



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

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

Wyckoff Twp was certified on September 23, 2025 with 155 points. Listed below is information regarding Wyckoff 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 Wyckoff Twp was approved for in 2025 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 members of the Wyckoff Green Team (WGT) play an active and integral role in the activities and accomplishments of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission (WEC). The WEC and volunteers to the WGT meet along with the WEC at their monthly meetings. Many of their efforts are directly related to the Sustainable Jersey recertification process and important

environmental initiatives. Green Team volunteers discuss and plan activities and provide education and outreach to the community. The Green Team recently presented to the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce in advance of the newly implemented NJ Plastics Legislation. Green Team volunteers also contributed to updating the Environmental Resource Inventory. Green Team members are active participants in the Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB and attend regular monthly meetings to share ideas including Single-Use Plastic Reduction and Styrofoam recycling. The Green Team also plans and promotes an annual green film festival with surrounding municipalities. Additional education campaigns include anti-idling education efforts, a reusable bag campaign to reduce plastic bag use, composting, and the importance of native plants to support pollinators. They have participated in the town-wide Team Up to Tidy Up, the annual Shred Fest, Styrofoam Recycling Events, and the annual Fishing Derby. Members have also staffed tables for community outreach at events such as Wyckoff Day and YMCA Healthy Kids Day to promote their various educational initiatives. Environmental information is shared with our K-8 Schools via administrative and PTO eblasts. Our WGT members has also staffed tables at our local high schools' community service fair to share ways students can get involved in environmental initiatives. They also supported a Community Plastic Bag Trex Collection program and a free TREX bench. The Green Team was also instrumental in helping with the new signage at Russell Farms Community Park with a 2024 grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G

PDF: [WYCKOFF COMMISSION MEETING DATES 2025](#)

PDF: [2023-2024 WEC/GREEN TEAM REPORT \(ACCOMPLISHMENTS\)](#)

PDF: [WEC/GREEN TEAM DISTRIBUTION LIST](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS AT EVENTS PHOTO](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS AT WYCKOFF DAY](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM RESOLUTION RE-ADOPTION](#)

Food

Community Gardens

20 Points

Program Summary: The Wyckoff Community Garden, located at Eisenhower Middle School, 344 Calvin Court in Wyckoff, has been in existence for about 15 years. It was originally inspired by an Eagle Scout project and created jointly by the township, school district, and various other community groups. Currently, the Community Garden is managed by the Chairman of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission/Green Team. The garden consists of ten 4' x 10' raised planting beds separated by gravel pathways. This 2024 season, two beds are dedicated for school usage and the remaining six are tended to by families in the community (grid attached - we agreed with the school to convert the two remaining beds to community usage too late in 2024 to assign). The garden is not restricted to families with children in the school system. The garden has two rain barrels and is hand-weeded by volunteers. No pesticides are used in the beds or the walkways as per school and community garden policy. The Community Garden contains native perennials selected to support pollinators, and a variety of vegetables, herbs, and annuals. The produce from several of the beds is being donated to several local food pantries including Families for Families located in Wyckoff and Social Service Association located in the adjacent town of Ridgewood, which support local households in need.

WORD: [COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES 2024.DOCX](#)

PDF: [2024 GARDEN GRID.XLSX.PDF](#)

PDF: [SAMPLES OF DONATION RECEIPTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [EMS COMMUNITY GARDEN PHOTOS 2024.PDF](#)

PDF: [WYCKOFF LIVING MAGAZINE.PDF](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY_GARDEN_SUBMISSION_QUESTIONNAIRE.DOCX](#)

Green Design

Green Building Policy/Resolution

5 Points

Program Summary: Attached please find our Green Building Policy Resolution re-adopted on January 21, 2025 . The attached Stormwater "Best Practices" that the Township regularly publicizes to the residents via E-News, Facebook and Twitter are included. The best practices are guidelines to encourage planning, zoning and UCC officials during their planning review to consider the impacts of development on storm water systems and to promote the reduction of excess loadings and contamination into storm water systems to protect our local waterways. The resolution has been added to the township website, and is also included in the Environmental Commission page of the website for easy accessibility. The newly adopted resolution has been circulated to relevant departments and division managers. This Green Building Policy is a necessary accompaniment to our Sustainable Land Use Pledge!

