



## Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Montclair Twp, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

Montclair Twp was certified on September 24, 2025 with 355 points. Listed below is information regarding Montclair 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 Montclair 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.

#### Brownfields

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##### Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Downloaded the Known & Suspected Sites List (as of 1/27/2022) and cross referenced it with Township tax parcel information. Utilized Township tax records, the Township tax map, and Google Maps to complete inventory. Removed sites that were residential on the assumption that they had tank leaks (common in Montclair), those that had been remediated (received an RAO), those that could not be identified in Township tax records (unclear

location/address), and those with a CCF Approval letter. Focused verification process, using Google Maps, on properties listed as vacant, listed as public, or those without an LSRP. The Montclair Environmental Commission will continue to verify remaining properties. It will also update this list annually by downloading the latest Known & Suspected Sites list and searching for new properties. New properties will be evaluated as described herein.

**PDF:** [BROWNFIELDS\\_INVENTORY\\_AND\\_PRIORITIZATION\\_CHECKLIST \(COMPLETED\).PDF](#)


**EXCEL:** [BROWNFIELDS\\_INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

## Community Partnership & Outreach

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### Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

**Program Summary:** In 2009 our Township Council created the original Sustainable Montclair Green Team (SMGT). We successfully achieved certification for Montclair in 2009, re-certification at the Bronze level in 2013, 2016, and 2019. For re-certification we have uploaded our 2016 Council Resolution of Support, a letter from the mayor re-Establishing the SMGT and acknowledging its purpose and a member list. To demonstrate our activity, a collaborative tracking sheet listing our SJ Tasks for re-certification is uploaded. In summary, we completed actions across 9 categories including 2 innovative actions related to the building of a local micro-grid and launch of a Comfort Partners program. The categories where we took action include: Arts, Brownfields, Energy, Green Design, Health and Wellness (including being awarded 25 points for its NJ Healthy Town designation), Land Use and Transportation, Natural Resources Protection, and Citizen Engagement. In 2025, we submitted a new resolution which was adopted by our Township Council, which designates our Environmental Commission as our Green Team. The Montclair Environmental Commission has been invaluable in supporting our office by advancing new legislation and rallying community support for key environmental initiatives. Please find the adopted resolution affirming our continued partnership on these efforts.

**PDF:** [R-25-104 GREEN TEAM RES.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [MEMBERS LIST.DOC](#)

**WORD:** [SMGT ACTIVITY SUMMARY.DOC](#)

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### Green Fair

15 Points

**Program Summary:** Marrakech Cunliffe, an employee of Montclair Township's Office of Sustainability, organized the inaugural Earth Fest in 2024, with the second annual event scheduled for April 27, 2025. The Office of Sustainability partnered with Montclair BID, Drive Electric, Montclair Climate Action, and the Sierra Club for both years to bring this initiative to life. Marrakech leads the effort, handling all paperwork and agreements, coordinating vendors, planning the event site, and overseeing communications and outreach. Our community partners provide additional funding to support outreach and educational initiatives while also covering costs for police to close the street where the event takes place. They also help expand our

network by connecting us with potential vendors. The goal of Earth Fest is to unite the Montclair community in upholding environmentally conscious practices while educating residents about the programs and initiatives we lead to build a more resilient community. Residents of all ages can engage in educational games, visit booths from local businesses and nonprofits championing sustainability, and explore eco-friendly alternatives such as electric vehicles, energy-efficient appliances, and more. The event's sustainability guidelines align with the Green Fair Action requirements. Vendors are prohibited from selling or distributing single-use plastics including straws and bags and are encouraged to offer eco-friendly and sustainable products and services. Additionally, vendors must ensure proper waste disposal by sorting materials into designated receptacles (e.g., cans and plastic narrow-neck bottles in specified recycling bins). Access to electricity is limited to vendors who explicitly request it when applying.

**PDF:** [EARTH FEST FLYER.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [SAVE THE DATE 2025.PNG](#)

**IMAGE:** [VOLUNTEER VISUAL.PNG](#)

**PDF:** [EARTH FEST 2025 VENDOR GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT \(1\).PDF](#)

**PDF:** [GREEN FAIR TEMPLATE.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [EARTH FEST SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT.PDF](#)

## Diversity & Equity

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### Lead Education & Outreach Programs

