



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Atlantic City, a Sustainable Jersey bronze certified applicant.

Atlantic City was certified on December 14, 2015 with 305 points. Listed below is information regarding Atlantic City'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 Atlantic City was approved for in 2015 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 City of Atlantic City established a Green Team by resolution on July 2011. Since that time the Green Team members have changed to reflect the current administration's goals. Currently, the main goals are energy efficiency and renewable energy, since they have the double result of helping the environment and saving money, and resiliency, which will be required for Atlantic City to be successful into the future due to its coastal location.

The attached summary of activities explains the current projects the Green Team is working on with the City as well as the current list of members.

PDF: [AC GREEN TEAM 2014 SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM RESOLUTION](#)

Community Education & Outreach

10 Points

Program Summary: The City of Atlantic City, through its Planning Department—charged with economic development, redevelopment, prioritizing investment, and more—hosts Noon Time Talks with the Planning Department each month. These talks are well publicized and well attended. Some months, there are over 100 attendees and there is usually great media coverage. The talks cover a variety of topics from the mayor's employment programs to tools that prioritize investment areas in the City, to real estate discussions, creative placemaking, redevelopment, and more. The City is also very good about publicizing public meetings for community visioning and input for various redevelopment projects. These Noon Time Talks have become a fantastic vehicle for outreach to the community while at the same time providing an opportunity for input from the community. It is clear that the point of this action is to spread information about sustainability issues to the community and is therefore Community Education and Outreach. Rather than having many outreach events on a single topic, the City hosts talks on topics related to a variety of sustainability issues because it is the planning department's objective to execute the City's priorities, which are currently related to making Atlantic City sustainable. The noon time talks are an outreach event different from public input meetings required of other actions. Content for Noon Time Talks often comes from external experts, so notes are not easily accessible. We are working on attaining the information you requested if it is possible.

PDF: [COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT LOCAL BIZ](#)

PDF: [NOON TIME TALK BROCHURES](#)

Energy

Energy Tracking & Management

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Energy Star Portfolio Manager was set up as part of the LGEA Energy Audit for the City of Atlantic City. The energy audit is attached and it can be found on the NJ Clean Energy Program web site. The Portfolio includes data for a full year and all municipally-owned and operated facilities that are occupied and conditioned have been included. The Green Team plans to update this data annually to determine how much energy efficiency and renewable Energy improvements have impacted energy usage. The City's Energy Consultant is working with TRC to prepare an updated energy monitoring system. Once the benchmarking is completed the City will be setup with its own ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager account containing each of the benchmarked buildings. Monthly or quarterly updates to the energy meters will allow the City to continuously track and monitor the energy performance moving forward. For now, the energy use

for 2011 to 2013 and some of 2014 are attached. New Jersey Clean Energy Program Report
https://s3.amazonaws.com/CandI/LGEA_10-13/FINAL+REPORT+-+ALL.pdf

PDF: [ENERGY TRACKING AND MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [ENERGY TRACKING AND MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION PART 2](#)

PDF: [ENERGY TRACKING AND MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [ELECTRICAL USAGE 2011 TO 2014](#)

PDF: [ENERGY PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK FILES FOR EXTRA 10 POINTS](#)

PDF: [GAS USAGE 2011 TO 2013](#)

Municipal Onsite Solar System

10 Points

Program Summary: The Atlantic City Government has recently installed solar parking kiosks throughout the City, and is purchasing solar trash compactors for busy areas of the famed Boardwalk and downtown. The City has a 500 kW solar installation and a CNG Fueling Station that was just completed at the City's Public Works Complex. This project was built through a Power Purchase Agreement at no cost to the City.

PDF: [ARTICLES ON SOLAR PROJECT](#)

Food

Community Gardens

10 Points

Program Summary: Atlantic City began its community garden projects in 2011, with the help of AtlantiCare and other partners including the Master Gardeners from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service, Kline Construction and the Atlantic City Housing Authority. The Dave Matthews Band also generously donated funds at that time to an ongoing project to build community gardens in every neighborhood in the City. In 2012, the City received a \$50,000 grant to help develop a park and community garden adjacent to the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City. The City is working with various groups to establish community gardens throughout the residential areas of the City. In March 2014, a new urban garden was planted at Hamilton Memorial United Methodist Church along with a playground so community members could tend to the garden while children had a place to play. Groundbreaking for the project, located at Arctic and North Connecticut avenues, was March 15, 2014 with planting being completed by late spring. This new garden shows the City's and donor's, fundraiser's and citizen's commitment to continuing the community garden projects.