IMAGE: [POLICIES WEBSITE POST](#)

PDF: [GREEN BUILDING MEMO TO STAFF](#)

PDF: [GREEN BUILDING BEST PRACTICES](#)

PDF: [GREEN BUILDING RESOLUTION](#)

Upgrade/Retrofit-Light Pollution

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff re-adopted Resolution 19-159 on March 19, 2019 to continue enforcing our Environmentally Preferred Outdoor Lighting Policy in accordance with ordinance # 1838 which provides reduction of light intensity and dimming features as a part of the subdivision and site plan review. It is the practice of the Township to employ energy efficiency measures to encourage and increase energy conservation for Wyckoff municipal buildings and facilities in the Township. The Township promotes best green lighting practices to the public by way of example and consistent with requirements of the code. The policy is regularly distributed to the Township Engineer, Building Dept. and code officers. In 2019, lights were upgraded to energy efficient LED lighting in the Recreation Dept., DPW, Town Hall and Police Departments

PDF: [POLICY POSTED ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [GREEN LIGHTING POLICY RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [GREEN LIGHTING POLICY MEMO TO STAFF](#)

PDF: [WYCKOFF LIGHTING ORDINANCE](#)

Health & Wellness

Safe Routes to School

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff, the Wyckoff Schools, and the Wyckoff Police Department recognize the need to prioritize and promote the health and safety of our children as well as the environment. Driving children to school by private vehicle and idling in the school vicinity contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution near the school. Air pollution can have adverse effects on student health as well as the environment. Walking or biking to school can have a positive mental and physical impact and helps students arrive at school ready to learn. Providing safe routes to school encourages students to walk or bike to school. Wyckoff was awarded the Silver Award for 2024-2026 (documentation attached) from NJ Safe Routes to School in recognition of their dedicated efforts to keep our families safe while walking and biking to school. Sergeant Brian Zivkovich of the Wyckoff Police Department manages the crossing guard program and organizes the training and orientation for our crossing guard personnel. All crossing guards are required to pass an annual "Back to School" physical before they are assigned to a post as well as attend a presentation on proper guard techniques and safety training. He also visits each location to observe the crossing guards and monitor the school zones for safety. The solar-powered speed signs and flashing pedestrian crossing signs in the school zones are an added safety feature to bring awareness of pedestrian traffic in school zones and assist in reminding vehicles of the posted speed limit. The WPD regularly posts PSAs about pedestrian and bicycle safety (examples attached) and collaborates with the schools for National Walk and Bike to School days.

PDF: [2024 NJSFTS SILVER RECOGNITION](#)

PDF: [SAFE ROUTES POSTS.PDF](#)

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 3

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff, supported by a grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G, upgraded and installed new educational signage at Russell Farms Community Park. The three new signs are weatherproof and are designed to enhance the visitors experience in the park. The first sign describes the contents of the Sensory Garden and challenges the visitor to experience the sights, sounds, touch, and smell of the various elements. The second sign provides information about the trees in the park and helps the visitor learn to identify trees. The third sign provides an overview of the park including other elements such as the Monarch Butterfly Garden. It also discusses Sustainable Jersey certification and helps the visitor understand why Wyckoff believes it to be important.

PDF: [RUSSELL FARMS PARK ANNOUNCEMENT FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [LAUNCH EVENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [SENSORY GARDEN.PDF](#)

PDF: [TREE IDENTIFIER SIGN.PDF](#)

PDF: [OVERVIEW SIGN.PDF](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Sustainable Land Use Pledge was originally adopted by the Township Committee on April 26, 2011. The Pledge was developed jointly by members of the Environmental and Planning Commissions as well as by representatives of the Township Committee. Resolution 25-73 was re-adopted by the Township Committee on January 21, 2025. In order to remind relevant Wyckoff officials to pursue sustainability measures and considerations on land use decisions, the attached memo dated January 28, 2025 which included the Pledge, was sent to the township engineer, consulting engineer and building code official members. Additionally, the memo was circulated to the The Environmental Commission, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Green Team, and Design Review Committee again on April 8, 2025. The resolution is available via the open public Township website and is recorded in the public minutes of the Township Committee. This is periodically posted on our Facebook site to make our residents aware of our commitment to use appropriate land use decisions to maintain Wyckoff's obligation to an environmentally sustainable community.

