

Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Stone Harbor Boro, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

Stone Harbor Boro was certified on December 13, 2017 with 400 points. Listed below is information regarding Stone Harbor 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 Stone Harbor Boro was approved for in 2017 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.

Animals in the Community

Animals in the Community Education *Retired 12/31/23*

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor in cooperation with The Wetlands Institute offers docent tours of the Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary beginning Memorial Day weekend and continuing through Labor Day weekend each year. The tours are free and offer a unique opportunity for all who visit to learn about the importance of the sanctuary as a wildlife refuge and provide educational information on the wildlife that inhabits the area. A bat box was installed

to continue to enhance the Sanctuary as a wildlife refuge. The educational materials and the bat box were provided by the Wetlands Institute and were completed as part of an undergraduate intern project. The Bat Box was installed near Egret Espy Trail in March 2017 in the meadow and has been included in educational information during tours. A Box Turtle Study continues with the mark and recapture study of box turtles within the sanctuary and has been documenting new and previously noticed turtles on a weekly basis. The Wetlands Institute is also getting involved in frog watch which will be providing documentation on frog and toad species. The Bird Sanctuary is a great site for this "watch" since it offers many different species. Wildlife Sighting/Nests ~ The Wetlands Institute goes in the sanctuary in the fall, after leaves are off and documents nests found. This year they identified crow's nests. Also interesting wildlife sightings included N. Harriers and Mink. Meadow Garden The Meadow Garden at 118th Street and Third Avenue which was planted/created Spring of 2017 is outstanding and is officially listed as a monarch tagging station. The Cape May Monarch Monitoring Program officially started counting and tagging monarchs on September 1st and the meadow is an important counting station. In one visit on September 2, more than 40 monarchs were counted along with 7 other species of butterflies. On two different dates, monarch ambassadors tagged 11 monarchs at the meadow garden. By creating and maintaining a Monarch Waystation we are contributing to monarch conservation, an effort that will help assure the preservation of the species and the continuation of the spectacular monarch migration phenomenon. Beach Stewards at Stone Harbor Point provide information/education to anyone unfamiliar with the area and the importance of migrating endangered birds to this area. Beach Stewards are "hired" and trained to monitor Stone Harbor Point as well as assist with Police Patrols. Their documentation on violations and education provided is instrumental in ensuring the safety of the migratory birds at the Point. The Borough in cooperation with Animal Control has implemented a policy/practice of completing a Home Assessment if a property encounters wildlife. Over the past several year skunks, raccoons and other forms of wildlife have been reported by homeowners in the borough. Due to state regulations regarding removal of labeled nuisance animals (Skunks and raccoons) residents within the municipality must be responsible and learn how to avoid interactions with these animals. When a complaint is received Animal Control will complete a home assessment of the property and provide education to the homeowner. This practice has worked well since being implemented and many homeowners are grateful for the information provided.

PDF: ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION DOCUMENTATION

Companion Animal Management Pledge *Retired 12/31/22*

5 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor council formally approved Resolution # 2017-S-120 on May 16th, 2017 pledging to adhere to the State of New Jersey Guidelines regarding Companion Animal Management within our municipality. Although there is a very low ratio of dog and cat owners within our municipality the Borough pet owners are notified through a yearly mailing of the requirement for licensing within our town. Properly registering companion animals within the Borough helps ensure that all dogs and cats are returned to their proper owner and is current on required rabies vaccination. The Borough contracts with Shore Animal Control to help maintain animals within our municipality and works closely with the Cape May County Animal Shelter. The Borough intends to our utmost, within the bounds of our jurisdiction, to ensure that companion animals are treated humanely, respectfully and responsibly.

PDF: COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLEDGE DOCUMENTATION

Community Partnership & Outreach

Green Team



Bronze Required

Program Summary: During the July 17th, 2012 meeting of the Stone Harbor Borough Council, Stone Harbor formed its own "Green Team" calling it the Go Green Community Committee. The committee is chaired by Councilwoman Karen Lane and includes several Borough officials and volunteers. The mission is to hold Green Fairs, explore and examine innovative ways of saving water and energy in a clean, eco-friendly way. Attached is the resolution authorizing the Go Green Community Committee (Green Team) Meeting are held monthly to review the committees' plan of action and discuss and review ideas presented. Green Team Members include: Chairperson Karen Lane, Borough Council; Jill Gougher, Borough Administrator; Kim Stevenson, Borough Assistant to the Administrator; Larry Kratzer, resident; Alan Kaplan, resident; Miranda Duca Recreation Director; Bill Dougherty, Resident and Grant Russ, Department of Public Works Superintendent. A list of accomplishments and work completed by this committee for the past year has been attached. The Go Green team main initiative, when first established, was to educate homeowners and visitors on the importance of water conservation. As the Borough of Stone Harbor moved forward with Sustainable Jersey Certification the Go Green Committee expanded our goals to include Recycling, Preservation of Natural Habitats, Energy Conservation, Energy Audits, Fleet Inventory audits and many more earth friendly initiatives. On September 12, 2015 Our Go Green Team held our very first Go Green Fair!! We had 25 business/organizations participate who offered a variety of information to all that attended. The event was a great success which prompted the committee to host the Fair annually. The Go Green Team finds the Go Green Fair an excellent opportunity to present residents and visitors with the education to help maintain our community and become more aware of the importance of sustainability. 7/27/17 Update: Attached please find a letter of support from Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour. I have also removed older items from this action as requested.

