



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

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

Upper Twp was certified on September 22, 2023 with 210 points. Listed below is information regarding Upper 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 Upper Twp was approved for in 2023 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: The Upper Twp. Green Team supports the Township of Upper’s continued certification with Sustainable Jersey. Upper Township Committee established the Green Team Advisory Committee in August 2013 and it has been maintained for nine years. The most recent Twp. Resolution on the Green Team, for 2020, is attached, along with a sampling of recent monthly agendas and meeting minutes. Green Team meetings continued to be held on Zoom

during the Covid-19 shutdown in 2020 and this practice continued in 2021 and 2022 with periodic activities held outdoors. ## . 2022 Artifacts 4-1 UT-Green-Team-Resolution_244-2022 Appt Green Team Committee.pdf . 4-1 GT 2022 Vision and Purpose Statements.pdf . Agenda _08Mar2022_UTGreenTeam_v1.0_07Mar2022_DRAFT.pdf UT Green Team March 08 2022 Meeting Minutes.pdf . Agenda _12April2022_UTGreenTeam_v1.0_11Apr2022_DRAFT.pdf UT Green Team April 12 2022 Meeting Minutes.pdf . 4-1 UT-Green-Team-Resolution_244-2022 Appt Green Team Committee.pdf ##

PDF: [4-1 UTGT 2022 VISION AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS_V1.0_19JAN2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [AGENDA_08MAR2022_UTGREENTEAM_V1.0_07MAR2022_DRAFT.PDF](#)

PDF: [UT GREEN TEAM MARCH 08 2022 MEETING MINUTES .PDF](#)

PDF: [AGENDA_12APRIL2022_UTGREENTEAM_V1.0_11APR2022_DRAFT.PDF](#)

PDF: [4-1 RESOLUTION 179-2020 APPOINTING UT GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

PDF: [4-1 UT-GREEN-TEAM-RESOLUTION_244-2022 APPT GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

Community Education & Outreach

5 Points

Program Summary: Beach Plum Planting - Strathmere Beach - April 2022 The Beach Plum Planting project was organized by the Strathmere Improvement Association (SIA) in conjunction with the Upper Twp. Green Team and Jalma Farms with support from the Township of Upper Public Works Dept. Education component presented the value of the Beach plum planting in helping maintain the beach front dunes. See project checklist and photo gallery in attached artifacts. ## 2023 Artifacts 4-2 Strathmere Beach Plum Planting - April 2022_Upper Twp - In Person Event Checklist v1.0_10Jan2023.pdf 4-2 Strathmere Beach Plum Planting_April2022.pdf 4-2_Beach Plum Planting_02Apr2022_Flyer.pdf ##

PDF: [4-2 STRATHMERE BEACH PLUM PLANTING - APRIL 2022_UPPER TWP - IN PERSON EVENT CHECKLIST V1.0_10JAN2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [4-2 STRATHMERE BEACH PLUM PLANTING APRIL2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [4-2_BEACH PLUM PLANTING_02APR2022_FLYER.PDF](#)

Health & Wellness

Tobacco Free Community

5 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Upper has updated the No-Smoking Ordinance to prohibit smoking of vaping at all times at all Twp. public facilities, including municipal owned buildings, property and athletic fields. . The No-Smoking Ordinance was updated and approved by the Twp. Committee on Aug. 28, 2017. The Ordinance was amended again May 10, 2021 to prohibit cannabis use on public facilities. In each case the ordinance was published in the local newspaper. . The entire section of the Code, which incorporates both of these Ordinances can be found Here > <https://ecode360.com/35311240>. In accordance with the Township ordinance, no smoking signs have been placed at Twp. facilities. In addition, with the New Jersey law on no smoking on

beaches, signage has been placed at all Twp. beach entrances. (see attached photos) The Township provides information to residents about the Quit Smoking Center services, administered by Cape Assist. Quit Smoking information is also provided by the UT Green team tabling at special events in the Township. > <https://www.capeassist.org/quit-center> . 2023 Artifacts: No Smoking Ord. 012-2021 Amend Chapters 3 and 4 Prohibit Cannabis Use on Public Facilities.pdf No Smoking Ordinance No.010-2017 Updating Chapter III - Approved 28Aug2017.pdf 10-5 Tobacco Free - 2023 Photos.pdf ##