15 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair's Department of Health and Human Services publishes lead information on our municipal website, on TV-34, and through the public schools via flyers announcing free screenings sent home via "backpack stuffers" for every school kid. On our Health Dept.'s website are links to Childhood Lead Information. And, our Environmental Health Officers also provide lead inspections, as well as testing for children. In addition, our Health Department - in partnership with NJ Dept. of Health - provides resources for parents to stay informed so child lead exposure can be avoided. The NJDOH launched the #kNowLEAD public education campaign, which aims to increase awareness of all lead hazards in homes, schools, and on the job, and, to also educate residents on what they can do to prevent exposure and safeguard their child's health. Our Dept. of Health provides the public education campaign which includes outreach about lead exposure to Montclair's pre-schools, schools and doctors' offices. In addition, our nurses in the Dept. of Health offer lead screenings for the public, and for our public employees. Attached are the checklists, which include links to the online newsletter. You'll also find copies of printed materials or in-person event outreach to accompany the other checklist, as well as a summary of all outreach events and screenings held in 2024.

**WORD:** [MHD LEAD EDUCATION ONLINE OR PRINT INITIATIVE CHECKLIST V3\\_1.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [LEAD EDUCATION SUMMARY AND OUTREACH.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [MHD LEAD EDUCATION IN PERSON EVENT CHECKLIST V3\\_1\\_\(3\).DOC](#)

## Emergency Management

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## Emergency Communications Planning

15 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Montclair Emergency communications are covered within the all-hazards Emergency Operations Plan, which was completed in October, 2024. Within this plan are functional annexes, which provide guidance on relevant topics. With respect to emergency communications for the public, those are covered within Annex B (Alerting, Warning & Communications) and Annex F (Emergency Public Information). During the most recent "declared" water emergency, the communications procedures were tested and proved successful. With the communication via Township Website, Facebook, Rave Mobile Safety test alerts, reposting of FB alerts on community FB pages, Mayor's You Tube with details on the steps being taken (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZ4ZmqCGcTg&t=6s>) and TV 34 report and local press (<https://montclairlocal.news/montclair-mayor-declares-state-of-emergency-because-of-water-crisis/>), this emergency and next steps were communicated widely, keeping residents informed regularly throughout. <https://baristanet.com/2022/10/montclair-declares-state-of-water-emergency-video/>

**WORD: [EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CHECKLIST '25.DOCX](#)**

## Energy

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### Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Between 2016 and 2017, the Township of Montclair's Office of Environmental Affairs coordinated our municipality's participation in PSE&G's Direct Install Program. This cost-saving energy efficiency initiative helped municipal buildings reduce both energy use and costs through targeted energy improvements and fulfilled the "Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities" action for re-certification. PSE&G's contractor conducted lighting equipment audits in all municipally-owned buildings to identify opportunities for cost-effective lighting upgrades. Based on these audits, PSE&G subsidized upgrades in 10 of our 12 municipal buildings, with installations completed in 2017. All fluorescent lamps were replaced with high-efficiency LEDs (Light-Emitting Diodes). The Direct Install Program's 5-Year Cumulative Cash Flow Summary projected over \$178,325 in utility bill savings, and over the course of the decade, the Township expects to save more than \$425,000. These upgrades also reduce annual electricity usage by nearly 240,000 kWh, cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 215 tons per year. These savings are in addition to energy efficiency improvements completed earlier in the decade, bringing our total annual utility bill savings to over \$108,000 and total energy savings to 668,000 kWh. This underscores the Township's commitment to reducing energy consumption, upgrading infrastructure, and lowering our carbon footprint. In recent years, we have transitioned to utilizing the Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) program to further assess and improve energy efficiency in our facilities. To date, we have completed LGEAs for all municipally-owned and currently functional buildings. The Police Department was not included in the LGEA process, as it is slated for demolition and reconstruction. While the main library received an LGEA prior to 2024, it is scheduled to undergo significant energy-related upgrades in the near future. See the article about the upgrades here: <https://www.montclairnjsa.org/News-articles/MPL-Press-Release->

Facilities-HVAC-Upgrades

PDF: [LGEA REPORTS COMBINED.PDF](#)

PDF: [BUILDING INVENTORY \(2\).PDF](#)

PDF: [LIBRARY REPORTS & UPDATES.PDF](#)

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## Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair Township has partnered with Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G to launch the Montclair Business Energy Saver Program in our community. Since the start of our outreach efforts, we have promoted the program extensively across all available digital and print platforms and developed custom materials to distribute at every event we attended. Recognizing the importance of direct engagement, we also organized our own outreach events, which proved to be the most effective way to connect with business owners through meaningful, targeted conversations. Given the central role of the Montclair Center BID and Experience Montclair in supporting local businesses, we identified Jackie Apicella as the ideal representative to introduce the program rather than the Mayor, who had already endorsed the residential track. We presented the program at a BID business networking event at the Wellmont Theater, where we engaged directly with business owners, answered questions, and held informal discussions to better understand their needs. Additionally, Montclair Township has since established a new Office of Small Business Advocacy. Through this partnership, we coordinated additional mixer events tailored to small businesses across all parts of Montclair – not just within the Center BID – to ensure equitable and convenient access to program information and resources. Please find our outreach plan, outreach samples, and promotional letter attached.

