



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Morris Twp, a Sustainable Jersey bronze certified applicant.

Morris Twp was certified on October 05, 2022 with 175 points. Listed below is information regarding Morris Twp's Sustainable Jersey efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Morris Twp was approved for in 2022 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Community Partnership & Outreach

Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

Program Summary: Morris Township's Green Team was established by Resolution 191-21 (attached) that was passed by the governing body in September 2021. The Green Team functions as a sub-committee of our Environmental Commission (EC). It currently includes four members (consisting of two EC members, one resident, and the deputy mayor) who were appointed by the governing body at the January 2022 Re-Organization meeting (documentation attached). The

Green Team's most immediate focus is to compile the documentation required to obtain SJ certification for the first time ever in Morris Township. We began by compiling a list of actions that are either already being done – or that could be most readily accomplished and documented. We then divided up these actions, and each Green Team member took the lead on reaching out to others (EC members, Township professionals, governing body members, and chairs of various advisory boards) to obtain the documents, information, participation, and “sign off’s” needed to comply with documentation requirements. Green Team members communicated with each other via email, phone, and in-person meetings. We set up our own Google drive for collecting “in-house” all of our documentation artifacts. We assigned one member to be in charge of uploading all of our “in-house” documents to the SJ certification location. At various monthly meetings, we have kept our EC, professionals, governing body, and members of other land-use and advisory boards informed of our progress. For now, our Green Team is focused on meeting the initial Bronze-level documentation requirements and timelines. Once this task is accomplished, our plan is to shift to more of a “visioning” perspective in which our Green Team (membership on which we intend to increase) works together with our EC (and others) to imagine and implement new action possibilities and/or expand those we have already begun.

IMAGE: [GREEN TEAM](#)

PDF: [REORGANIZATION](#)

Community Education & Outreach

10 Points

Program Summary: EC Newsletter - Morris Township In February, 2021 the Township EC launched a monthly email newsletter with the goal of educating and engaging local residents on current environmental issues. The newsletter, “Environmental News You Can Use” helps to promote local events and features articles on seasonal and current topics. Past topics include: Recycling Dos and Don'ts Spotted Lantern Fly Invasive Plants Plastic Free Back to School Composting & Rain Barrels Plastic bag ban and Polystyrene Foam products NJ EV Rebates Native Plants and Pollinators In just over a year, the newsletter has been very successful with a 90% open rate and a subscriber list that has grown from less than a dozen to over 500 active subscribers. The newsletter is broadly promoted through various tactics: Live events have been the #1 way we sign up new subscribers for the newsletter. We give away free re-usable bags with the EC logo to new subscribers who give us email address at various in person events such as the 2021-22 Morris Township Winter Farmers Market and at the Whippany Watershed BioBlitz events (2021 and 2022). Ever since the EC newsletter started, it has been promoted in the Township's monthly Municipal Messenger email. In 2022, the township began posting pieces from the newsletter on the town's Facebook page. It's about 1-2 per month. Included in the artifacts is a screenshot from the June 29, 2022 FB post on the Township of Morris FB page. Last year (2021), Temple B'Nai Or of Morristown ran an item about our newsletter in their weekly social action email. In 2022 the EC Communications committee promoted the newsletter by sending links to the newsletter to several local "affiliate groups," including: Grow It Green Morristown, Whippany Watershed Assoc., Burnham Park Association, Washington Valley Community Association, Fosterfields Farms, and NJ Pollinator Working Group. <https://nj-morristownship2.civicplus.com/362/Environmental-Commission> The Morris Township Environmental Commission has a public web page that is located on the Morris township municipal web site. Members of the EC communications committee regularly update the EC web page with current information about meetings, programs and events as well as links to back issues of the EC's monthly newsletter “Environmental News You Can Use”. The EC website views grew substantially from 2020-2021 and the EC expects to continue this growth into 2022 On October 3, 2021, The Morris Township EC staffed a booth at the Morristown Festival on the Green. As one of the largest street fairs in Morris County, participating in the Festival enabled EC members to engage with hundreds of residents and to increase awareness on many

environmental topics. The EC booth featured a native plant display with free seed packets, reusable shopping bags were distributed to anyone who joined the commission's email list and children were taught how to make acorn planters from rolled newsprint and potting soil, with the goal of adding new oak seedlings to the Township's tree canopy. Overall, hundreds of names were added to the EC mailing list and two new EC members were identified for Jan, 2022.