PDF: [NO SMOKING ORD. 012-2021 AMEND CHAPTERS 3 AND 4 PROHIBIT CANNABIS USE ON PUBLIC FACILITIES.PDF](#)

PDF: [NO SMOKING ORDINANCE NO.010-2017 UPDATING CHAPTER III - APPROVED 28AUG2017.PDF](#)

PDF: [10-5 TOBACCO FREE - 2023 PHOTOS.PDF](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: A Bicycle Plan was completed for Upper Township in 2018 as part of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program in 2018. . Work on the Plan began in 2016 and included a review of existing biking conditions throughout the Township. Consultation with a locally represented Steering Committee led to identifying enhancements of the overall bicycle network that identified 13 key corridors that link most of the municipality's ten designated villages. In addition to providing insight about existing conditions, the Bike Plan includes analysis of key data and an assessment of the roadway network Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) in the Township of Upper. . A public hearing was held 01 Oct. 2018 for a review of the Bike Plan and to obtain feedback from residents. . The Plan was formally presented to the Upper Twp. Planning Board on 16 May 2019. (Agenda attached) . The Planning Board adopted the 2019 Bicycle Plan by Resolution 05-2019, dated 08 Aug. 2019, (Resolution attached) as an amendment of the Circulation Element of the Master Plan for the Township of Upper. . The Bicycle Plan (Attached) includes elements that presented the goals and objectives, existing conditions analysis, recommendations and implementation strategy. Plan Table of Contents: 01 Introduction; 02 Background; 03 Public Involvement; 04 Existing Conditions Analysis; 05 Programs and Policies; 06 Improvements; 07 Next Steps; 08 Appendix, A - Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Analysis Criteria, B - Implementation Matrix. . Reference: Twp. website page with "UT Bicycle Plan" link > <http://uppertownship.com/departments/engineering/maps/> . 2019 Artifacts 12-6 Bike-Plan-Open-House_UT_01Oct2018.pdf bike-plan_open-house (flier)_01Oct2018.pdf 12-6 Bike Plan endorsed by Upper Twp. Planning Board.pdf 12-6 Upper-Township-Bicycle-Plan-Final.pdf 12-6_Bike Plan Resolution_05-2019_Planning BD_15Aug2019.pdf .

PDF: [12-6 BIKE PLAN ENDORSED BY UPPER TWP PLANNING BOARD.PDF](#)

PDF: [BIKE-PLAN_OPEN-HOUSE_01OCT2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [12-6 BIKE-PLAN-OPEN-HOUSE_UT_01OCT2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [12-6 UPPER-TOWNSHIP-BICYCLE-PLAN-FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [12-6 BIKE PLAN RESOLUTION_05-2019_PLANNING BD_15AUG2019.PDF](#)

Local Economies

Green Business Recognition Program

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Upper Township Green Team (UTGT) has continued an 8-year partnership with the Upper Township Business Association (UTBA) Green Business Recognition Program. The primary tool for this awareness campaign is the Upper Township Business / Institutional Green Business Assessment (GBA) checklist. (See Artifact) The UTBA Board approved the Green Business Assessment checklist, which includes 70 items in eight categories. Multiple GBA checklists have been submitted for review by the UTBA Sustainable Committee. Eligible businesses with self-audit totals, more than the 35-pt. threshold, are formally recognized at UTBA monthly meetings and certificates are presented. Two UTBA businesses and one non-profit have been recognized in 2022 for their continued participation: Foglio's Flooring Center, Dompierre LLC - Interior Design and the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. These were last included in the Township's 2019 certification report. All three of these have renewed their commitment, and updated checklists, to the Green Business program in Upper Twp. for 2022. In addition, two new businesses in the Township for this year have successfully completed the Green Business Assessment checklist. Achristavest Home Builders and Kester Fireplace received their 2022 certificates. (See attached artifact with these and other business certificates. The UTBA Board and the Sustainable Committee have continued to promote the GBA campaign to encourage the general membership to participate and earn the Green Business Recognition. Qualified businesses are recognized on the UTGT and UTBA Facebook pages and websites, in addition to media publications.