PDF: [COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL GARDENS QUAL ASSESS](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GARDENS DOCUMENTATION](#)

Farmers Markets

10 Points

Program Summary: The Atlantic City Farmers Market, now in its 15th year, is held at Atlantic City's Center City Park, June through September. There are three farms that participate in the farmers market as well a Rando Italian Bakery and a Jewelry Boutique. There are no operating cost or income for the farmers market. The City and the CRDA maintain the Park and promote the Market as part of their overall marketing of City events. Posting are provided in all City Buildings and information is provided to all City employees that are located in City Hall which is less than one block from the Farmer's Market. The Center City Park is located on City land and is included in the City's ROSI. The Park site is insured by the City. Center City Park is located across the street from the County Office Building, CRDA offices, professional offices and City Hall. The major bus stop for the City is located in the same block as the Center City Park. The Farmers' Market runs from 10am to 4pm every Thursday and Saturday. The Atlantic City Farmers' Market provides access to the best in seasonal Jersey Fresh produce, fresh flowers, handmade arts, jewelry and organic pet treats. Attached are advertisements in File 1 and newspaper converge in File 2.

PDF: [FARMERS MARKET ARTICLE 2013](#)

PDF: [2015 BROCHURE, AD IN PRESS OF AC, CRDA \(AC\) WEBSITE, AND ATLANTIC CITY EVENTS POSTING](#)

PDF: [JERSEY FRESH FARMERS MARKET LIST 2015](#)

PDF: [NJ MONTHLY FARMERS MARKET LIST](#)

Making Farmers Markets Accessible

5 Points

Program Summary: The Atlantic City Farmers' Market, now in its 12th year are held at Atlantic City's Center City Park, July through September. Center City Park is located across the street from City Hall. The free concert series is held each Thursday from noon to 2pm, while the Farmers' Market runs from 10am to 4pm every Thursday and Saturday. Both events are sponsored by the City of Atlantic City and the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA). The Atlantic City Farmers' Market provides access to the best in seasonal Jersey Fresh produce, fresh flowers, handmade arts, jewelry and organic pet treats. The Farmer's Market is located in the same block of the major bus transfer location in the City. Multiple new bus shelters are being installed at the corner of South Carolina and Atlantic Avenues to protect the large number of users at the mass transit location. In 2009, the farmer's market participants were approved to accept food stamps, see article attached in File 1. EBT is provided directly by the farmers which include Monteleone Farm of Vineland, Shady Brook Farms of Egg Harbor City and Hedgerow Farms of Williamstown. FMNP fruit and vegetable vouchers are not accepted at this time. A map of the Farmer's Market and the bus stop is found in file 2. Both are located within the same City block, so there is no need for residents to cross a street to get from the bus stop to the Farmer's Market. A wonderful convenience for those accessing the Farmer's Market via bus.

PDF: [ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER](#)

PDF: [MAP OF FARMER'S MARKET & TRANS](#)

PDF: [LISTING OF VENDORS](#)

PDF: [2015 LIST OF FARMERS MARKET VOUCHER SERVICE](#)

PDF: [AC FARMERS MARKET ACCEPTS SNAP 2015](#)

Green Design

Create a Green Development Checklist

10 Points

Program Summary: The City of Atlantic City has design standards in place for residential developments that provide guidance for choosing green design standards. The checklist was created in a way to entice developers to make the choice to build green by creating a bonus system, allowing for more flexibility for the developer if they choose the more environmentally-friendly options for their development.

PDF: [CREATE A GREEN DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST DOCUMENTATION](#)

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: The City created an Alternative Energy Zone to promote the development of wind and solar infrastructure, and a shared services agreement has been entered into with the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority to pursue additional solar options.

