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## 47 New Jersey Towns Submit for Sustainable Jersey™ Certification Awards Presentation on November 17 at NJ League of Municipalities Conference

**Trenton, NJ (October 1, 2009)** - Representatives of Sustainable Jersey today released the list of the first 47 New Jersey municipalities that have submitted for Sustainable Jersey certification. Out of the 231 municipalities that have registered to start the process, 47 towns across 15 counties submitted complete applications with documentation to show they meet the rigorous submission standards. The submissions are being reviewed now and the final list of certified communities will be announced later in the month. All 47 towns will be recognized as pioneers at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 17.

New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have a sustainability program that links certification with strong state and private financial incentives, and a fully resourced program of technical support and training. The Sustainable Jersey program is now the accepted benchmark for evaluating a municipality's progress. The 43 actions of the Sustainable Jersey program are ambitious, covering areas such as energy and efficiency, health and wellness, land use and transportation, waste reduction, local economies, natural resources, and diversity and equity, to name a few. The Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities have to submit documentation to show that they have achieved the balance of the required actions, meeting the minimum of 100 action points. Some of the submitting towns will well exceed the base requirement, which places them in the running for winning the Sustainability Champion award.

"By submitting for Sustainable Jersey certification, 47 communities have demonstrated a strong commitment to improving their quality of life at the local level – and to achieving the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey and world," said William Dressel, executive director of the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

These towns will be recognized at the first annual Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 17 at the New Jersey League of Municipalities conference. Admission is open to the public, but the \$35 tickets are going fast. In addition to special keynote speakers, the top achieving municipalities that have made outstanding accomplishments will be recognized. Awards will be presented to municipalities in the following categories: sustainability champions, leadership, innovation, and collaboration.

### **Municipalities Submitting for 2009 Sustainable Jersey Certification (sorted by county)**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Egg Harbor City, Atlantic  | 18. South Orange Village Twp, Essex | 33. Oceanport Boro, Monmouth          |
| 2. Galloway Twp, Atlantic     | 19. Kearny Town, Hudson             | 34. Chatham Boro, Morris              |
| 3. Closter Boro, Bergen       | 20. Clinton Town, Hunterdon         | 35. Chatham Twp, Morris               |
| 4. Glen Rock Boro, Bergen     | 21. Lawrence Twp, Mercer            | 36. Morristown Town, Morris           |
| 5. Leonia Boro, Bergen        | 22. Princeton Boro, Mercer          | 37. Mount Olive Twp, Morris           |
| 6. River Edge Boro, Bergen    | 23. Princeton Twp, Mercer           | 38. Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp, Morris |
| 7. Rutherford Boro, Bergen    | 24. East Brunswick Twp, Middlesex   | 39. Jackson Twp, Ocean                |
| 8. Saddle River Boro, Bergen  | 25. Edison Twp, Middlesex           | 40. Long Beach Twp, Ocean             |
| 9. Eastampton Twp, Burlington | 26. North Brunswick Twp, Middlesex  | 41. Manchester Twp, Ocean             |
| 10. Cherry Hill Twp, Camden   | 27. Woodbridge Twp, Middlesex       | 42. Bernards Twp, Somerset            |
| 11. Collingswood Boro, Camden | 28. Asbury Park City, Monmouth      | 43. Hillsborough Twp, Somerset        |
| 12. Ocean City, Cape May      | 29. Belmar Boro, Monmouth           | 44. Montgomery Twp, Somerset          |
| 13. Woodbine Boro, Cape May   | 30. Keyport Boro, Monmouth          | 45. Berkeley Heights Twp, Union       |
| 14. Bloomfield Twp, Essex     | 31. Manalapan Twp, Monmouth         | 46. Summit City, Union                |
| 15. Livingston Twp, Essex     | 32. Marlboro Twp, Monmouth          | 47. Union Twp, Union                  |
| 16. Maplewood Twp, Essex      |                                     |                                       |
| 17. Montclair Twp, Essex      |                                     |                                       |

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**About Sustainable Jersey**

Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, control costs and save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. The innovative new program is an initiative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Mayors Committee for a Green Future, the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Sustainable State Institute at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Rutgers Center for Green Building, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and a coalition of New Jersey non-profits, state agencies, and experts in the field. To learn more about the Sustainable Jersey certification visit [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com).

**Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference**

- Date:** Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM  
**Location:** Sheraton Hotel, Crown Ball Room, 2nd Floor, Atlantic City, New Jersey  
**Program:** In addition to special keynote speakers, the luncheon event will celebrate the first Sustainable Jersey certified communities and recognize the top achieving municipalities that have made outstanding accomplishments. Awards will be presented in the following categories: sustainability champions, leadership, innovation, and collaboration. Tickets are \$35 each.
- Registration:** 94th Annual New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference and Sustainable Jersey Luncheon Registration Info: [www.njslom.org](http://www.njslom.org) > Annual Conference > 94th Annual Conference

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