IMAGE: [INFOGRAPHIC 2021](#)

IMAGE: [INFOGRAPHIC 2020](#)

PDF: [EC NEWSLETTER CHECKLIST](#)

PDF: [IN PERSON EVENT- FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN](#)

IMAGE: [SOCIAL MEDIA POST TO JOIN NEWSLETTER](#)

Energy

Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: In 2021, Morris Township partnered with TRC to conduct a Local Government Energy Audit of its facilities. There were 13 reports generated covering all the conditioned buildings under municipal control. The considerable effort was undertaken during the pandemic and required significant time from local professionals. The report findings are expected to be the basis for the investment of considerable efficiencies.

PDF: [MUNICIPAL BUILDING](#)

PDF: [WATER TREATMENT PLANT](#)

PDF: [WOODLAND FIREHOUSE](#)

PDF: [POLICE HEADQUARTERS](#)

PDF: [MT. KEMBLE FIREHOUSE](#)

PDF: [OTHER 3 REPORTS IN ONE DOCUMENT](#)

Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles

5 Points

Program Summary: Morris Township understands that we must do our part to provide for a healthier, cleaner environment for our residents. Following the installation of our municipal EV charging stations, we have begun the transition of our municipal fleet to electric and hybrid vehicles through our annual budget process. As we await further EV options being made available on the state contract, we have recently received our first plug-in hybrid and plan to purchase two additional plug-in hybrids as part of our 2022 budget. Furthermore, we have purchased two of our first hybrid police interceptors for our Police Department, which are anticipated to be delivered in October, and plan to continue to make these investments as part of our fleet replacement programs for our Police and Fire Departments in the coming years. Like many municipalities, our ability to purchase EVs at an affordable price are dependent on the availability of such vehicles on the state contract. Currently, we are focused on replacing vehicles used by professionals in our

engineering, construction, and health departments, who use their vehicles frequently and do not need large vehicles. We are hopeful that the EV options on the state contract will soon be expanded to include light-duty trucks to be utilized by our Parks, Sewer, and Public Works departments.

PDF: [FORD ESCAPE EV REGISTRATION](#)

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

15 Points

Program Summary: Morris Township is moving forward with its transition to create cleaner infrastructure to promote and support the adoption of cleaner vehicles. Our governing body introduced and passed an ordinance requiring developers and landlords to install electric vehicle charging stations in new or modified parking facilities, at no cost to the taxpayer, prior to the latest State requirements. As a result of this ordinance, the municipality will go from having four publicly accessible EV charging stations to over 50 in a matter of a few years. By requiring property owners to further invest in their facilities, we provided encouragement for their employees, tenants, or consumers to use EVs. Our municipality also understands that we must do our part to make direct public investments in our EV charging infrastructure. We have recently installed four of our own charging stations at our largest recreational facility as well as at our municipal building. With this infrastructure now accessible to our professionals, we have begun the transition of our municipal fleet to electric and hybrid vehicles through our annual budget process. We recently received our first plug-in hybrid and plan to purchase two additional plug-ins as part of our 2022 budget. Furthermore, we have purchased two hybrid police interceptors for our Police Department and plan to continue these investments as part of our fleet replacement programs for our Police and Fire Departments. As we continue plan and invest in the future, we will expand our infrastructure as necessary to be one step ahead of demand.

PDF: [PUBLIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE LETTER](#)

PDF: [EV CHARGING SIGNAGE](#)

PDF: [EV ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [CHARGEPOINT PUBLIC DIRECTORY](#)

Food

Community Gardens

20 Points

Program Summary: The Theodore Largman Community Garden at ValleVue Preserve – Morris Township Morris Township's Community Garden at ValleVue Preserve is a 3-acre Organic Garden with 110 plots of varying sizes. The Garden enables Township residents to grow quality produce for their families in a way that is healthy to the environment. The Garden was opened in 2015 on land that was obtained as the result of a joint effort between Morris Township (Morris Township Environmental Commission and Morris Township Parks and Recreation), the Trust for Public Land, Morris County Historic Preservation and the MCMUA. The grounds are maintained by the

Department of Public Works and the Garden is managed thru the Environmental Commission by a volunteer coordinator. Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their own garden. Participating gardeners must use organic methods - (NO SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL fertilizers or pesticides) are allowed. Each season gardeners must attend an orientation which includes training on organic gardening. The Community Garden features twelve 4x8 foot "Giving Gardens" which produces food for the Interfaith Food Pantry Network in Morris Plains. Gardeners donate their excess produce and also volunteer their time to help support and maintain the Giving Garden.