PDF: [PSEG COMMERCIAL OUTREACH PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [COMM. OUTREACH LETTER.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [COMM. WEBSITE.JPG](#)

PDF: [SBA BIZ MEET AND GREET FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [PSEG COMMERCIAL OUTREACH PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [BID PRESENTATION HANDOUT.PDF](#)

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## Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach

20 Points

**Program Summary:** Since joining the Sustainable Jersey–PSEG Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, Montclair Township has significantly expanded its efforts to promote energy efficiency across the community. Prior to its involvement, Montclair had no formal outreach initiatives focused on residential energy efficiency. However, after seeing meaningful improvements through municipal upgrades via the PSEG Direct Install Program in 2017, the Township recognized the importance of extending similar benefits to residents. Montclair launched a robust residential outreach campaign supported by funding through the residential track of the Partnership Program. The campaign included educational pamphlets, bookmarks distributed at the Montclair Public Library, and banners to increase program visibility. Partnerships with local media outlets like Montclair Local helped amplify the message through customized ads and a community spotlight article. Small giveaways were offered at in-person events to encourage sign-ups and spark conversations about energy efficiency. All outreach materials directed residents to

Montclair's dedicated campaign website, which serves as a centralized resource hub for information on available energy efficiency programs. The overarching goal has been to increase awareness and participation by emphasizing the simplicity and savings these programs can offer, especially to those who may benefit most. Montclair is also expanding efforts beyond residential outreach. The Township is actively pursuing opportunities on the commercial track and received additional funding specifically to support outreach in Overburdened Communities (OBCs). Montclair contains 21 Overburdened Community Block Groups, as identified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and is committed to ensuring equitable access to energy efficiency resources for these neighborhoods.

PDF: [LETTER\\_2023-08-18\\_SJ-PSEG.PDF](#)

PDF: [PSE&G RESIDENTIAL OUTREACH \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [MONTCLAIR LOCAL - MONTCLAIR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM OFFER FREE HOME ASSESSMENTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [RESIDENTIAL OUTREACH PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [WEBPAGE - MONTCLAIR - SUSTAINABLE JERSEY — PSE&G.PDF](#)

WORD: [MONTCLAIR RES OUTREACH PLAN \(1\).DOCX](#)

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## Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

15 Points

**Program Summary:** Thanks to a grant from Sustainable Jersey, Montclair was the first town in the state to provide a networked series of public charging stations for electric vehicles. Montclair is the Sustainable Jersey "Spotlight" municipality for EV Charging Infrastructure. We currently have 6 Level 2 charging stations with multiple ports and 1 DC Fast Charger that are available to the public. This year, the new parking deck on Glenfield Ave was made EV ready and new charging stations will be installed once budgets permit. For certification we have uploaded the locations and proof of charger operation and signage and the ordinance designating EV only charging stations.

WORD: [PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE SJ GRANT REPORT](#)

WORD: [ORDINANCE DESIGNATING EV CHARGING ONLY PARKING SPACES](#)

PDF: [EV CHARGER LOCATIONS FROM MONTCLAIR PARKING SUPERINTENDENT](#)

PDF: [OPERATIONAL CHARGER IMAGE TIME STAMPED](#)

## Food

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### Farmers Markets

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Montclair Farmers Market (MFM) operates in the municipal lot next to the Walnut Street NJ Transit stop. An Ordinance prohibits parking in the lot on Friday nights. Previous Township Sustainability Officer Gray Russell (retired in 2021) is one of the original organizers of the Market, and continues to serve on the MFM Board of Trustees. Lisa Johnson, Montclair Township's current Environmental and Code Coordinator, also holds a position on the

Board. The market operates almost year-round, with the Summer season running June-November from 8AM-2PM, and the Winter season running December-May 9AM-1PM. There is no financial burden to the Township, since the growers and food vendors pay an annual registration fee to cover all costs, including insurance, advertising, and paying a Market Manager who is present weekly. Non-profit groups host outreach tables each week, local chefs offer free tastings, and musicians and performers from this area provide entertainment. MFM currently has 33 vendors, providing our community a range of locally-sourced goods such as fresh produce, vegan/vegetarian/gluten free baked goods, cheeses, honey, spices, meat products, and even seafood (caught off the coast in Barnegat, NJ!). The Township, along with the Environmental Commission, actively promotes the market through our municipal website and social media channels.

