



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of River Edge Boro, a Sustainable Jersey bronze certified applicant.

River Edge Boro was certified on October 13, 2016 with 175 points. Listed below is information regarding River Edge Boro'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 River Edge Boro was approved for in 2016 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: Green Team Report 2016 June, July, August The River Edge Green Team was established on March 16, 2009 by the adoption of resolution #09-251. The team consists of representation from the following departments: Mayor and Council, Local School District, Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Beautification Committee, Recreation, DPW

and the Chamber of Commerce. In addition, there are four residents on the committee. During the first three meetings, the following processes and procedures took place: 1) The committee set a meeting schedule for the third wednesday of every month. Meetings will take place at 7:30PM in the Borough's Common Meeting Room. 2) The committee set the following short and long-term goals a. Short Term: i. The committee will facilitate a Project Porchlight event, collaborating with the Board of Public Utilities. This event coordinates a town-wide canvassing campaign to provide one energy efficient light bulb to every home in River Edge. Various members will reach out to their organizations and clubs, securing the necessary volunteers and coordinating the logistics, finding a location, etc. The event is scheduled for October 17th and will receive town-wide advertising campaigns through the schools and through the town community day, one week before. In addition, committee members will utilize e-blasts and the local newspaper to advertise the event. ii. Provide documentation for any existing processes for Sustainable NJ to secure the necessary points. iii. Introduce and implement any new programs and/or processes for compliance to the recommended initiatives in Sustainable NJ and provide the necessary documentation for compliance. iv. Identify immediate grant opportunities for environmental initiatives, such as: interior lighting modifications, street lighting modifications, recycling receptacles for parks, etc. b. Long Term: i. Explore alternate energy sources, such as wind, solar, and geothermal. ii. Establish a Green Community Plan iii. Identify grant opportunities for large energy initiatives and complete the necessary compliance and requirements to apply Each member is committed to the goal for a Sustainable NJ Initiative and to the borough's goal to assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments, conserve energy and, increase education to insure our community will remain successful, prosperous and resourceful for decades to come.

PDF: [RESOLUTION AND GREEN TEAM MEMB](#)

PDF: [CREATE GREEN TEAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [CREATE GREEN TEAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary: River Edge DAY Event, Activities, Promotion, Advertising, Participation The GREEN DAY event took months of planning, advertising and coordination. The steering committee was a key component in the success of our event. Each member possessed two important traits - dedication to the environment and involvement in other organizations. This committee set a clear event objective to provide education to the community on simple actions to "green their daily routine". Early in the process, the committee assigned areas of focus, providing a complete message without overlap. Getting the kids involved is also critical to coordinating a successful GREEN DAY. Students at the schools, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and sporting leagues all participated. When the kids get involved, the parents follow. In addition, their involvement assured us strong attendance. The event was very well attended, due to the continued and thorough efforts to promote and advertise. E-blasts were a very effective yet bear no expense. Press releases, the web-site, notices and public service announcements also helped. A more detailed list of advertising and promotion is below. The committee did experience some challenges. The biggest challenge lies in limiting the focus in order to coordinate a successful event. The environment is a many-faceted topic with a great deal of information. It is easy to spread the committee too thin in an attempt to provide an education on everything. The other challenge lied in reaching large corporations for their participation. Finding the appropriate person takes a great deal of time, often with little result. This is unfortunate, as there are many companies who make an effort to create environmentally friendly products, or that have environmentally sensitive manufacturing. Bulleted information on River Edge GREEN DAY 1) Date: October 11; 1 - 4PM 2) Location: Memorial Park, River Edge (Rain Location - Middle School) 3) Steering Committee: Seven members from the community including: a. Councilwoman Kathleen Murphy FLYnn (Co-chair) b) The River Edge Day on October 11th 2015 had many green events

taking place. The Green team did have a table where pledges took place for community members. Our big success was Boxed Water gave us 15 cases of water to give out at the event. It was a huge success and everyone was talking about it for months. I have uploaded pictures of the day. The environmental commission was also present and handed out information about the River Keeper cleanup and events they hold each year. We had poster boards of information to educate the community on Sustainable NJ and what our goals are in the future and what this award means to the community. We had a paper shredder for 4 hours the morning of the event. This day was a green day event that we had planned and advertised to the community. I have uploaded the pledge that we had at the event.

PDF: [ADDITIONAL MAILED IN DOCUMENTATION](#)

IMAGE: [HOLD A GREEN FAIR DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Energy

Buy Electricity From A Renewable Source

10 Points

Program Summary: River Edge is a Member of the NJSEM I have attached a letter that explains this in more detail.