PDF: [13-1 UPPER-GREEN-BUSINESS-ASSESSMENT_V2.1_28AUG2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [13-1 FACEBOOK_GBA-2022_V1.0_17OCT2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [13-1 GREEN BUSINESS RECOGNITION 2022 EXAMPLE PHOTOS AND CERTIFICATES_V1.0_17OCT2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [PSA_UTBA_GREEN-BUSINESS-RECOGNITION_V1.0_17OCT2022.PDF](#)

Buy Local Campaign

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Upper continues to support the Upper Twp. Business Association's (UTBA) "Shop Local" / "Support Local Business" campaign to educate local residents on the value of a strong local economy. The Township provides space in the Twp. Hall lobby for an 8-foot promotion banner for "Shop Save Support" local business (see photo artifact). The Township Deputy Mayor is the direct liaison with the local business community and the UTBA. In addition, a member of the Township Green Team is on the Board of the UTBA. Township officials regularly attend UTBA meetings, local business mixers and grand opening ribbon cuttings (see artifacts). Township staffers are directly involved with both recruiting and sustaining new businesses for the municipality by providing rack card handouts about the ongoing localized "Shop Local" campaign and a display rack for our annual Community Guide. The Township of Upper website link to the UT Business Association website > <https://uppertownship.com/general-information/links> Local business support is regularly shared on the Township's Facebook page. The Township of Upper purchases annual advertising in the Upper Twp. Community Guide /

Business Directory. The current publication (April 2023) is the 7th annual edition. The distribution is 20,000 copies to residents and visitors of our community. The online version is linked here > <https://upperbiz.com/membership-community-guide> The Township supported the UTBA annual "Shop Local" Upper Twp. Community Night, held in November each year. The most recent Community Night was held Nov. 17 2022. Event photo gallery here. > <https://bit.ly/UTBA2022CommunityNight> Twp. Public Works crews provide tables for the event and OEM provided a special lighting system at entrance and parking area for the event. In addition, Community Night information was displayed on the Twp. digital sign at the Community Center in Tuckahoe. ## Artifacts 2023 13-A-1_Township buy local examples - website link - lobby banner - FB _ 01July2023.pdf 13-A-1_Township support for local business mixers - ribbon cuttings - opening_01July2023.pdf 13-A-1 Buy Local Campaign Example Screen Shots - Nov. 2022.pdf ##

PDF: [13-A-1 BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN EXAMPLE SCREEN SHOTS - NOV. 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [13-A-1 TOWNSHIP SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESS MIXERS - RIBBON CUTTINGS - OPENING_01JULY2023](#)

PDF: [13-A-1 TOWNSHIP BUY LOCAL EXAMPLES - WEBSITE LINK - LOBBY BANNER - FB _ 01JULY2023.PDF](#)

Support Local Businesses

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Upper works in partnership with the Upper Twp. Business Association (UTBA) to foster continual support for local businesses. As outlined in the three categories on the 2022 checklist for this Action, Twp. officials and staff are engaged with local businesses on a regular basis at monthly municipal meetings as well as UTBA events and discuss the processes for doing business with local government. The UTDBA organization link and logo are featured on the Twp. website. Township officials attend UTBA events on an ongoing basis to ensure awareness of local businesses triumphs and challenges in our communities. The Township gives recognition of business milestones and anniversaries. An example is noted in this Action Checklist. In addition, UTBA representatives regularly attend Twp. Committee meetings and supportive dialogue about the business community is evident in meeting archives. (Updated 20 Nov. 2022) . 2022 Artifact: 13-A-2 Checklist 2022_Support Local Businesses Action_v1.1_20Nov2022.pdf ##

PDF: [13-A-2 CHECKLIST 2022_SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES ACTION_V1.1_20NOV2022.PDF](#)