IMAGE: [LAND USE POLICY POSTED ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [SUSTAINABLE LAND USE POLICY MEMO TO STAFF](#)

PDF: [LAND USE PLEDGE RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [LAND USE MEMO TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS](#)

Natural Resources

Natural Resource Inventory

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: In 2016, the Wyckoff Environmental Commission formed a subcommittee of commissioners and Green Team volunteers to update the original Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) written in 1995. The subcommittee met weekly to improve the original 30-page NRI document which builds upon the physical changes or changes to the natural system in our community that have taken place in the past 20 years. The new 100-page Environmental Resources Inventory, in alliance with Sustainable Jersey ERI Action recommendations, was adopted by resolution and continues to be used as a background study to the Master Plan. The ERI will continue to serve as a foundation for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments as well

as developers during the application process and provide an educational medium and guide of natural resources, landmarks, and open spaces to the public. It includes visual information and graphs about the natural resource characteristics and environmental features of the local municipality and provides criteria for measuring and evaluating resource protection issues. It will be accessible electronically to all public citizens via the township website and social media platforms as well as in printout form available at local public offices. Printed copies have been distributed to our local library and educational facilities.

PDF: [INTENT TO INCLUDE ERI AS BACKGROUND STUDY IN MASTER PLAN](#)

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PLAN FOR FUTURE UPDATES](#)

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY RESOLUTION](#)

IMAGE: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY WEBSITE](#)

Environmental Commission

10 Points

Program Summary: The Wyckoff Environmental Commission (WEC) consists of seven appointed members from the Township. Members are appointed by the Township Committee and serve a term of three years. The Environmental Commission has monthly meetings throughout the year. The Commission holds two annual litter abatement event (Team up to Tidy Up) as funded by the NJ Clean Communities, an annual fishing derby and its bi-annual shredding/recycling events where information about the importance of recycling and reducing waste is distributed. The WEC/GT also participates in the Annual Wyckoff Day event where displays and information on Styrofoam recycling, composting, anti-idling, plastic bag recycling, reusable bags, and supporting pollinators by planting native plants are presented and discussed. The Commission keeps the public informed by way of regular public service announcements in the weekly e-newsletter, on the township website and social media pages. They also collaborate with the K-8 Wyckoff Schools to spread environmental messages. The WEC also coordinates with neighboring towns on green film festival. The WEC is also an active participant of the SJ Bergen County HUB.

PDF: [WEC 2024 SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [WEC EVENT PHOTOS](#)

PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [2023-2024 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS](#)

PDF: [MEETING AND EVENT DATES](#)

Open Space Plans

10 Points

Program Summary: In August of 2020, the Wyckoff Planning Board updated and adopted the Re-Examination Report in 2020. Future environmental goals include encouraging the use of green building techniques and materials in new development and redevelopment. addressing requirements to achieve positive drainage and managing and controlling development in a responsible and energy efficient manner. The 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) element of the Township of Wyckoff was updated in 2020 and includes a map and list of all certified open space properties located in the Township of Wyckoff. Most recently the Township acquired a 20 acre track of land that will be preserved as open space and used for minor passive

recreation in certain locations. As there is limited green space or open space land left in Wyckoff, the goals for maintaining open space are to maintain a high level of recreational services for Township residents, to provide a complete range of recreational facilities and services for all age groups that meets the needs of the Township's population, to maintain and improve the existing recreational facilities within the Township, to preserve and protect existing open space within the Township, to preserve and protect land that is environmentally constrained, to recognize and identify open space and conservation easement areas in the Township which have been created as a result of site plan or subdivision approval by the Planning Board or other development. ? The Township has an inventory of open spaces and conservation easements resulting in a list of 22 parcels of land totaling 252.5 acres. In 2019 the Township purchased 21 acres of green space of Township property preserved for open space which will bring the Township's total open space acreage to 273 acres.