**PDF: [LETTER OF SUPPORT.PDF](#)**

**EXCEL: [VENDOR CONTACTS.XLSX](#)**

**PDF: [MFM PROFIT LOSS STATEMENT 2024.PDF](#)**

**WORD: [MFM OUTREACH SAMPLES.DOCX](#)**

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## **Making Farmers Markets Accessible**

**5 Points**

**Program Summary:** Montclair Township hosts the Montclair Farmers' Market (MFM) in the municipal parking lot next to the Walnut Street NJ Transit stop. The market is about 100 yards from Grove Street, served by both NJ Transit and DeCamp bus lines. A nearby senior center provides a shuttle for shoppers to access fresh local produce. All six of MFM's growers accept New Jersey Department of Agriculture vouchers, including WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Checks and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) coupons. Voucher acceptance is verified by the Market Manager. Additionally, MFM offers the Double Value Coupon Program (DVCP), which provides a matching dollar-for-dollar incentive for SNAP, WIC, and SFMNP participants. For every \$1 spent at the market, shoppers can receive \$1 in Good Food Bucks (up to \$20) to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. This program, launched in 2015 through a partnership with City Green, The Wholesome Wave Foundation, and funding from the Partners for Health Foundation, makes farm-fresh produce more affordable for those in need. MFM also supports seniors through the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), distributing \$25 worth of vouchers to low-income seniors for fresh produce at the market each summer (July-November). Additionally, several MFM farmers, including Circle Brook Farm and Matarazzo Farms, donate surplus produce to local emergency food programs, providing fresh food to those in need. This initiative, which started with the United Way of Northern NJ, continues to benefit organizations like Toni's Kitchen, The Salvation Army, and the First Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

**WORD: [MFM ACCESSIBILITY MAPS.DOCX](#)**

**WORD: [MFM OUTREACH SAMPLES.DOCX](#)**

**PDF: [FMNP WIC SPANISH & ENGLISH \\$30 JUNE 2025.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [FMNP SNR ENGLISH \\$40 JUNE 2025.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [MONTCLAIR FARMERS MARKET 2024 IMPACT.PDF](#)**

## **Health & Wellness**

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## Building Healthier Communities

25 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair began participating in the NJ Mayor's Wellness Campaign (MWC) several years ago, and was designated a New Jersey Healthy Town (HT) again in 2025. Our Township of Montclair Department of Health and Human Services' on-going outreach programs for youths, seniors, employees, and the entire community have benefited thousands of participants, and they continue to be successful components of a vigorous health, wellness, and quality-of life contribution for Montclair residents. Attached is the application for the designation, the article/press release, and the award letter. The Mayor signed a Mayor's participation pledge which was submitted to the New Jersey Healthcare Quality Institute, however, we do not have access to the pledge unfortunately.

**PDF:** [MWC HEALTHY TOWN PRESS RELEASE FINAL 3.3.25.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [2024 HEALTHY TOWN APPLICATION QUESTIONS.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [AWARD LETTER - HEALTHY TOWN.PDF](#)

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## Town-Wide Gas Leaf Blower Restrictions

25 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair Township's Ordinance O-23-31 bans gas-powered leaf blowers to combat their adverse effects on human and environmental health. In August 2023, Montclair's Town Council voted to implement a year-round ban on gas-powered leaf blowers, building on previous seasonal restrictions. The decision was driven by concerns over noise, air pollution, and the health impacts associated with gas-powered equipment. The new ordinance applies to all properties in Montclair, including public facilities like schools and parks. Under the ordinance, violators face increasing fines for repeated offenses. It also includes provisions such as later start times for use and requirements for protective gear for municipal employees. Montclair is at the forefront of a growing number of communities across the country that are phasing out gas-powered landscaping tools in favor of quieter, cleaner options. Please find a copy of the ordinance attached, along with purchase receipts from our Water Utility and Community Services Departments for transitioning municipal equipment, and the notification that was sent out to all local landscaping businesses notifying them of the new ban, as well as the municipal promotion of the ordinance. See the adopted ordinance here: <https://ecode360.com/42952623?highlight=0,0%2023-35&searchId=22625124536422804> See local news reports on the ban: <https://www.quietmontclair.org/research> <https://www.quietmontclair.org/code-enforcement> <https://montclairlocal.news/2023/07/montclair-council-to-introduce-ban-on-gas-powered-leaf-blowers/> <https://www.themontclairgirl.com/leaf-blower-ban-montclair-new-jersey/>