PDF: [BUY ELECTRICITY FROM A RENEWABLE SOURCE DOCUMENTATION](#)

Food

Farmers Markets

10 Points

Program Summary: For the second year in a row the River Edge borough continued to have a farmers market every Tuesday from June thru September. This was the second successful year having the event. The Market had local vendors and a cooking event contest with the Mayor and celebrity chef Anton Testino. The Farmer's Market also had a facebook page to inform residents and help spread the word by social media. I have attached detailed information of the Farmer's Market committee and the support from the Municipality with names of council members on the committee. The facebook page for River Edge farmer's market and advertising with a sign on the south end of town was created as advertising for this year.

PDF: [FARMERS MARKETS DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: See attached file.

WORD: [RESOLUTION 09-412 LAND USE PLE](#)

PDF: [SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE](#)

Natural Resources

Tree Protection Ordinance *Retires 12/31/25*

10 Points

Program Summary: We have Tree Protection Ordinance in our town and are in the 5th year since it's approval. This ordinance sets guidelines for protecting trees during major construction and requires a bond for Borough trees that will be held for 3yrs post construction.

PDF: [TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [MINUTES ADOPTING ORDINANCE](#)

Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation

20 Points

Program Summary: The River Edge Shade Tree Commission is comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to promoting the planting, pruning and protection of the Borough's trees. This commission also participates in many educational programs and community events, including: An Arboretum, Arbor Day Celebrations at the schools, where saplings are provided for the children, River Edge Day, GREEN DAY, etc. At every opportunity, residents receive information on the importance of continued preservation and expansion of our forestry. The Shade Tree Volunteers spend hours with residents, preserving and nurturing healthy trees, and with PSEG to protect trees from excessive clearance. Volunteers work tirelessly to preserve and nurture trees that are ailing. The Mayor and Council supports the commission through the budget process. Attached is

the necessary Documentation to support the DEP's Community Forestry Plan and Approved Status. updated 6/1/16: Planting Goals from State Management Plan have not changed for 2016 - our next management plan is on review at the state level and the 2015 Management Plan still holds for 2016. This plan is adopted by STC and approved by Mayor for a five year period.

WORD: [TREE PURCHASING AND PLANTING G](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN AND CANOPY GOAL DOCUMENTATION TREE PLANTING GOALS](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY FORESTRY STATUS REPORT DOCUMENTATION](#)

Tree Hazard Inventory

10 Points

Program Summary: All River Edge Shade Tree Hazard and Health Assessment Inventory Projects, Objectives and Documented Programs and Progress are attached. Thank you. updated 2/5/13: new files attached are the first and last pages showing how we update our computer Tree Files with information on each tree and location evaluated. We keep a very systemized inventory of each tree and have updated it monthly since we began this system in 2002. The Shade Tree Commission receives DPW Tree Crew a workslip to complete any tree work needed. They return the completed slip to the Shade Tree Commission so that the computer files can be updated. Since we do these evaluations on a continual basis (each week requests are submitted) we do not have an updated survey...that would be documented in our Tree Files computer program which is much too big to send.- it documents well over 6,000 Borough Trees and their maintenance history since 2003. the map included is of the entire town since we are evaluating these trees continually. you will also notice in the Maintenance Report we will add trees to a "Watch List" if they will need re-evaluation later in the future.

PDF: [RIVER EDGE SHADE TREE HAZARD &](#)

WORD: [TREE HAZARD MANAGEMENT](#)

WORD: [RIVER EDGE MAP](#)

WORD: [TREE HAZARD TREE FILES WORKORDERS](#)

Tree Maintenance Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: All Shade Tree Tree Maintenance Program Objectives, Actions and Documented Success are attached. There are no major changes in our Shade Tree Program. Thank you. updated 8/16/16: Uploaded File 2015 River Edge Annual Accomplishment Report updated 6/1/16: File 1: is from our 5-yr Tree Management Plan submitted to the state. It outlines how Tree Maintenance work is completed in town and what work has been done in the past. Our DPW Tree Crew does most of the tree pruning and removals in town. Outside contractors are only hired for large crane jobs as needed. File 2: gives some more detail about how work gets done in town. our Shade Tree Commission receives most requests to evaluate trees. We then evaluate the tree, submit a work order as needed to DPW, DPW carries out the work and returns the completed slip to the Shade Tree who then enters it into the computerized tree file. DPW time spent is as needed each week. They are out on a daily basis doing tree work (removals and pruning.) Stump grinding is done yearly by an outside contractor. Tree work done in town is on a constant basis with the Shade Tree Commission receiving approximately 275+ requests a year to inspect trees. We maintain a computerized maintenance history by exact location and tree. Our DPW tree crew

is out on a daily basis doing tree maintenance and they also respond to emergency tree related situations as they arise.

