorous program sustainability actions. In addition, Fair Lawn created a Green and completed the following actions: 1) Companion Animal Management Pledge, 2) Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan, 3) Established an Arts Council, 4) Hosted a Green Fair, 5) Lead Education and Outreach Program, 6) Expanded Smoke-Free Tobacco-Free Public Places, 7) Adopted a Sustainable Land Use Pledge, 8) Created a Natural Resource Inventory, 9) Created a Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal Program, 10) Tree Protection Ordinance, 11) Held a Community Paper Shredding Event, 12) Created a Grass-Cut It and Leave It Program and has a recycling depot for Borough residents and businesses.

"Sustainable Jersey is proud of the 70 New Jersey towns that achieved certification this year," said Randy Solomon, director of Sustainable Jersey. "The 208 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, recycling, waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the economy. Collectively, the 445 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey.

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 79 percent or 447 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 279 school districts and 694 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey Schools certification program.

Sustainable Jersey's partners include the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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