WORD: [ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ZONE ORDINA](#)

Innovative Community Project 2

10 Points

Program Summary: Atlantic City is a leader in sustainability and is working hard to integrate sustainability and economic recovery, which should go hand in hand. A perfect solution is a bicycle and pedestrian trail that will encourage walking and biking while at the same time allowing simpler travel throughout Atlantic City, through Ventnor and into Margate. Atlantic City suffers from a lack of interconnectedness where neighborhoods are distinct and often separate from the economic activity of the tourism district and the Boardwalk. This limits movement throughout the City and stymies the economy. Residents don't often have easy access to jobs in different locations and tourists stay within the limited area of their overnight destination. Construction of a three-mile Bike Loop that extends along the world-famous Atlantic City Boardwalk, around the eastern tip of Absecon Island to Gardner's Basin, and then returning on Rhode Island Avenue to Madison Avenue to New Jersey Avenue. This loop will connect with the

rest of the boardwalk that connects with Ventnor and goes into Margate. The innovative aspect of the project is to specifically connect points of economic activity, like Margate, Ventnor, Absecon Lighthouse, and Historic Gardner's Basin. Currently, most bike paths focus on utilizing old tracks and aren't specifically targeted to go throughout neighborhoods and linking tourist destinations. The bicycle and pedestrian loop is under construction with the first phase being the reconstruction of the Boardwalk in the Inlet section of the city (see attached news article). The second phase of the project is the bike path that will connect Gardens Basin back to the Boardwalk on New Jersey Avenue. A NJDOT grant has been awarded to the city to fund this section of the project and the City has issued an RFP to retain a design professional for this section of the project. In addition, City Council recently passed an ordinance that changes the hours for biking on this section of the Boardwalk from 6 am to 10 am daily to 24 hours a day, seven days a week in preparation for the bicycle and pedestrian loop. Please see attached news article.

PDF: [BIKEWAY GRANT APPLICATION SHOWING THE PLAN THAT IS BEING EXECUTED NOW](#)

PDF: [CROSS ISLAND CONCEPT PLAN](#)

PDF: [AC BIKE LOOP ARTICLE](#)

Innovative Community Project 3

10 Points

Program Summary: The geography of the City of Atlantic City creates the potential for catastrophic flooding. Superstorm Sandy came ashore in Atlantic City on Monday October 29th and produced storm surge and wave erosion of historic proportions. This major coastline altering event is perhaps the most destructive storm in New Jersey history. Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) and Atlantic City (in conjunction with other county, state and federal agencies) concluded that damage estimates from Superstorm Sandy totaled \$75.2 Million and included beach/dune replenishment (\$10 Million), housing repairs (\$24 Million), loss of convention revenue (\$31 Million), repairs to Farley State Marina (\$0.2 Million), and damages to public building (\$10 Million). To reduce future losses of this magnitude and to protect the lives of residents and visitors, Atlantic City developed a Storm Damage Mitigation Project, which will effectively build a wall around the City while also improving evacuation routes that are prone to flooding. This ties in very well with Getting to Resiliency, furthering the City's efforts to be resilient.

PDF: [STORM DAMAGE MITIGATION PLAN - INNOVATIVE 3](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Bicycle & Pedestrian Audits

5 Points

Program Summary: This study completed an assessment of existing conditions and documented observed behaviors of biking and walking for a select network of roadways and the Boardwalk. A complete summary of the existing conditions assessment has been outlined in separate documents titled "Atlantic City Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Local Planning Assistance

Program Technical Memorandum - Data Collection and Summary of Evaluation” and “Atlantic City Boardwalk Assessment”. 1. Data Collection – Site visits were performed to identify bicycle and pedestrian trip generators, travel patterns, and document specific dimensions of roadway features affecting cyclists and pedestrians. Bicycle and pedestrian crash data was received from the City’s Police Department and evaluated to determine locations with recurring crashes. 2. Network Development – Existing roadway and sidewalk conditions were assessed to determine bicycle compatibility and sidewalk conditions of key corridors which make up the preliminary study network. Select intersections were also assessed to document existing bicycle and pedestrian deficiencies. 3. Boardwalk Utilization Evaluation – Existing conditions of the Boardwalk were assessed to document travel patterns and areas of conflict for biking and

PDF: [BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN AUDIT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM](#)

PDF: [BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN AUDIT BOARDWALK EVALUATION](#)

Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: The Atlantic City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was completed in May 2013 and sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The primary goal of this study is to increase the safety and mobility for people biking and walking in Atlantic City, thereby improving personal health, transportation options, and air quality. This plan outlines a range of recommended improvements and implementation strategies including a network of bicycle and pedestrian corridors, and identifies areas in need of further study to address the constraints of the City. A Steering Committee comprised of local officials, City staff, regional agencies and residents was formed to provide input and direction to the study team. The plan is being executed with the creation of a bicycle and pedestrian path that will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse the island in Atlantic City, through Ventnor, and to Margate. Waiting on signed version of resolution from the planning board secretary. The copy attached is a draft.

