

Creating Community Connections

The following are sample actions that will help your Green Team with their efforts to become a Sustainable Community

❑ ***Build your Support Structure - "Getting Support"***

- Seek out and establish a mentorship agreement
- Reach out, contact your Local Green Teams and build a partnership / collaborative arrangement
- Look into what regional support exist (Camden County - Chris Waldron, Dir. Of Sustainability)
- Utilize the Resources & Training provided by Sustainable Jersey

❑ ***Engage in your Community – Get Involved - "Spread the Word"***

- Participate in community & School events, such as annual fairs, festival, parades, etc.
- Organize a community Clean Up and/or Tree planting event for Earth Day & Arbor Day
- Attend other groups/organization meetings in your community
- Participate in any local, regional, and State level meetings, events, seminars, webinars, etc.

❑ ***Create a Plan of Action - "Moving Forward"***

- Perform a Planning session, determine what Sustainable Jersey actions fit your community
 - You may find that several of these actions may have been done or in the process
- Use existing tools to help build a plan of action, such as
 - Decision Making Wheel, Power Mapping, other Green Team, Mentor, etc.
 - Sustainable Green Team Rubric - Sustainable Jersey
- Use Ideas from other Communities
 - Review /assess what other communities have done on actions you want to pursue.
 - Create a Sustainable Partnership Agreement and/or Implement the Sustainable Journey Project

❑ ***Establish your "Wheel of Influence" - "Utilizing Existing Resources"***

- Identify all groups & organizations in your community, seek out what their mission/purpose and goals
- Review your Plan of Action; map each group/organization to all actions that are relevant to them.
- Using your Plan of Action map, identify what group/organization could possibly fall under one of the following three categories:
 - **Partner** – Groups/Organizations that will make a commitment to provide support and assistance with completing Sustainable Actions for Certification
 - **Supporter** - Groups/Organizations that will can provide resources and/or support on Sustainable actions which will help you to achieve/complete an action.
 - **Allies/Friend** - Groups/Organizations that can may not be able to provide resources and/or support, but will participate in any public/Community events and/or actions for certification.
- Create a report for each group/organization, presentation method, & deployment plan.
 - Report should consist of, high level overviews of the actions mapped, the similarities between the Green team and the group/organization, & the benefits of being a Partner, Supporter, or Ally/Friend.