

## **Municipal Resolution Supporting Participation in Sustainable Jersey™ Municipal Government Certification Program**

To: New Jersey Mayors  
From: Sustainable Jersey Partnership  
RE: **Sustainable Jersey – Municipal Certification Program Registration**

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Thank you for your interest in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program. Sustainable Jersey is a partnership between the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Mayors' Committee for a Green Future, New Jersey Sustainable State Institute at Rutgers University, Municipal Land Use Center at The College of New Jersey, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Rutgers Center for Green Building, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and a coalitional of NJ nonprofits, state agencies, and experts in the field.

To learn more about the program, please visit the Sustainable Jersey website at [www.SustainableJersey.com](http://www.SustainableJersey.com). Explore the list of sustainability actions and implementation tools available for your community to consider adopting.

Registering your municipality is the first step toward achieving Sustainable Jersey certification. We do hope that your community will be among the first registered and certified municipalities to be recognized at an annual awards event and gain access to grants and program funding that will be provided to Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities.

To start participating, please register at the Sustainable Jersey website. Registration entails:

- Adopting a resolution that states your municipality's intent to pursue Sustainable Jersey certification (sample resolution attached);
- Designate a municipal representative to serve as the municipality's agent and contact;
- At [www.SustainableJersey.com](http://www.SustainableJersey.com), complete the Municipal Registration page by providing municipal contact information and uploading a copy of your municipality's adopted resolution, and
- Using the online checklist, identify initial actions that your municipality is considering pursuing and areas where training and support could be helpful. Providing this information will enable Sustainable Jersey to provide your municipality with action-specific updates. Sustainable Jersey will also use the training needs information to prioritize training workshop topics and locations.

By registering for Sustainable Jersey, you automatically will receive updates on new grants, training and events, and news about the latest resources to assist your municipality on its journey to becoming a sustainable community.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

**[Municipality]**

**Resolution Supporting Participation**

**In the Sustainable Jersey™ Municipal Certification Program**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, [*municipality's name*] strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, [Municipality] hereby acknowledges that the residents of [Municipality] desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, [Municipality] wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path [Municipality] is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of [Municipality], we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community: NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within [Municipality] on matters of sustainability, the [Municipality's Governing Body] wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the [Municipality's Governing Body] of [Municipality] that we do hereby authorize [Municipal Agent Title/Name] to serve as [Municipality's] agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize the [him/her] to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf [Municipality].