PDF: [BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN PLAN PUBLIC MEETING 2012](#)

PDF: [BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN PLAN MAY 2013](#)

PDF: [BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN PLAN MAP](#)

PDF: [TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM AC BIKE PED PLAN](#)

PDF: [TECHNICAL BOARDWALK EVALUATION AC BIKE PED](#)

PDF: [BIKE PLAN APPROVAL](#)

Local Economies

Support Local Businesses

10 Points

Program Summary: In November 2011, the City of Atlantic City revised its long-term tax incentive ordinance to include provisions for those receiving the incentive to utilize the services of local businesses and hire bona fide Atlantic City residents. The ordinance provided for the promotion of much-needed redevelopment within the City while at the same time promoting

economic development by promoting local business and the employment of residents. This ordinance is an excellent, unique way to accomplish many goals in Atlantic City. The City also promoted local business through its noontime talk series presented by the Planning Department and urged residents to utilize the Atlantic City Library's free employment training programs.

PDF: [SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES QUAL ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES NOONTIME TALK](#)

PDF: [SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES SMALL BIZ WORKSHOP](#)

PDF: [EMPLOYMENT SKILLS LIBRARY](#)

Natural Resources

Open Space Plans

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2008, the City of Atlantic City adopted a comprehensive master plan which includes a Open Space Plan. The plan is very comprehensive and include pictures and descriptions of each park, the history of open space planning in Atlantic City, a needs analysis, documentation of public forums on the topic, and recommendations. A copy of the table of contents is attached. The plan is attached is two sections along with the Planning Board's approval resolution.

PDF: [OSRP - PART 1](#)

PDF: [OSRP- PART 2](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLAN APPROVAL RESOL](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Atlantic City Municipal Alliance hosts a Free Paper Shredding Day and Prescription Drug Disposal drop-off day. The Alliance is an organization within City government charged with the prevention and education of drug and alcohol abuse. Additionally, there is a 24 hour drop-off box for prescription drug disposal in the Atlantic City Police Department Headquarters. There was an article in the Atlantic City Press in 2013 when this project began to make residents aware, plus the annual drop-off event lets people know that there is a 24-hour drop box. The City maintains the annual event since some people may be nervous to drop off in the police building in case they obtained the medicines illegally, though the drop is anonymous. Since January 2015 the total collected is 234 pounds. None of it has been disposed of yet. The location of normal disposal (destruction burn) is at the Wheelabrator dump site in Westville, NJ

08093. The city is working on having a link to <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov>. The Project Medicine Drop is successful as evidenced by the great amount they collected even after first opening. The police department promotes the prescription drug take-back.

PDF: [AC_NJDCA_PRESCRIPTIONDROPOFFWEB](#)

PDF: [AMERICAN MEDICINE CHEST CHALLENGE AC DROP OFF](#)

PDF: [ANNUAL PRESCRIPTION DROP OFF 2013](#)

PDF: [ANNUAL PRESCRIPTION DROP OFF 2015](#)

PDF: [PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL ARTICLE WITH PICTURE](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: The Atlantic City Municipal Alliance, a program within the Employee Assistance Program of the City of Atlantic City. It is a city-wide program for the prevention and education of drug and alcohol abuse. The alliance funds many programs throughout the City and one of the programs is a Prescription Drug Disposal Day combined with a Paper Shredding Event. They promote the event as a proper disposal event, which of course shows proper waste management, while at the same time addressing privacy and identity concerns by providing a free way for residents to discard old checks, receipts, and private documents. Shredding this material is quite costly otherwise and since there is a high percentage of low income families in Atlantic City, this event is of critical importance for enabling proper destruction of important documents. The flyers for 2013 and 2015 are attached (couldn't find 2014 in old files). There was also an event on May 2, 2015. The invoices for the two 2015 events are attached.

PDF: [AC COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING DAY 2013](#)

PDF: [AC COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING DAY 2015](#)

PDF: [AMOUNT SHREDDED IN 2015 DOCUMENTATION](#)

Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: No description was provided.

PDF: [RECYCLING ORDINANCE](#)