**PDF:** [O-23-31.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [DCS EQUIP. TRANSITION - BACKPACKS.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [DCS EQUIP. TRANSITION - CHARGER+BATTERY.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [WATER UTILITY EQUIP. TRANSITION 1.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [WATER UTILITY EQUIP. TRANSITION 2.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [MUNI BAN NOTIF.JPG](#)

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## Lead Blood Screening Campaign

5 Points

**Program Summary:** As lead exposure continues to be an ongoing health challenge, it is important that parents take precautionary measures to keep their children safe and healthy. While exposure can damage a child’s learning and development, it can be prevented. The Montclair Health Department in partnership with Mountainside Family Practice Group will be providing FREE lead screenings for children ages 1-6 and pregnant women who reside in Montclair, Cedar Grove, and Verona. Montclair Health Department along with the New Jersey Department of Health provides resources for parents to stay informed so child lead exposure can be avoided. The #kNOwLEAD public education campaign, which aims to increase awareness of all lead hazards in homes, schools and on the job, and educate residents on what they can do to prevent exposure and safeguard their child’s health. To learn more, please visit Montclair Township’s website <https://www.montclairnjusa.org> under Health Department for “Lead Resources”. In 2024, the Health Department held four community education events and four lead screening clinic dates offered in Verona, Cedar Grove and Montclair. 12 children were screened over these four events. Please see the attestation letter from the Director of the Health Department. Attached is a detailed overview of the Lead Education and Screening Campaign, including a series of events and outreach materials (in addition to the attached checklist).

**PDF:** [ATTESTATION AND OUTREACH MATERIALS.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [LEAD PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AND SCREENINGS 2024.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [TIER\\_1\\_FORM\\_LEAD\\_SCREENING\\_CAMPAIGN\\_1 \(1\).DOCX](#)

## Innovative Projects

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### Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair Township took an innovative approach to revising its 2009 Complete Streets Policy in three primary ways. Firstly, it was unanimously passed by ordinance (permanent rule of conduct) rather than resolution (matters of special or temporary character). Second, the Montclair Township Complete Streets Ordinance establishes a Complete Streets Oversight Board to ensure the effective implementation of its street safety and accessibility goals. The Board is required to meet at least ten times per year, maintain public records, and submit annual reports to the Township’s governing body. It holds authority to review transportation project checklists, identify and prioritize projects, and develop policy recommendations focused on safety, equity, and multimodal access. Additional responsibilities include analyzing pedestrian and bicycle safety, collaborating with various stakeholders, encouraging public participation, and maintaining communication with local, regional, and national partners. Third, the Montclair Township Complete Streets Ordinance also establishes a Complete Streets Director - a full-time staff position designated by the Township Manager responsible for implementing the ordinance. This includes policy development, interagency coordination, compliance, and public communication. The Director also manages a centralized reporting system for street safety concerns and ensures transparency by making all key documents publicly accessible. Together, the Oversight Board and Director form the backbone of Montclair’s Complete Streets strategy—ensuring sustained oversight, public accountability, and a focus on making the township safer and

more accessible for all modes of transportation.

**WORD: JOB TITLE\_COMPLETE STREETS DIRECTOR (1).DOCX**

**PDF: ANNOUNCEMENT\_COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE AND DIRECTOR TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, NJ.PDF**

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## **Innovative Community Project 2**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** Montclair passed an ordinance "Skip the Stuff" in December 2024. This ordinance prohibits food service businesses from distributing single-use food and beverage accessories unless a customer specifically requests them. Montclair passed this ordinance to help reduce waste and join similar actions by other municipalities in the nation. We believe this qualifies as an innovative project because Montclair proactively led the way as one of the first municipalities in New Jersey to adopt this ordinance; thereby helping statewide advocacy groups to build a case for the need for a statewide law with legislators. To successfully implement this program our environmental commission developed customer education materials that restaurants posted in their establishments, along with a web page with further information and social media posts. For businesses, the environmental commission put an informational webpage together and distributed educational materials to business staff. They coordinated this effort with the town's economic development coordinator, Montclair Center Business Improvement District, Health and Human Services Department, Office of Sustainability and Communications Office. Article promoting the effort: <https://montclairlocal.news/2025/03/skip-the-stuff-underway-in-montclair/> MEC webpage: <https://www.mtcenv.org/skipthestuff> Info page for businesses: <https://www.mtcenv.org/post/skip-the-stuff-ordinance-a-how-to-guide-for-montclair-food-service-businesses> Attached are: -Adopted ordinance -Restaurant Window Decal -Restaurant poster/flyer - Restaurant check-out counter table tent.