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

PDF: [INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY](#)

Farmers Markets

10 Points

Program Summary: An expanded Winter Farmers market was launched for the 2021-22 winter season through a partnership between Morris Township, the Environmental Commission and Grow It Green Morristown (a local non-profit). The new Morris Township Winter Farmers Market is now located on Township maintained property and is accessible via mass transit. Prior to the 2021-22 season, the Winter Farmers market (sponsored by Grow it Green) was held at different locations around Morristown and the Township. Due to rising venue costs, the on-going operation of the Winter Farmers Market was in jeopardy. In the fall of 2021, the Township and EC worked with Grow It Green Morristown to sign a two year agreement to operate the Winter Farmers Market at the Convent Station rail depot which is managed by the Township. The Township is responsible for plowing and site maintenance and has assisted with the promotion of the Winter Market through regular posts in the "Municipal Messenger" newsletter.. For its role in the discussions, the Environmental Commission was granted free access to a vendor slot at the market. The Winter Farmers Market is open every Sunday from 9:30 am-1 pm December 4, 2021 - March 27, 2022. SNAP benefits are accepted and each week there are approximately 30 vendors representing local farms and businesses that sell native agricultural products, baked goods and specialty products. Approximately 800-1000 members of the community attend the market each week. Grow it Green (501c3 non-profit) manages the market and receives the revenues from vendor fees. In the 2021-22 season vendor revenue including registration and weekly fees was nearly \$26,000. We were able to offer market spaces to more vendors due to the increased size of the parking lot at the new venue made available by the Township. Expenses were 40% lower due to the Township of Morris allowing us to operate without venue fees. which increased our net income that could be applied towards operational expenses for our other nonprofit programs.

IMAGE: [AGREEMENT](#)

WORD: [FARMER'S MARKET ONLINE INFO](#)

WORD: [WINTER FARMER'S MARKET MARKETING SUPPORT](#)

Making Farmers Markets Accessible

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IMAGE: [PALM CARD- HANDOUT](#)

PDF: [PARKING FOR FARMERS MARKET](#)

IMAGE: [SNAP PERMIT](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Our Sustainable Land Use Pledge was completed based on input from and discussion among our mayor and deputy mayor, our Legislation Standing Committee (which consists of two members of our governing body), and Township professionals including our planner, planning board attorney, engineer, and administrator. This Pledge (Resolution #91-22 – attached) was passed by Morris Township’s governing body at its 4/20/22 Township Committee meeting. This Pledge was shared by our deputy mayor with the Planning Board at its 5/2/22 meeting – which (as shown in the attached PB Agenda) included discussion of actions Morris Township is working on to achieve SJ certification. Plans are underway to share and discuss this Pledge at the upcoming (June) meetings of several other boards: the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on June 8; the Environmental Commission on June 9; the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) on June 14; and the Board of Adjustment (BOA) on June 27. See attached email to the Chairs of these Boards confirming our intent to share this Pledge with these boards at their June meetings. Plans are also underway to prepare a press release highlighting the purpose and contents of this Pledge, raising awareness that we are sharing this Pledge with many of our boards, and encouraging the public’s participation in discussing this Pledge by attending these meetings.

PDF: [PB AGENDA](#)

WORD: [EMAIL](#)

PDF: [SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE](#)

