

Wildfire Resiliency Through Sustainable Jersey Actions Fire Safety Councils - FSC



Sustainable Jersey Wildfire Webinar

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New Jersey's Wildfire Preparedness Partnership



In Some Parts of New Jersey, Wildfire is not a Question of **IF**, It's a Question of **WHEN**...

Establishing a Local Fire Safety Council will Soon Be a Wildfire Preparedness Action



Degolia Wildfire


4/27/2014

Waterford Township,
Camden County
907 acres

Why is this Important?

- 🔥 Local Fire Safety Councils coordinate local preparedness efforts at the Municipal level.
- 🔥 They have access to technical and financial assistance through the NJ Fire Safety Council, NJ Forest Fire Service.
- 🔥 They may coordinate grant efforts, keep Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP's) current and provide outreach directly to the community.
- 🔥 They provide direct communication from the Municipality to Firewise Communities, and Ready-Set-Go! Fire companies

Establishing a Wildfire Safety Council - 10pts

1. Adopting a Municipal Ordinance establishing a Wildfire Safety Council is similar to ordinances and procedures establishing Shade Tree or Environmental Commissions.
2. A model Ordinance can be obtained at the NJ Fire Safety Council Website.
 [Njfiresafetycouncil.org/grant-opportunities](https://njfiresafetycouncil.org/grant-opportunities)
3. Wildfire Safety Council members are composed of: concerned citizens, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff, local fire chief(s), insurance industry representatives, utility company personnel, and usually a local elected official as an ex-officio or non-voting member.
4. The NJ Forest Fire Service can provide technical assistance to the Council.

Project Costs and Resource Needs are Very Small

- 🔥 The attorney review costs may be underwritten by the Municipality using their attorney.
- 🔥 Suitable Council members may be recruited from within Municipal staff, knowledgeable professionals and interested residents.
- 🔥 Councils meet quarterly to plan outreach events, complete tasks, and seek training/financial assistance.



Section B3, Woodland Twp- **Butler Place Wildfire 06/12/16 357 acres** - As seen from the Apple Pie Hill fire tower.

What to Submit to Earn Points for this Action



Warren Grove Wildfire, May 2007
17,000 + acres

- 🔥 A copy of the adopted Wildfire Safety Council ordinance or resolution.
- 🔥 The number and a roster of members appointed to the Council.
- 🔥 Calendar of meeting dates.
- 🔥 An Annual Report when applicable to continue to receive points for this action.