**PDF: NEW DECAL V2.PDF**

**IMAGE: TABLE TENT.JPG**

**IMAGE: FLYER.JPG**

**PDF: SINGLE-USE FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS.PDF**

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## **Innovative Community Project 3**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** The Montclair Environmental Commission led an effort, working with Township Councilmembers, to formally prohibit the use of synthetic pesticides on township-owned and leased land. Montclair's township council passed an ordinance in July 22, 2025 formally codifying the practice of organic land care management and prohibiting the use of pesticides on township owned or leased open spaces, lawns, parks and other outdoor properties. The ordinance also requires that plants purchased from nurseries have not been treated with neonicotinoids. Attached is the pending ordinance, and also includes the Council's introduction votes when the ordinance was first introduced. The final ordinance will be attached/submitted to the portal in several weeks, once it is published. Email the environmental commission - [mtcenv@gmail.org](mailto:mtcenv@gmail.org) with questions. <https://ecode360.com/documents/MO0769/public/753167386.pdf>

**PDF: LEGISLATION - PENDING ORDINANCE(S) - 2025 - PENDING O-25-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134, ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS, AND TO CREATE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE IV, PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOXIC SYNTHETIC PESTICIDE ON TH.PDF**

## Land Use & Transportation

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### Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** On September 6, 2016 Montclair's Township Council unanimously approved Resolution R-16-1630 supporting the Sustainable Land Use Pledge. On November 17, 2022 the Township Council approved Resolution R-22-251, reaffirming support for sustainable land use. On May 6, 2025 the Township Council again unanimously approved the reaffirmation of the Sustainable Land Use Pledge. The Executive Assistant to the Township Manager distributed a copy of the resolution via email to appropriate parties including zoning, planning and the environmental commission. See documentation below.

PDF: [ADOPTION NOTIFICATION R-25-128.PDF](#)

PDF: [R-25-128 SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE.PDF](#)

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### Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan

10 Points

**Program Summary:** In December 2020, Montclair's Planning Board approved the addition of the Montclair Safe, Complete Streets Implementation Plan to the township's master plan. On January 11 2021 it was adopted through resolution as an amendment to Section 2.1 of the Unified Land Use and Circulation Element of the Township Master Plan. Attached is the resolution that was passed at the Planning Board meeting, the Agenda and Minutes from the Planning Board meeting, as well as the Plan itself. Additionally, attached is an article in the Montclair Local.

PDF: [RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [AGENDA](#)

PDF: [MINUTES](#)

WORD: [LOCAL NEWS ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [MONTCLAIR SAFE COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN](#)

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### Complete & Green Streets for All Policy

30 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair was the first municipality in New Jersey to pass a Complete Streets Policy in 2009. Yet, in the last fifteen years, few of Montclair's streets would be considered "Complete Streets." To address this, a Vision Zero Task Force was established by resolution R-23-129 on May 16, 2023. A primary goal was to rewrite the policy to be more comprehensive by following the 2019 NJDOT Complete and Green Model Policy and Guide and make Complete &

Green Streets a part of the Township's day-to-day working process. The new policy was unanimously passed by ordinance 0-25-13 on May 6, 2025. The strength of Montclair's revised Complete Streets Policy is that it was: ? Passed by ordinance ? Requires the establishment of an Oversight Board ? Calls for a Complete Streets Director to coordinate among municipal departments and implement the policy To identify Priority Communities (underserved or marginalized and adversely impacted populations), Montclair uses the North Jersey Transportation Authority's (NJTPA) Demographics Analysis Tool to understand the distribution of traditionally underserved populations. This tool relies on census tract data from the American Community Survey (ACS). Montclair also uses GIS mapping to evaluate additional factors when prioritizing locations for complete streets improvements. Criteria can include: ? Presence of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) ? School Zones ? Proximity to a Bus or Transit Stop (within 200') ? Proximity to Pedestrian Generators (within 200' of areas with high pedestrian activity such as business districts, commercial zones, parks, and libraries) ? High Crash Corridors (10 or more crashes) ? Medium Crash Corridors (5-9 crashes) Public outreach remains essential in determining complete streets improvements. Taking an environmental justice approach, the public is given opportunities to participate in decisions, ensuring no group bears disproportionate environmental impacts due to race, color, national origin, or income.