Bicycle & Pedestrian Audits

5 Points

Program Summary: Walk Audit of the Intersection of Normandy Parkway and Columbia Road On the afternoon of Friday, July 22, 2022, a walk audit of the intersection of Columbia Road (a County arterial road) and Normandy Parkway (a municipal collector road) in Morris Township was conducted by the following participants: Rick Bye - Chair of Morris Township's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Cathy Wilson - Deputy Mayor and TAC Vice Chair Kris Ruggeri - TAC member and member of TAC's Walking Sub-Committee Phil Sturno - Kris Ruggeri's husband, a professional engineer Chris Vitz - Morris County Engineer Judith Sachs - Vice Chair of Morris Township's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Sue Sarchelli - long-time resident of the neighborhood The purpose of the audit was to identify options for improving pedestrian safety at this intersection. A proposal by the Township to install sidewalks connecting to this intersection from the south along the west side of Normandy Parkway and from the north along the west side of Normandy Heights Road has made pedestrian safety at this intersection a subject of public concern. Participants spent nearly an hour and a half walking every leg of this intersection; assessing current conditions/concerns; and discussing a range of options for improving pedestrian safety. The results of the audit (attached) will be shared with the public via the Township's website and sent directly to various stakeholders including: the Township's governing body (who are the decision makers on whether to proceed with the sidewalk proposal); the Township's Engineer and Administrator; the Township's TAC and HPC; the County's Engineer; and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) - which has been involved in evaluating the sidewalk proposal. The audit was helpful in clarifying existing conditions/concerns at this intersection and identifying a full range of safety improvement possibilities for future discussion and consideration.

PDF: [WALK AUDIT](#)

Community Design for All Ages

5 Points

Program Summary: Morris Township is seeking to earn 5 points toward Component 2 on the Community Design for All Ages Checklist: Establish an age-friendly initiative committee within the municipality. Morris Township's governing body recognizes the importance of working to ensure that the needs of our older residents are clarified, addressed, and given the attention they deserve. The ordinance establishing Morris Township's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) was developed and written by two governing body members (current Mayor - Mark Gyorfy and current Deputy Mayor - Cathy Wilson) and our Township Administrator, Tim Quinn. This ordinance was passed by the governing body on 9/14/21. SCAC's purpose, as stated in this ordinance, is to "make recommendations to the Township Committee regarding the needs of senior citizens and assist in fulfilling those needs; in the areas of recreation, transportation, housing, medical care, Meals on Wheels, and related issues affecting seniors." Following this ordinance's approval, Cathy worked with staff to publicize the formation and purpose of this new committee. 21 residents submitted Volunteer Applications to serve on it. Cathy interviewed applicants and worked with Township Committeeman Peter Mancuso to select 8 residents to serve on this committee. SCAC's membership also includes two governing body members: Cathy Wilson, who serves as SCAC's Chair and Liaison to the Township Committee; and Peter Mancuso, who serves as an "honorary" member. In addition, staff members who serve on SCAC include: Township Administrator - Tim Quinn; Parks & Recreation Supervisor and Seniors Liaison - Alexis Voli; Public Health Nurse Supervisor - Kathy Whitehead; and Senior Environmental Health Specialist - Liz Zalme. Morris Township's governing body, together with staff (particularly Administration and the departments of Parks & Recreation and Public Health) are fully committed to supporting SCAC's mission and work, now and in the future.

PDF: [ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [SCAC REPORT](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY DESIGN CHECKLIST](#)

Natural Resources

Environmental Commission

10 Points

Program Summary: The Morris Township Environmental Commission was established in 1969 for the protection, development, and use of natural resources, including water resources, located within the territorial limits of the Township of Morris. Among its responsibilities, the Commission advises the governing body on a variety of environmental issues and informs/advises the land use boards about environmental impacts of proposals for development. Meeting most months, the Commission has 7 voting members, 2 alternates, and allows any number of associate members. The Environmental Commission ordinance and annual report listing key accomplishments are attached.

PDF: [EC ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [ANNUAL REPORT](#)

WORD: [ASSOCIATE MEMBER ORDINANCE](#)

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

10 Points

Program Summary: Site Plan Reviews Morris Township's Environmental Commission (EC) recognizes that doing site plan reviews is one of its most important functions. EC members have worked very hard, especially in the last 2-3 years, to improve their own skills as site review participants and to refine the process by which site plan reviews are accomplished. The attached (uploaded) document entitled "Site Plan Review Protocol" outlines in detail the process by which our EC works with our Township engineer to complete site plan reviews for various applications that come before our Planning Board (PB) and Board of Adjustment (BOA). This process (which continues to evolve) has led to ever-improving reports which are very much appreciated by members of our land use boards. Per the info cited in its End of Year Reports (see links to these reports below), in 2020, our EC reviewed 8 applications for the PB and 5 for the BOA. In 2021, our EC reviewed 11 applications for the PB and 2 for the BOA. To improve their own skills and background knowledge on a range of topics related to site plan reviews, many of our EC members have attended a variety of training workshops sponsored by ANJEC and other organizations. A list of training sessions EC members have attended can be found in the EC's 2020 End of Year Report (pages 2-4) and 2021 End of Year Report (pages 15-19). Our EC also worked together with Madison's EC to co-sponsor a site review training webinar with a special focus on stormwater management issues. That webinar (which is "housed" on the EC page of the Township's website) can be viewed HERE: [Site Review Training Webinar](#).

