

34 NJ Towns Receive Grants for Community-Based Sustainability Projects

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Sustainable Jersey Announces Grants Funded by PSEG Foundation at Event in Camden

Today, Sustainable Jersey announced the 34 New Jersey towns that were selected for Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by the PSEG Foundation at Camden's City Hall in Camden, New Jersey. Since 2009, Sustainable Jersey has distributed approximately \$1,375,000 in grants to New Jersey municipalities to help towns make their communities more livable, environmentally friendly and prosperous.

"Supporting municipalities as they do innovative sustainability projects is a cornerstone of our organization's mission," said Sustainable Jersey Board Chair Pam Mount. "These grants help ensure that important sustainability projects at the community level can get done. Congratulations to all the grant recipients."

"PSEG is committed to being a steward of the environment and making meaningful contributions to the communities it serves," said Ellen Lambert, president of the PSEG Foundation and director of Corporate Responsibility. "We are proud to support this program and to fund projects that will make life better in neighborhoods throughout New Jersey."

The 12 towns that received the \$20,000 and \$10,000 grants proposed projects that provide sustainable solutions to everyday challenges. Organic curbside waste recycling, hawk habitat restoration, a commuter bike depot, rain gardens, community educational campaigns, sustainability ordinances and more have been added to the list of initiatives that the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants program is funding. New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have a comprehensive sustainability program for communities that links certification with strong state and private financial incentives, and a fully resourced program of technical support and training. Currently, 72 percent of New Jersey's towns and cities (406 towns across all 21 counties) have registered to become Sustainable Jersey certified.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY SMALL GRANTS RECIPIENTS:

-- **Four \$20,000 Grant Recipients:** Camden, Lawrence, Linden and Montclair

-- **Eight \$10,000 Grant Recipients:** Brick (\$7,250), Ewing, Hammonton, Maplewood, Montville, Springfield, Stillwater and Winslow

-- **Twenty-two \$2,000 Capacity-Building Grant Recipients:** Bordentown City, Clinton, Evesham, Kearny, Kinnelon, Lebanon, Long Beach, Mahwah, Mansfield, Margate, Monroe, Moorestown (\$750), North Haledon, Ridgewood, Roosevelt, Seaside Park, Somerdale, Upper Township, Warren Township, Washington, Wayne and West Milford

Over 100 municipalities submitted proposals that were judged by an independent Blue Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey grants are intended to help local governments make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey certification.

Recipients of \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Capacity-Building Grants

-- Bordentown City, Burlington County

-- Clinton, Hunterdon County

-- Evesham, Burlington County

-- Kearny, Hudson County

-- Kinnelon, Morris County

-- Lebanon, Hunterdon County

-- Long Beach, Ocean County

-- Mahwah, Bergen County

-- Mansfield, Warren County

-- Margate, Atlantic County

-- Monroe, Gloucester County

-- Moorestown, Burlington County (\$750)

-- North Haledon, Passaic County

-- Ridgewood, Bergen County

-- Roosevelt, Monmouth County

-- Seaside Park, Ocean County

-- Somerdale, Camden County

-- Upper Township, Cape May County

-- Warren Township, Somerset County

-- Washington , Warren County

-- Wayne, Passaic

-- West Milford , Passaic

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, over 406 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the sustainability certification program. Sustainable Jersey is one hundred percent voluntary and each town can choose whether it wants to get certified and the actions it wants to do in order to achieve enough points to get certified. In 2014 the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program will be launched in partnership with New Jersey School Boards Association and other statewide educational organizations.

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 Board of Public Utilities (BPU). Program underwriters include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the Surdna Foundation. Our Small Grants program is underwritten by Walmart and PSEG. Sponsors include South Jersey Gas, New Jersey Natural Gas, Church and Dwight, Covanta Energy, Energy Solve, Terhune Orchards, Bayshore Recycling, Good Energy, EcoMatters, Spiegle Architectural Group, Waste Management of New Jersey, Pennoni Associates, Inc., Investors Bank, Phoenix Advisors and Concord Engineering.

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