**PDF: [ADOPTED 0-25-13 COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE.PDF](#)**

**WORD: [ACTION\\_SUBMISSION\\_WORKSHEETS\\_RESUBMISSION\\_LT.DOCX](#)**

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## **Historic Preservation Element \*Retired 12/31/22\***

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** With public input, Montclair created a Historic Preservation Plan Element (HP Element) for its Master Plan in 2016. The HP Element was developed according to the guidelines of Sustainable Jersey and met the requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law. The HP Element includes an inventory of historic resources that lists their location and a description of their significance, a discussion of the standards used to assess the significance of historic resources, and an analysis of the impact of other master plan elements on the Township's historic resources. The 2016 HP Element additionally provides an analysis of private sector issues related to historic resources in the Township, establishes a historic preservation goal and set of objectives, and includes an action plan that outlines strategies and a timeline for implementing a series of historic preservation recommendations.¶ The HP Element was prepared by Building Conservation Associates (BCA), a historic preservation consulting firm engaged by the Township, with the assistance of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office's Certified Local Government Grant-in-Aid program. BCA staff worked closely with Township Planning Department staff and the HP Element Working Group, consisting of representatives of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Board, who provided oversight for this study. The HP Element lists the Township's historic preservation goal and set of historic preservation objectives that were developed specifically to provide guidance for historic preservation efforts in Montclair. The HP Element contains a series of historic preservation recommendations, along with an action plan / agenda. Items from this list have been accomplished, or are in progress: evaluate options to prevent demolition of historic resources (Ordinance established), fulfill affordable housing obligation through rehabilitation of existing buildings, and nominate additional historic districts.

**PDF: [HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT](#)**

**PDF: [HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT RESOLUTION](#)**

## Public Information & Engagement

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### Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government

15 Points

**Program Summary:** The community in Montclair Township is very active and involved with the local government, and as result, the municipal government has expanded how citizens can engage and participate with the municipality and its functions. Information about council meetings and public-facing board and commission meetings is easily visible on dedicated pages within the municipal website, and news announcements are made whenever there are cancellations or rescheduling of a meeting. There are also several ways in which residents can have their voices heard. Beyond public comment during public meetings and in-person public hearings, the township has begun utilizing digital surveys to solicit input on projects and initiatives. Elected officials regularly conduct community meetings in their respective wards where citizens have the opportunity to speak with the governing body, and these meetings are also shared and uploaded to digital channels. I apologize I did not see the old uploads before we submitted in the second round. Please disregard any old uploads.

**WORD:** TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

**WORD:** PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SIGN-UP PROCESS

**WORD:** POLICE ENGAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS

**WORD:** IMPROVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN MUNI GOVERNMENT CHECKLIST UPDATED 6.16.DOC

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### Online Municipal Public Service Systems

15 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair Township offers a variety of online tools to streamline public access to municipal services. Our municipal website and social media channels provide comprehensive information on available public services, permits, registrations, and licenses. The website is regularly updated to ensure that important information relevant to the community is accurate and up-to-date. In addition to the municipal website, the township uses a dedicated online and mobile "311" portal where residents can report issues and request services. The portal also keeps residents informed with updates on the progress of their requests or issues as they are addressed. The township also utilizes crisis-communication software to quickly send town-wide safety alerts and urgent updates over text and/or e-mail when necessary. Additionally, the township maintains an online payment system that allows residents to conveniently pay for traffic violations, parking permits, property taxes, fines, licenses, municipal utility bills, recreation program registrations, and other obligations. All documentation supporting these systems has been uploaded as part of our recertification process.

**WORD:** ONLINE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEMS CHECKLIST\_UPDATED 6.5.DOC

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### Digitizing Public Information

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Through the township's Communications Director, the municipality publishes public-facing information on a variety of digital channels that residents can engage with and stay up to date on the latest developments. The town has made great efforts to go beyond the minimum requirement of digitizing information about the times and location of public meetings. All meetings are livestreamed, recorded, and made available on YouTube. When legislation is passed that will have a tangible impact on the day to day of the average resident, the township creates explainer articles and FAQs about an ordinance or resolution, so the average resident can easily understand the legislation's practical impact. The township has also recently launched a monthly newsletter that is e-mailed to residents. Social media channels are updated on a regular basis with the latest news, events, and developments from the municipality. The township uses a digital platform and app for residents to report non-emergency issues and request services. Departments that offer services, such as Health, Senior Services, Recreation & Cultural Affairs, and the Department of Community Services, all have regularly updated sub-pages on the municipal website. Information about municipal code, ordinances, resolutions, and adopted minutes from public meetings is all searchable on the township's eCode 360 website. Please disregard the old attachment, I did not see it to delete before submitting for recertification.