Natural Resources

Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

Program Summary: The Upper Township Green Team has focused on water conservation since it was first established in 2013. Rain Barrel Workshop: A Rain Barrel Workshop was conducted in October 2021. (see artifact photos and summary) The Workshop presenter, Melissa Belen-Gonzalez, Watershed Ambassador for WMA 15 (Great Egg Harbor River Watershed). The program covered water conservation and enabled attendees to make their own rain barrels. Donated barrels were obtained through the Green Team's partnership with the South Jersey Surfrider

Chapter. The event was held at the Upper Township Wellness Center, 1369 Stagecoach Road, Ocean View, NJ. Water Conservation Display: Rutgers Extension “Save Water: Every Drop Counts” display was featured at the Upper Cape Branch of the CMC Library during August 2021. The UTGT also facilitated having the Water Display in 2022 at the Main Branch of the CMC Library, in Cape May Court House, and the Ocean City Free Public Library in Ocean City. These library facilities are frequented by Township residents, in addition to the wider county-wide audience. Furthermore, the water display was also hosted this year at the Wildwood Crest Branch of the CMC Library. The display was facilitated by the Upper Twp. Sustainable Jersey Green Team in conjunction with the Atlantic – Cape May Counties Sustainable Jersey Green Teams Regional Hub and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Services. Resource Links: Save Water...Every Drop Counts!
<https://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu/anr/save-water/> Water Conservation Display – Parts List
<https://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Parts-List-for-Water-Conservation-Display-2021.pdf> Save Water, Every Drop Counts Flyer (PDF) <https://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Water-Conservation-Display-Flyer-2021.pdf> Source: Steven Yergeau, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent – Ocean & Atlantic Counties Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County Watershed Ambassadors: The Upper Township Green Team utilized the NJDEP’s Watershed Ambassador program on an annual basis for support with Rain Barrel workshops and water conservation education. Because of the Township of Uppers geographic location, that straddles two watershed areas, we have access to two Watershed Ambassadors. Their contact information is maintained on the UTGT website for reference.

<https://uppertwpgreenteam.wordpress.com/watershed-ambassadors-2022/> (Updated 20 Nov 2022) ## . Artifacts 2022 14-6 Water -Every Drop Counts_ Education _Library Collaboration 28Aug2022 14-6 Water-Conservation-Display-Flyer-2021 14-6 Rain Barrel Workshop Photos Oct 2021 14-6 Watershed Ambassador Table Photo at CMC Earth Day_23Apr2022 14-6 Rain Barrel Workshop_Oct-2021_Worksheet_v1.0_28Aug2022 14-6 Rutgers CES Water Conservation Display_Worksheet_v1.0_20Nov2022_Final.docx ##

PDF: [14-6 WATER-CONSERVATION-DISPLAY-FLYER-2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [14-6 RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP PHOTOS OCT 2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [14 6 WATERSHED AMBASSADOR TABLE PHOTO AT CMC EARTH DAY_23APR2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [14-6 WATER -EVERY DROP COUNTS_EDUCATION_LIBRARY COLLABORATION 28AUG2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [14-6 RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP_OCT-2021_WORKSHEET_V1.0_28AUG2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [14-6 RUTGERS CES WATER CONSERVATION DISPLAY_WORKSHEET_V1.0_20NOV2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

Clustering Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: Upper Township modified our Conservation Residential Cluster Development Ordinance as part of our Plan Endorsement Petition process and 2006 Master Plan Reexam. Ordinance 9-2007 was adopted on March 12, 2007 (pg. 31) and codified as Revised General Ordinance Section 20-6.2.

PDF: [CLUSTERING ORDINANCE 9-2007](#)

Environmental Assessment Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: Upper Township adopted an Environmental Assessment Ordinance as part

of our Plan Endorsement Petition process and 2006 Master Plan Reexam. Ordinance 4-2007 was adopted on March 12, 2007 and codified as Revised General Ordinance Section 19-7.16.

PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST](#)

Public Information & Engagement

Municipal Communications Strategy

10 Points

Program Summary: Upper Township evaluates our communication channels (platforms) on a regular basis to ensure all our systems provide complete information for our community. The attached Municipal Communications Strategy Checklist denotes the 2022 inventory of the Upper Twp. technical resources and lists the active links to support the requirements for this Action. The Upper Township municipality website, social media, reverse 911 calling capability, email and physical bulletin boards enable deliver of timely delivery of non-emergency Twp. news as well as regular information on governing actions such as resolutions and ordinances. All of these systems were utilized in 2020 and 2021 for Covid-19 information. Furthermore, the notices are delivered with these planforms to inform the public on special hearing, public information meetings. In additions, these platforms also deliver news on upcoming community-wide events in the Township. ## 2022 Artifact 16-A-1 Checklist_2022 Municipal Communications Strategy_v1.0_12May2022.pdf ## .

PDF: [16-A-1 CHECKLIST_2022 MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY_V1.0_12MAY2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government

15 Points

Program Summary: Documentation and links for elements of this Action are included in the IPEMG Checklist -2022 artifact. . 1. Agendas for all Twp. Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings are linked on the Twp. website. 2. Twp. Committeemen regularly attend the Upper Twp. Business Association meetings and both report on Township government activities /plans and also conduct “listening” sessions with local business manager and civic/service leaders. 3. Residents can communicate to Township Committee and departments from links on the website via email and online form which sends email to appropriate department. 4. The Twp. website, social media and roadside signs are all utilized for messaging. 5. Twp. Committee meetings are video recorded and the video files linked on the Twp. website. 6. Three local weekly newspapers regularly attend Twp. Committee meetings and ensure coverage of important stories. These include the Upper Twp. Sentinel, the Upper Twp. Gazette and the Cape May County Herald newspapers. 7. The Township uses its Facebook page to share local State Police announcements 8. To enhance public engagement the annual budget review process, the Twp. Committee held a series of public workshop meetings ## . 2022 Artifacts 16-B-1_IPEMG 2022 Checklist_v1.1_28Aug2022_Final.pdf ## .

PDF: [16-B-1 IPEMG 2022 CHECKLIST_V1.1_28AUG2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning

15 Points

Program Summary: A completed checklist for this Action is attached. . The Upper Township’s website provides readily available Planning and Zoning documents, links and information for the public to access. A completed checklist for this Action is attached. The public comment guideline page is included as a supporting artifact for this Action The website also provides the following: • Public meeting dates, times, locations. Agendas and minutes of all public meetings of the Planning & Zoning boards. • Website search feature. • Planning & Zoning Board members and their terms • Zoning applications • Planning Reports including current and past Master Plans, Flood Elevation Maps & Elevation Certificates and Tax Maps are linked on the website. • Guidelines for public comment. ## . 2022 Artifacts 16-B-2_Checklist 2022 Upper Twp IPEPZ_v1.0_16May2022_Final.PDF 16-B-2 Improving Public Engagement Planning and Zoning Agenda Examples_12May2022.docx | PDF Planning Board Procedure 19-5 copy May2018.pdf 16-B-2 UT Guidelines for Public Comment Screen Shot-12May2022.pdf ## .

PDF: [PLANNING BOARD PROCEDURE 19-5 COPY MAY2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [16-B-2_CHECKLIST 2022 UPPER TWP IPEPZ_V1.0_16MAY2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [16-B-2 IMPROVING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLANNING AND ZONING AGENDA EXAMPLES_12MAY2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [16-B-2 UT GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SCREEN SHOT - 12MAY2022.PDF](#)

Online Municipal Public Service Systems

10 Points

Program Summary: OPSS_2022 Checklist - Upper Twp_v1.0_12May2022_Final | PDF (Includes Appendix with screen shots) . The Upper Township website provides a complete digital information to community residents. Online features include: 1. The Twp. Committee page provides photos and contact emails for all of the elected Committeemen and Committeewomen. 2. Calendar for government services such as Public Works schedules 3. Downloadable forms, reports and plans. 4. Access links for online payments for Traffic Fines and Taxes 5. Trouble Reporting Tool for reporting a pothole or other public issue. 6. Public Works information is provided on the Twp. website 7. Employment opportunities with the Township of Upper are noted on Twp. website. 8. Floodplain Information is provided on the Twp. Website. 9. The Twp. website contains a calendar with listings for Committee, Boards, and other public meetings with links to agendas and minutes. ## . 2022 Artifacts: 16-B-3_OPSS_2022 Checklist - Upper Twp_v1.0_12May2022_Final.PDF (Includes Appendix with screen shots) ##