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PDF: [TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS DOCUMENTATION](#)

Tree Planting Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: All information on the River Edge Shade Tree Planting Goals, Programs, etc. are documented in the attached files. File 1 is the same in our current Management plan and does not need altering. File 2 is the 2012 planting list (108 trees total were planted in town) and File 3 are the photos. Planting occurred over 3 days 11/29/12-12/1/12. We tagged trees at the nursery, they were delivered the same week of planting and 4 Shade Tree Members were on-site for the entire planting to help coordinate with the Landscape Contractor that was hired to do the planting. We installed a holiday tree at the Borough Hall for a yearly tree lighting ceremony. Thank you.

PDF: [RIVER EDGE SHADE TREE PLANTING](#)

EXCEL: [RIVER EDGE TREE PLANTING LIST](#)

WORD: [RIVER EDGE TREE PLANTING PHOTO](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The borough of River Edge had a collection on April 30th it was held at the police station from 10-2pm. The borough was also approved to collect unwanted controlled substances from members of the public for one year. This was from the U.S. Department of justice to operate a "take back" program. During the collection on April 30th 22 pounds of medication was collected, which then was turned over to the DEA for destruction the following Monday. I have now included the numbers recorded at the collection. The Mayor wanted me to let you know we are a permanent drop off at the police station now.

PDF: [PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY AND DISPOSAL DOCUMENTATION](#)

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IMAGE: [DROP BOX PRESS RELEASE](#)

IMAGE: [DROP BOX PHOTO](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: River Edge Green Team Sponsored a Shredding Day in collaboration with the River Edge Day committee. Advertising and Promotion took place through Fliers in Store windows, notices through the schools, e-blasts, Newspaper postings and public announcements. Residents shredded approximately 200 pounds of documents. This project demonstrated a positive collaborative effort with the community and drew residents from all parts of the town to a common environmental goal. April 30th 2016 paper shredder from Atlantic Coast fibers and another event for is scheduled for October 2016 8am-12noon the receipts are below. we had PSA's announced on the radio and had the radio station come to the event that was also tied into the toy drive the same day.

IMAGE: [COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING DAY DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Non-Mandated Materials Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: We did a collection for Second chance toys in 2015. There was an interview done on the event and it is uploaded here. we collected over 1000 toys that went to needy children. Our next collection is on April 30th 2016 from 9a-1pm. we will have other participants such as 1-800 got junk and WCBS FM radio station.

PDF: [NON-MANDATED MATERIALS RECYCLING DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: All River Edge Recycling Depot History, Objectives, Actions, Programs, Projects, Publicity and Community Outreach summary and documentation is attached. Operating Hours Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 3:30pm 201-599-6275 Website: http://www.riveredgenj.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={2C28F078-02EB-4336-92AB-F312231DEDDA}&DE= The Department of Public Works supplies a container for proper disposal of the following items: Televisions, Monitors, CPU's, Power Supplies, VCR's, Keyboards, Speakers, Hard Drives, Stereo Equipment, Mice, Modems, Laptops, Fax Machines, Scanners, Printers, Copy Machines, Cellular Phones and other wireless devices. Leaves and Grass Clippings are picked up separately and seasonally. A town mulch pile is created annually with self service available for residents to utilize for residential mulch needs. Large truck deliveries of mulch are available from the same town mulch pile, for a small fee. IN 2015 we did a mailer for residents to have for dates and times of pick up. Also we did handed out maps at River Edge Day 10/2015 I have uploaded

those 2 new items.

PDF: [RIVER EDGE RECYCLING DEPOT](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING SIGNAGE](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING PLASTICS](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING CARDBOARD](#)

PDF: [RECYCLING DEPOT DOCUMENTATION](#)

Materials Reuse Program

10 Points

Program Summary: For the second year in a row we had a toy drive for plastic toys in April 2016. the company we work with is Second Chance toys. We collected over 1000 toys brnring around 300 residents, and plan on doing another collection next year. The toys went to needy children at a daycare center. We publicized the event in the town paper weeks before and hung flyers in local stores and municipal buildings. We send email blasts several times to the schools and handed out flyers at the River Edge Run the same location the week before. We also publicized the Prescription collection at this event due to the large volume of people that turned. The Radio station WCBS FM came to the event with free giveaways and placed PSA's on the air. We also had a paper shredder there the same day where residents could shred their bills and personal papers. The event was a huge success and if you visit their website you can see information about our town and the event. I sent them a blog recapping the event.

PDF: [MATERIALS REUSE PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

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