



Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award Recipient Summary Descriptions

Prior to the renaming of the Leadership Award in 2016, towns were recognized with this award for sustainability efforts that made the most of local resources through exceptional dedication and leadership. Read full descriptions of all past Leadership Award recipients here.

2015: Ocean Township

The Township of Ocean is striving for a greener future and improving the community's resiliency is a major focus. As a bayfront community, Ocean Township was affected by Superstorm Sandy with homes, infrastructure, and parks being damaged. The town adopted a 2015 Township of Ocean Floodplain Management Plan that identifies and assesses flood hazards within the Township of Ocean, establishes goals and objectives for floodplain management, and presents a series of actions designed to minimize flooding and migrate the impacts from flooding in the future. The township is committed to improving resiliency, implementing public outreach and educational events, offering convenient methods for recycling, protecting the environment and wildlife, while building healthier ways of travel with pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths.

2014: Princeton

Princeton has strong commitment and dedication to community education and outreach initiatives within their town. A variety of events, such as the Great Ideas Breakfasts, Sustainable Leadership Awards, and regular use of social media and website announcements keep residents informed and engaged in sustainability initiatives in the town.

2013: Galloway

Galloway Township is a role model for towns. It has been an early adopter in the Sustainable Jersey program, demonstrating commitment and leadership by developing innovative waste reduction programs, fostering collaboration with local organizations and neighboring towns, and providing inspiration, mentoring, support and leadership to advance sustainability.

2012: Gloucester Township

Leadership of Mayor and Council in developing the State's first Energy Master Plan for a municipal government, a Companion Animal Management Plan, energy related actions in their community and development section of the Sustainable Gloucester website. The Energy Master Plan (EMP), initiated in 2011, describes the current state of the Township's energy usage as well as short-term and a long-term plan on how to decrease its energy consumption and increase its clean energy production, overall reducing the Township's carbon footprint. In addition, the Township of Gloucester's Mayor's Sustainable Community task force was formed in 2012 in order to pioneer a Green Master Plan that will be followed over the next several years to make Gloucester Township a more sustainable living and working environment.

2011: Hoboken

Hoboken showed great leadership and political will by implementing creative strategies to address critical mobility issues in Hoboken. Instead of increasing parking supply as community leaders have done for decades, the current administration is supporting more sustainable activities through the development of a laudable complete streets plan as well as programs to alleviate the parking crisis. By providing incentives for residents to surrender parking permits and offering alternatives in the form of “corner cars” for public use, Hoboken is encouraging and enabling sustainable transportation.

2010: Lawrence

In addition to being the Co-Chair of the Mayors’ Committee for A Green Future, Pam Mount is a Councilwoman in Lawrence Township, has served as Mayor in 2001 and 2005, is a trustee in Sustainable Jersey, a volunteer on many community Boards, an active participant on several Sustainable Communities’ Working Groups Taskforces, and the owner of Terhune Orchards. She is active in many town concerns including land preservation, open space, environmental resource protection, affordable housing, business development, land use and redevelopment, transportation/traffic issues, and arts, cultural and historic activities. Pam founded the Lawrence Community Foundation and served as its Chair for three years in which she lead a conservation meeting that sparked so much interest that she and others have started a town-wide 'Sustainable Lawrence' effort using the "Natural Steps" process.

2009: Maplewood

Maplewood has long been in the forefront of environmental initiatives, with its public jitney service provided to residents since the 1990s, its 2006 Climate Action Plan, a highly successful annual Green Day Fair that attracts thousands of people from throughout the region, and its LEED certified police and court building featuring solar panels. The Leadership Award recognizes the town’s exemplary programs as well as the tireless dedication of Fred Profeta, Jr. that served as a Sustainable Jersey Partner, Maplewood’s Deputy Mayor for the Environment, and the Chair of the New Jersey League of Municipalities Mayors Committee for a Green Future (MCGF).