PDF: [16-B-3_OPSS_2022 CHECKLIST - UPPER TWP_V1.0_12MAY2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

Digitizing Public Information

10 Points

Program Summary: Upper Township’s website provides a variety documents, links and information that is readily available for the public to access. Specific links on the Twp. website for all the listed requirements of this Action are active and have been verified for 2020 and noted on the completed checklist included for this Action. Upper Township has also digitized not only documents but also has joined the social media network to notify the public of events and emergency notifications. The Township provides links to appropriate municipal social media sites on the main web page (top right header) > <http://www.uppertownship.com> ## . 2020 Artifacts: 16-C-1 Checklist - 2020 Digitizing Public Information_v1.1_21Aug2020.pdf ## .

PDF: [16-C-1 CHECKLIST - 2022 DIGITIZING PUBLIC INFORMATION_V1.0_12MAY2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

Sustainability & Climate Planning

Community Asset Mapping

10 Points

Program Summary: The Community Asset Mapping (CAM) is featured on the Green Team website and linked with social media on Facebook. CAM web page > <https://uppertwpgreenteam.wordpress.com/community-asset-map/> See screen shot attachment of website and table with links. In addition, the Township Green Team partnered with the Upper Township Business Association (UTBA) to create a Volunteer Directory. This table is also linked on the CAM web page. All organizations and points of contacts were contacted by the Green Team for current listings. Furthermore, the Vol. Directory has been provided to the Township office as a reference guide and will be included in the next edition of the UT Community Guide, published by the UTBA and supported by the Township of Upper. . Other Community Assets include: - Township “Parks Map” that highlights all of the passive and active recreational elements that included federal, county and municipal parks and conservation areas, recreation fields and playgrounds, and public schools. The Parks Map is linked on the Township website <http://uppertownship.com> under the Engineering Department. - The Upper Township Business Association (UTBA) maintains an online “Pin Map” that highlights various types of business assets in our community. The segmented map shows Professional, Retail, Restaurant, Service and Non-Profit members with searchable locator pins. The Pin Map is linked as an artifact for this action and can be found on the UTBA website > www.upperbiz.com The direct map link > <http://tinyurl.com/yalmm4mq> 2020 Artifacts 17-2 Community Asset Mapping - Green Team Website v1.1_22Nov2020 17-2 Parks Map - Upper Twp. 17-2 Community Guide Map - Ten Villages 17-2 UTBA Pin Map of Township Businesses

PDF: [17-2 PARKS MAP - UPPER TWP.](#)

PDF: [17-2 COMMUNITY GUIDE MAP - TEN VILLAGES](#)

PDF: [17-2 COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING - GREEN TEAM WEBSITE V1.1_22NOV2020](#)