PDF: [GOLF CLUB SITE REVIEW](#)

WORD: [SITE REVIEW LIST](#)

PDF: [EC SITE REVIEW PROTOCOL](#)

WORD: [SITE PLAN ESSAY WITH LIVE LINKS](#)

Tree Protection Ordinance *Retires 12/31/25*

10 Points

Program Summary: Morris Township’s tree ordinance (attached) has been in effect since 1999 and applies mainly to applications for major or minor subdivision approvals that come before our land-use boards. The purpose of the ordinance is to promote such benefits of tree conservation as “flood safety, desirable visual environment, and preservation of valuable natural resources” while also to “regulate and control the indiscriminate and excessive cutting of trees in connection with site plan applications for major or minor subdivision approval...to protect older specimen trees...to encourage careful site plan design and grading to promote the preservation of existing trees.” The ordinance outlines detailed permit procedures that include such requirements as a mapped inventory of all trees and specimen trees completed by a professional land surveyor; locations of all streams, watercourses, and freshwater wetlands; location and degree of all slopes greater than 10%. Removal of any specimen tree requires specific approval by the Board. In addition, a fee structure is referenced. The ordinance also provides information about tree replacement quantities and standards. The permitting process is administered through the office of our Township Engineer. The Engineer is also responsible for ensuring that applicants who submit site plans for major and minor subdivisions comply with all tree removal and tree replacement requirements specified in this ordinance.

PDF: [TREE ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [MORRIS TOWNSHIP TREE ORDINANCE- COMPLETE LINK](#)

Public Information & Engagement

Municipal Communications Strategy

10 Points

Program Summary: Morris Township strives to be as open, transparent, and informative as possible in its communication with the public. Through multiple avenues both on and offline, we are constantly working to reach all residents. A key source of our communication with the public is via the Municipal Messenger (MM) – the Township’s email system. Our Township website is robust and includes information from all departments as well as from land use boards and advisory boards. We also use Nixle, Facebook, Instagram, and Optimum’s Public Access Channel (#21) to share information with the public. In addition, once per year, we send a hard copy Newsletter to all residents. This is helpful in reaching residents who, for various reasons, do not utilize online communication resources. This year we have added another (offline) communication resource that is proving to be very helpful: we installed two large, permanent, digital-information sign boards – one on the east side of town near Town Hall and Ginty Pool, the other on the west side of town near Cornine Field and Streeter Pool. These messaging boards, which are located in key high-traffic locations, enable us to share short but important information about many different topics such as: upcoming community events (like Movie Nights), sign-up deadlines for pool registration or recreation classes, job openings (for example, for lifeguards), sports teams congratulations, etc. These signs have been a great addition to our communication repertoire and

have garnered many compliments from the public.

POWERPOINT: [COMMUNICATION PLAN](#)

PDF: [COMMUNICATION CHECKLIST](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Morris Township Prescription Drug Disposal box has been located in the entryway of the Morris Township Police station, 49 Woodland Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960, since 2016. It is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Since 2013, Morris Township combines efforts to hold prescription take back days with the County Sheriff's Department and many other municipalities at least twice a year. The spring and fall collections have been extremely successful and is promoted in many ways, the Monthly Newsletter from the Township, emails, and the township website explain what can be dropped off where, and when. <https://www.morristwp.com/743/Medication-Return-Box> All prescriptions collected are incinerated. The County Sheriff's office also promotes our drop box program here: <https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Sheriff/Community-Programs/Prescription-Drug-Drop-Box-Program>

IMAGE: [DROP BOX IN MORRIS TOWNSHIP POLICE ENTRY](#)