PDF: [ROSI 2020](#)

PDF: [MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION REPORT 2020](#)

PDF: [MASTER PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT 2018 AMENDMENT](#)

PDF: [MAPLE LAKE OPEN SPACE ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [MINUTES AND RESOLUTION](#)

IMAGE: [MAPLE LAKE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROPERTY](#)

Easement Inventory & Outreach *Retires 12/31/27*

10 Points

Program Summary: The Wyckoff Land-use boards recognized a need to protect and conserve natural resources. When development proposals are submitted to either the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment and wetlands, natural features or other natural resources are present, the land-use boards attempt to protect those natural features through an action of the board. It is through an action of the board, typically a site plan approval, where the area of the natural features exist are identified for protection. This action is accomplished in three ways. The first, lists the area of conservation easement on the official final site plan map. The second is through the resolution of approval detailing the conservation easement and thirdly, through a separate document called a conservation easement. This document is recorded in the Bergen County office of deeds as a permanent record and printing on the municipal tax map. Through these three actions, the conservation easement becomes an area of permanent protection. The Township currently has 6 conservation easement properties. The information about the easement properties can be found on our website at <https://www.wyckoff-nj.com/about-wyckoff/pages/municipal-statistics> Attachments 1. Detailed explanation of Easement Conservation and Stewardship Program including Three (3) photos of the sign that alerts citizens of a conservation easement and requests their participation in protecting the natural resource. 2. Five (5) copies of pages of the Wyckoff Tax Map that demonstrate the conservation easements at six (6) locations. 3. Five (5) examples of Public Service Announcements issued monthly to four (4) local newspapers that report on activities and actions in Wyckoff

PDF: [EASEMENT MAPS](#)

PDF: [CONSERVATION EASEMENT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROPERTY PHOTOS](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff Medicine & Drug Take-Back and Drop-Off program was initiated on September 19, 2016. The program is overseen by the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs Project Medicine Drop Program. The Wyckoff Police Department has a secure medicine dropbox for local residents to safely discard unused medicines and drugs located in the Police Department lobby. The building is located at 1 Scott Plaza with the entrance on the left side of Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff NJ. It is available during regular staffed business hours. Since its inception, the program has been advertised regularly via the Wyckoff Police Department websites and Facebook page and press releases to township residents. (<http://www.wyckoffpolice.org/project-medicine-box.html>) The program is also promoted on the Township municipal website (<https://www.wyckoff-nj.com/drug-abuse-education/pages/medication-disposal>), the fall and spring resident newsletter, the annual Town of Wyckoff calendar, and the town e-newsletter. Since 2022 the Police Department has collected 798 lbs. of medicine. Additionally, officers of the Wyckoff Police Department have regularly participated in a portable deployment of medicine/drug disposal during the town's annual Spring 2023 and 2024 events where they collected a total of 33lbs. lbs. of medicines and at the 2023-2024 Fall Shredfest events where a total of 34 lbs were collected. The bags of collected medicines/drugs are escorted by one of the officers to the DEA collection events at the Bergen County Academy where they dispose of the medications on site.

IMAGE: [POLICE DEPT MEDICINE DROPBOX](#)

IMAGE: [POLICE DEPT POSTING](#)

IMAGE: [2024 SPRING SHRED DAY PSA](#)

PDF: [SHRED/RECYCLING DAY MEDICINE TAKEBACK RESULTS](#)

IMAGE: [2024 FALL SHRED DAY PSA](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff, in coordination with the Environmental Commission and DPW, has been holding two township Shredding events annually for over 10 years – one in the Spring and one in the Fall. This event is held rain or shine. The events are publicized in the weekly township eblast, social media sites, through flyers circulated via school eblast, and on the Township website. The events are always a huge success with hundreds of residents participating. Due to the popularity of this biannual event, Shredfest was relocated in 2020 from the DPW Yard at 475 West Main Street to the parking lot at Community Park at 475 Wyckoff Ave. for better traffic flow and to accommodate more cars. Shredding events held bi-annually since 2023 have resulted in a collection of almost 18tons of confidential recyclable shredded paper that will be diverted from the landfill.

