

# Regional Hubs



- ✓ Network of Leaders
- ✓ Regular events focused on training, socializing, and service projects
- ✓ Shared Models
- ✓ Increased Collaboration
- ✓ Help Peers Get Certified
- ✓ Online Communication Platform

# Current Hubs (9)



1. Atlantic-Cape May Hub
2. Sustainable Bergen County Hub
3. Mercer County Sustainability Coalition
4. Monmouth County Hub
5. Ocean County Sustainability Hub
6. Somerset County Green Leadership Hub
7. Sustainable Essex Alliance
8. Tri-County Sustainability Alliance (Camden-Burlington-Gloucester)
9. Union County Hub

# County Support



- Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA)
- Mercer County Planning Department
- Monmouth County Division of Planning
- Somerset County Planning Division
- Sustainable Camden County





# Atlantic-Cape May Hub



- ✓ Hosts quarterly events
- ✓ Margate, Ventnor & Longport's plastic bag reduction campaign served as a state model
- ✓ Successfully increase participation in SJ program (Cape May Point, Estell Manor, Hamilton, No. Wildwood, & Sea Isle City)
- ✓ Friends of the Mullica established as an eight-town watershed association to provide public education and conservation strategies for the lower regions of the river



AtlanticCapeMayHub

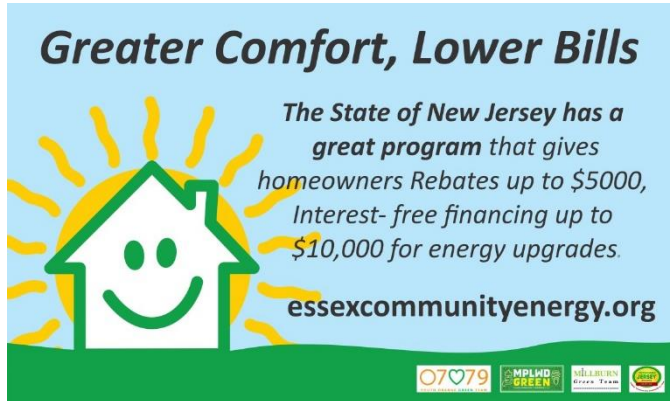


# Sustainable Bergen County Hub



- ✓ Monthly meetings, facilitated by varied host town each month
- ✓ Incredible resource sharing among towns
- ✓ County-wide EPS & XPS polystyrene reduction campaign launched in 2018 with recycling drives, policy initiatives, public education, & business recognition

# Sustainable Essex Alliance



- ✓ Five towns created a Renewable Gov't Energy Aggregation cooperative for group purchasing renewable energy
- ✓ Comfort Partners energy efficiency outreach campaign to low income residents in nine towns
- ✓ Maplewood, Millburn, South Orange & Irvington launched *Essex Community Energy*  
<http://www.essexcommunityenergy.org/>



 Sustainable Essex Alliance





# Mercer County Sustainability Coalition



- ✓ County-wide small business energy efficiency outreach campaign launched in 2019
- ✓ County-wide recycling education & compliance program underway
- ✓ *Mercer Green Fest*: annual joint county-wide annual green fair
- ✓ *Farm to Table Fun(d)raiser*: raises over \$10,000 each year for the hub with a wine tasting and five course meal prepared by local chefs, hosted at Terhune Orchards in Lawrence



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[mercersustainabilitycoalition.org](http://mercersustainabilitycoalition.org)



# Monmouth County Hub



- ✓ Summer film series: single use plastics and open space preservation
- ✓ County-wide Buy Fresh, Buy Local campaign to coincide with the County's Grown in Monmouth initiative
- ✓ Resource sharing on successful reduction of single-use plastics
- ✓ Several towns researching potential RGEA collaboration





# Somerset County Green Leadership Hub



- ✓ Coordinated by the Somerset County Planning Board
- ✓ Regular events on topics such as energy, green business, and green infrastructure
- ✓ Developed 3 directories on how nonprofits, businesses, & county departments can help towns achieve certification in our program



# Tri-County Sustainability Alliance



- ✓ Formalized mentor program to support green teams in region
- ✓ Shared film library for public screening road show
- ✓ Model programming for other hubs with diverse topics
  - Bimonthly Sustainable Sips
  - Bimonthly Sustainable Meet Ups
  - Annual capacity building event



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