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## Waste Management

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### Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** A permanent prescription drug dropbox is maintained at the Montclair Police Department at 647 Bloomfield Avenue in the main lobby open to the public and the hours are 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The police department reported that the number of prescriptions dropped is not tracked, nor is the number of individuals it has served as it is open all the time with no questions asked to any individual. In 2024, the total weight of medicine collected was 320 pounds. Montclair is part of ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team), which promotes the drop off and facilitates disposal for their partners. ADAPT utilizes a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agreement with Covanta Energy, which is now Reworld Recycling. The final disposal is turned over to Reworld Recycling in Rahway, NJ for destruction by incineration. Promotion of this program occurs across several municipal resources. The program is listed as the "Brown Bag Program" on the township website under the Police Department sub section, and more specifically the Community Service Unit (CSU). On Montclair Township's website under A to Z Disposal Methods in the "Medical Waste" section, the drop box is listed as the disposal method for all prescription or over-the-counter drugs. The Essex County website also lists this dropbox as one of several permanent locations around the county, along with a second drop box at Montclair State's University Police Department, 1 Normal Avenue. ADAPT also conducts campaigns including DEA Take Back Day events, collaborating with Essex County officials to promote local disposal boxes, and Pharmacy Insert Promotions with local pharmacies (Grove Pharmacy, Keil's Pharmacy, and Benzer Pharmacy) twice a year, in April and October, to raise awareness. Flyers are also left on display stands throughout the year. Please see attachments for a document with all hyperlinks to online outreach.

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IMAGE: [ADAPT\\_DROP\\_BOX.JPG](#)

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## Recycling Depot

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Montclair's recycling collection is conducted in-house, and consists of both a curbside collection as well as a permanent recycling Drop-off facility - The Recycling Center - which is open every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM. This includes, in addition to containers for conventional recyclables, a drop-off cargo box for electronic waste, plus plate glass, and also clean scrap metal, all year-round. Attached is a document containing a detailed description of Recycling Drop-off Center history and the materials that may be dropped-off there. There are also images of the depot signage and the disposal trucks, as well as documentation of promotion which includes multiple webpages on the municipal website, the interactive disposal map and calendar, as well as print materials developed by the Office of Sustainability (The Quick Guide to Recycling Right). Montclair's recycling collection is conducted in-house, and consists of both a curbside collection as well as a permanent recycling Drop-off facility - The Recycling Center - which is open every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM. This includes, in addition to containers for conventional recyclables, a drop-off cargo box for electronic waste, plus plate glass, and also clean scrap metal, all year-round. Attached is a document containing a detailed description of Recycling Drop-off Center history and the materials that may be dropped-off there. There are also images of the depot signage and the disposal trucks, as well as documentation of promotion which includes multiple webpages on the municipal website, the interactive disposal map and calendar, as well as print materials developed by the Office of Sustainability (The Quick Guide to Recycling Right).

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## Backyard Composting Program

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Since 2001, Montclair has provided residents with NJ's oldest and most comprehensive municipal Home Composting Outreach and Education Program. This service was initiated by the Township Environmental Coordinator, who'd previously spent 7 years at The N.Y. Botanical Garden running the Bronx Borough Compost Program (funded by the N.Y.C. Bureau of Recycling). With over 1,000 bins sold since the inception of the program 24 years ago, we have surpassed a 10% participation rate for our single- and two-family homes with backyards, an impressive rate for an urban suburb. The Office of Sustainability used to host "Compost GiveBack" events that included free compost giveaways, bin sales, Composting Clinics, and "green gardening" info booths. While we no longer have the capacity to host "Compost GiveBack" events regularly, we conduct outreach at all events we attend, as well as promote the program on all municipal and community resources, selling approximately 20 composters a year. Our Sustainability Coordinator also designed educational signage for a Home Composting

Demonstration Site at Van Vleck Gardens, a historic estate in Montclair. This year, Montclair Township was awarded the USDA's Composting and Food Waste Reduction Cooperative Agreement to foster a stronger relationship between the Town and our schools through an extensive composting program which will enhance and further promote our ongoing backyard composting program. Here is where the program is advertised on our municipal webpage: <https://www.montclairnjusa.org/Government/Departments/Office-of-Sustainability/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Compost/Montclair-Home-Composting-Program>

**PDF: [MONTCLAIR'S QUICK GUIDE TO RECYCLING RIGHT \(7\).PDF](#)**

**PDF: [COMPOSTER DEMO HANDOUT \(3\).PDF](#)**