PDF: [17-2 UTBA PIN MAP OF TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Upper Twp. Green Team facilitated establishing a Medical Drop Box project, located at the Village Pharmacy, Marmora, NJ. Funding for the Drop Box was supported by the Township of Upper, Cape Assist and the Rotary Club of Ocean City – Upper Twp. The annual expense for maintaining the Drop Box has been sustained by these sponsors for the past three years. The Drop Box is “open” during normal business hours at the Village Pharmacy, Wayside Village, Marmora. A formal “ribbon cutting ceremony” was held in April 2021. (See artifact) The Green Team uses social media posts and distributes handouts while tabling at events in the Township to promote safe disposal of unused medications. Furthermore, Green Team information tabling at community events, over the past three years, has featured awareness fliers about prescription drug disposal, such as the Medication Drop Off Locations sheet for Cape May Co. from the Cape Assist and the CMC Healthy Community Coalition and the “Pills to Heroin” flier, sponsored by the Cape May County Commissioners. The Green Team observed the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 30, 2022 by distributing the Drug Drop Box Village Pharmacy cards to each family attending the UTBA annual Shredding Truck event. The Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC) for Upper Twp. and Ocean City offers an array of information about the safe disposal of unused medications and participates in the community’s annual Health and Wellness Fair. John Brittin, owner and pharmacist at Village Pharmacy reported that over 300 pounds of drugs were collected in on year at the Drop Box in his store. In addition to the Village Pharmacy location, the Green Team continues to promote the secure 24/7 “Project Medicine Drop” box located at the nearby NJ State Police Woodbine Station. In recent years, the NJ State Police Woodbine Station has reported an average of 120 pounds annually. Regular disposal of the collected drugs is administered the by NJ State Police personnel. The Township of Upper’s website has information on - Prescription Drug Disposal, including links to New Jersey and Federal resources. ## Artifacts 2022 18-1 psa _ Photo - Medical Disposal Drop Box for Upper Twp_v2.0_14Apr2021 18-1 Poster and Postcard - Drug-Drop-Box_VillagePharmacy_v1.1_28Aug2022 18-1 CMC Rx DropBoxes_copy_14May2022.pdf 18-1 map-location for Medical Drop Box in Upper Twp and CMC_16May2022 18-1 Pills to Heroin - Cape May County - Flier ##

PDF: [18-1 PSA _ PHOTO - MEDICAL DISPOSAL DROP BOX FOR UPPER TWP_V2.0_14APR2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-1 POSTER AND POSTCARD - DRUG-DROP-BOX_VILLAGEPHARMACY_V1.1_28AUG2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-1 CMC RX DROPBOXES_COPY_14MAY2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-1 MAP-LOCATION FOR MEDICAL DROP BOX IN UPPER TWP AND CMC_16MAY2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-1 PILLS TO HEROIN - CAPE MAY COUNTY - FLIER.PDF](#)

Commercial & Institutional Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: Upper Township has an established Commercial Recycling program for the collection and disposal of solid waste within the Township that applies to all business properties within the Township as set forth in Ordinance 21-1 Solid Waste and Recycling. The Township Recycling Coordinator conducts compliance inspections on a regular basis and violation notices are issued as required. Special wheeled 55-gallon trash and recycling bins are provided for commercial businesses as well as residents. In addition, commercial recycling dumpsters are

placed at Township businesses. Commercial sites that utilize private hauler services for their recycling have their tonnage reported by the Township the annual Waste-Recycling Report. Township food stores use commercial haulers for food waste that is utilized by area farms. (see photo artifact) In addition, the UT Business Association and the Green Team has maintained a "Green Business Assessment Campaign" that and has publicly recognizes commercial businesses in the Township that participate in the program. (See Green Business Assessment Checklist) Furthermore, the Upper Twp. Business Association (UTBA) maintains liaison with Township officials for the Public Works Dept. (Waste-Recycling) in its publications. ## . 2022 Artifacts 18-A-3 Upper Township 2018 MTG_Recycle-TonnageReport.pdf 18-A-3 UT Ordinance 21-1 Solid Waste and Recycling 18-A-3_Commercial dumpster photo-UpperTwp_16May2022 18-A-3 Green Business Recognition Campaign by UTBA - Audit Checklist ##