PDF: [SHRED DAY PHOTOS 2024](#)

IMAGE: [SHRED DAY FLYER 1- 2024](#)

PDF: [SHRED/RECYCLING DAY RESULTS 2024](#)

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff proudly offers a number of recycling opportunities to its residents; this not only helps the environment but also reduces the cost to the taxpayers for the transport of garbage to landfills. The Township has its own Recycling Center and Conservation Center conveniently located at 476 West Main St. The hours of operation are September 1st – April 30th Monday – Saturday 9:00AM to 3:00PM. From May 1st – August 31st, Tuesday hours are 11:00am to 3:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm. Items historically collected are corrugated board, plastics 1,2,5, bottles and cans, vegetative waste, leaves, books and Cd's, electronics, scrap metal and re-chargeable batteries. In 2024 the Recycling center now offers a confidential paper shredding container for residents to drop of their confidential papers to be shredded and recycled. Additionally in 2024, the Recycling Center now offers year round collections of #6 polystyrene foam which is collected and sent to Polymolding in Haskell NJ for recycling into new material. To promote the recycling message, the Township regularly promotes the services offered by the Recycling Center recycling in our weekly E-News emailed to residents, on our social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram and X and in our annual municipal calendar which is supplied to all residents and businesses within the municipality. Residents can also download the RecycleCoach app for a convenient way to find out specific information about what items can be recycled in Wyckoff and where. The Center also offers curbside pickup of white goods (large metal items such as appliances) every Wednesday, and in 2023 began bulk pickup on the last Thursday of the month for large items such as furniture, carpeting, etc. by appointment.

PDF: [ITEMS COLLECTION AT RECYCLING CENTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING MATERIALS COLLECTED- POSTS](#)

PDF: [2023 TONNAGE REPORT](#)

IMAGE: [2024 RECYCLING CENTER- NEW COLLECTIONS](#)

PDF: [UPDATED WYCKOFF WHAT GOES WHERE DISPOSABLE REFERENCE TABLE](#)

Backyard Composting Program

5 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Wyckoff began offering composters to residents at wholesale cost in 2007 and we've sold over 300 composters to date. The program was started by a former Township Committee member with the Wyckoff Environmental Commission taking over managing the program in 2020 when he retired. A 2019 Junior Environmental Commissioner project on Backyard Composting brought renewed attention to the cause and resulted in an annual Composting workshop organized by the Wyckoff Environmental Commission/Green Team. Composters are available for sale year-round at our DPW and we bring some to sell at the composting workshop to make it convenient for residents. What started as a one-time composting workshop in 2019 has become an annual event with dozens of people attending to learn how to turn their kitchen scraps into black gold. The Spring Backyard Composting workshop is held at Russell Farms Community Park and consists of a presentation by the Chair of the Wyckoff Green Team followed by a Q&A. The Spring 2024 event was a success with approximately 25 people attending. Our upcoming event is scheduled for March 22, 2025. Educational flyers are available for workshop attendees looking for additional information and the Earth Machine manual is shared with everyone who purchases a composter. From 2022 to date, we've sold 27 composters.

Residents are informed of the workshops through our Town-wide Eblasts and social media outlets such as Facebook. There is a "Composting" tab on the Environmental Commission/Green team section of the Township of Wyckoff website with information to promote the benefits of composting (<https://www.wyckoff-nj.com/environmental-commissiongreen-team/pages/composting-information>). Residents can also email composting questions and inquiries to wec@wyckoff-nj.com.

PDF: [2023-2024 COMPOST WORKSHOP POST](#)

PDF: [GARBAGE TO GARDEN FLYER](#)

PDF: [COMPOST WORKSHOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL](#)

PDF: [EARTH MACHINE COMPOSTER MANUAL](#)

PDF: [2024 COMPOST WOKSHOP PHOTOS](#)

PDF: [BACKYARD COMPOSTING FLYER](#)