WORD: [MEDICATION TAKE BACK INFORMATION WEBSITE LINKS FOR PUBLIC](#)

IMAGE: [TAKE BACK SPRING 2022](#)

PDF: [MUNICIPAL MESSENGER WITH PROMOTION](#)

PDF: [2021 SUCCESS](#)

PDF: [FIRST ROUND SUCCESS 2021](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: Morris Township's Fire Departments worked with the Hillside Hose Ladies Auxiliary to run a paper shredding event open to the public on November 13, 2021. The Fairchild Firehouse hosted the event in their parking lot due to their location and ease of cars being able to pull in and out while people brought their papers for shredding. The event was run by volunteers in the community along with firefighters from the various firehouses of Morris Township. The event had 27 people bring paper to be shredded with about 300 pounds of paper shredded in total.

WORD: [SHRED EVENT PICS/PUBLICITY](#)

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: The Morris Township Recycling Depot is located at 2 Jane Way in Morris Township. Enclosed is a photo from Google Maps of the Recycling Depot - demonstrating evidence that the Depot is indeed located in the Township. It operates six days per week: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 6:00 am - 1:45 pm. The facility is open to Morris Township residents and small businesses. A photo of the Depot signage is enclosed. The Depot is convenient and accessible, and provides residents the opportunity to recycle materials in addition to what is collected in the weekly single-stream curbside collection. Materials accepted at the Depot include: dry cell batteries, e-waste like computers and televisions, used motor oil, textiles, and tires. There are also special collections on specific dates throughout the year for items like telephone books. The Depot also accepts the same materials that are picked up in the weekly single-stream curbside collection (commingled bottles and cans, commingled paper); residents can bring these materials to the Depot if the amount exceeds what fits in their can. The Township promotes the Recycling Depot across a variety of media. Annually, all residents are mailed a municipal calendar (photos attached) that provides all necessary information about the Recycling Depot, including days/hours of operation, address, and list of accepted materials (including non-mandated materials). The Depot is also featured on the Morris Township municipal website (<https://www.morristwp.com/153/Collection-Services>), and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) website (<https://mcmua.com/facilitydetail.asp?FacilityID=47>). The most current state audit and final reports are attached. The state site for these reports can be located at: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/stats.htm> The monthly reports are also attached.

WORD: ARTIFACTS RECYCLING DEPOT

PDF: RECYCLING REPORT

PDF: AUDIT MORRIS

PDF: MONTHLY RECYCLING TOTALS

Backyard Composting Program

5 Points

Program Summary: In 2021, the Morris Township EC identified home composting as an important initiative and created a committee to educate and enable residents to recycle food waste and reduce volume in landfills. In 2021 and 2022 the EC Home Composting committee organized home composting webinars followed by a home composter sale. In 2021 the home composting program was held in partnership with Madison and Chatham EC and the partnership with other communities enabled a quantity discount from the vendor that was passed on to all local residents. In 2021 a total of 92 composters were sold across all communities and the majority (52 composters) were sold to Morristown/Township residents. The 2021 event was promoted in the EC newsletter and in the Township's Monthly Municipal Messenger. In 2022 the Morris Township EC renewed their focus on home composting as an important initiative. The Home Composting committee selected a different vendor and the 2022 Home Compost sale was held conducted on May 14 as a benefit for a local non-profit Grow it Green Morristown (www.growitgreenmorristown.org) . The 2022 Home Compost webinar and sale was promoted through the Municipal Messenger and the EC newsletter. The sale was also promoted by Grow it Green via flyers and on their website. <https://www.growitgreenmorristown.org/composter> A home composting webinar was offered thru Rutgers Home Gardeners on March 28. 91 residents

registered for the event. In 2022, 36 composters were sold to local residents. The 2022 home composting program was broadly promoted by the EC via their newsletter <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Environmental-News-You-Can-Use.html?soid=1132644874787&aid=jIRb523nsLQ> and also promoted by Grow it Green. The EC plans to continue this program into 2023.

PDF: EVENTBRITE

POWERPOINT: COMPOSTER SALE SIGN

EXCEL: REGISTRANTS

PDF: MUNICIPAL MESSENGER PROMOTION OF EVENT

PDF: MORRIS TWP ORDERS.PDF

WORD: FACTS SHEET HANDED OUT AT EVENT