PDF: [18-A-3 UPPER TOWNSHIP 2018 MTG_RECYCLE-TONNAGEREPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-A-3 UT ORDINANCE 21-1 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-A-3_COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER PHOTO-UPPERTWP_16MAY2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-A-3 GREEN BUSINESS ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST TEMPLATE_COPY-2022.PDF](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: Shredding opportunities for Upper Twp. residents are available throughout the year. The Township Public Works conducts a shredding day on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 9 am - 1 pm. This service is advertised on the Public Works Page of the 2022 Community Guide and online at the Township website and Facebook Page > www.uppertownship.com The 8th annual UT Business Association (UTBA) Community Green Day - Shredding Day for Upper Twp. was Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Foglio's Flooring Center parking lot in Marmora. The event provides free shredding services for Township businesses and residents. This event is sponsored by the UTBA in partnership with the Upper Township Green Team. The UTBA estimate that over 85 businesses and residents dropped-off material for shredding and the contractor reported processing 2,500 pounds of shredded paper at this year's event. In addition to UTBA Board members, there were other volunteers from the Ocean City High School Student Environmental Association (SEA), Green Team, and the Upper Township CERT program. Free re-usable shopping bags were distributed to residents along with a range of information handouts. Food donations were collected to support the food pantries in Upper Twp. Traffic safety cones were provided by Upper Township for the event. ## . 2022 Artifacts 18-A-4 UTBA - Flier - Community Paper Shredding Day - April 2022.pdf 18-A-4 UTBA Shredding Photos - April 2022.pdf 18-A-4 psa_UTBA Shredding Truck 30 April 2022 at Foglios_v1.0_20Apr2022_Final.pdf ## .

PDF: [18-A-4 FLIER - SHREDDING-2022-EARTH DAY-APRIL 30TH_V1.0_11FEB2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-A-4 PHOTOS - APRIL 2022 SHREDDING DAY_V1.0_12MAY2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [PSA_UTBA SHREDDING TRUCK 30 APRIL 2022 AT FOGLIOS_V1.0_20APR2022_FINAL.PDF](#)

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Upper Public Works Department has had a Recycling Depot at their Public Works Yard in Tuckahoe since 1985. This community service is open for residents and businesses on weekdays from 7 am. The hours of operation are advertised on

entrance signage for the PW Yard. (See artifact photos of UT Public Works – Recycling Depot. Recyclables collected through the Depot at the PW Yard are reported in the overall Tonnage Report by the Township. (See artifacts listed under 18-1-A, Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance.) Recycling Depot and all Public Works information for 2022 is detailed on the Township website <http://uppertownship.com/departments/public-works/> Public Works Depot recycling details are also contained in the annual Upper Twp. Community Guide. See 2022 edition link here > <https://upperbiz.com/membership-community-guide/> Also see artifact of page 12 “Upper Twp. Public Works” ## . 2022 Artifacts 18-A-8 CG_2022 Public-Works-Pg-12_14May2022.pdf 18-A-8_Recycle-Depot_UpperTwp_File Photo.docx ##

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PDF: [18-A-8_RECYCLE-DEPOT_UPPERTWP_FILE_PHOTO.PDF](#)

Reusable Bag Education Program *Retired 12/31/25*

5 Points

Program Summary: The Upper Twp. Green Team UTGT has partnered with the Upper Twp. Business Association (UTBA) for the “Bring Your Own Bag” (BYOBag) Campaign in our Township for over eight years. This year the Green Team has promoted the “Bag UP NJ” leading up to the May 4th, 2022 implementation of New Jersey state-wide ban for plastic bags. The promotional material was distributed and the Sustainable Jersey webinar “Preparing for State-wide Single Use Plastic Ban was promoted on the UTGT website. The BYOBag campaign has been a community-wide education project to nudge residents toward the habit of using reusable bags. The BYOBag poster (see attached) is displayed at all Green Team tabling and the flier is distributed as well. In 2016 the Township of Upper approved a resolution encouraging the use of reusable cloth type shopping bags as opposed to single use plastic bags. Reusable bags are given out at the Green Team information table, provided by local businesses and the UTBA. For the past 8 years, the Upper Twp. Business Association has partnered with the Green Team and distributed reusable shopping bags at all community events, including the annual Free Shredding Truck event (see artifact photos). ## . 2022 Artifacts: 18-B-6 Photos Reusable Bag Education Campaign 2021-2022.pdf 18-B-6 ut-resolution 104-2016 18-B-6_BYOBAG_flier_2.0_01Jun2022.pdf ##

PDF: [18-B-6 PHOTOS REUSABLE BAG EDUCATION CAMPAIGN 2021-2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [118-B-6_UT_RESOLUTION_104-2016-USE_OF_REUSABLE_CLOTH_SHOPPING_BAGS_COPY_MAY2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [18-B-6_BYOBAG_FLIER_2.0_01JUN2022.PDF](#)