PDF: CREATE GREEN TEAM DOCUMENTATION

Community Education & Outreach

10 Points

Program Summary: On April 20th, 2016 the Borough of Stone Harbor Go Green Team hosted an

Atlantic/Cape May Hub event "Clear Choices Clean Water" at our Recreation complex 82nd Street and Second Avenue Clear Choices, Clean water is a campaign to increase awareness about choices we make and the impacts they have on our streams and lakes. Water friendly practices such as landscaping with native plants, using less fertilizer, managing yard and pet wastes, maintaining septic systems, fostering soil health, and using less water all help to protect our precious water resources. By educating individuals on these and other important actions and giving them the tools needed to make behavior changes, Clear Choices Clean Water empowers everyone to do their part for water quality and conservation. In attendance was McMahon Insurance Agency, Blue Moose Landscaping (Irrigation Specialist) Trinity Solar and American Littoral Society. Katie Barnett from NJDEP was present along with our Local Watershed Ambassador. On Saturday, June 17th, 2017 the Borough of Stone Harbor hosted an informational Flood Insurance seminar which provided educational information specific to our Seashore Community on flood mitigation and flood insurance. David M. Sonner, Certified Floodplain Manager and Samuel Wierman of Ide Insurance were the guest speakers. There were over 75 residents in attendance. The speakers helped all present with questions on Elevation Certificates, Base flood elevation, smart vent installation and many ways in which homeowners can prevent flooding therefore reducing loss. The Borough of Stone Harbor website provides on of the best sources of information for homeowners to reference regarding flood mitigation. The Borough of Stone Harbor currently holds a Class 5 Certification through the National Flood Insurance Program.

PDF: COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH DOCUMENTATION

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Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary: On Saturday, August 19th, 2017 the Borough of Stone Harbor Go Green Committee held our third annual "Go Green Fair". In addition to solar energy, clean energy and water conservation our fair offered a unique variety of "green" practices that made our efforts educational and FUN! Fun, Family friendly events such as 3 R's Magician Show, Eyes of Wild - Wild Animal Show, Face painting and Arts and Crafts were all included in an effort to promote attendance to this educational event. The following businesses/organizations committed to helping with the Green Teams efforts: Angels in the Pine Goat Farm, Atlantic City Electric, American Littoral Society, Blue Moose Irrigation Specialist, Kindle Ford, Cape May County Animal Shelter, Cape May County Library, Clemenson Farms Native Nursery, Habitat for Humanity, Mayors Wellness Campaign, McMahon Insurance Agency, NJ Clean Energy Program/ICF, Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary Committee, Stone Harbor Elementary School, Stone Harbor Museum, Stone Harbor Public Works, Stone Harbor Shade Tree Committee, South Jersey gas and South Jersey Surfrider Foundation. Busy Bees, Local Honey, Just Delicious Kettlecorn, Mandy's Subs and Stone Harbor Police Offering Alex's Lemonade Stand were also in attendance. This free event far exceeded our expectations! The Go Green team will continue to promote sustainability throughout our community. Each year our goal is to offer residents and visitors to this event the tools they need to become more aware of the importance of "Going Green".

WORD: HOLD A GREEN FAIR DOCUMENTATION
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Emergency Communications Planning

15 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor has recognized the rapid technological changes in the area of communications and has made significant changes to include better resources in an effort to provide the public with the most up to date information available in an emergency. The Borough of Stone Harbor Emergency Operations Plan was updated and approved by the State in 2017. An Emergency Communication Plan is in place and the attached checklist and supporting documentation is included in this submission to confirm all of the efforts that the Borough completes to best communicate information to the public about an emergency by providing adequate timing for preparation if applicable. The Borough of Stone Harbor provides updates via our Borough website, e-mails, CODE RED (Emergency Notification System), Borough APP and various social media outlets through our Police Department, Fire Department, OEM, Recreation, Chamber and Property Owners Association. Our small seashore resort town is made up of a large amount of second homeowners that only occupy their homes in the summer season. Social media is the very best way of providing quick, up to date information to the public directly affected by an emergency. The Borough encourages all residents and visitors to register/sign up to receive information which directly impacts our community.

PDF: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING DOCUMENTATION

Energy

Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

15 Points

😭 Bronze Priority 🏽 Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor performed an inventory of all Borough owned buildings and all Borough owned vacant lands. Copy of the tax assessment listing is attached. The Borough installed rain water measuring devices to conserve water and solar power systems to conserve electricity. The Borough contracted with private firms for energy assessment, for solar power installation, and for rain water detectors. Recommended upgrades were completed. Attached is a list of all Borough owned buildings that received various energy upgrades through the NJ office of Clean Energy Direct Install Program. These documents include the Borough buildings, work that was done, address, and function. In the Borough 's continue effort towards energy conservation initiatives within the Borough of Stone Harbor the Borough applied for a grant to replace lighting within our town with energy efficient LED lights. The new LED lighting

was installed at our 80th Street promenade location and the outside lights at our Public Works Facility. This project was completed in 2016 and could result in a cost savings of approximately \$1170.00 to the Borough's electric charges. In addition, in the past the Borough has replaced Christmas Decoration lights with LED lights and additional plans to install LED lighting in the future include the 95th Street Parking Lot, Marina, 97th Street Shuffleboard and 97th Street Rec Center, Borough Hall Parking lot & 97th Street Parking lot.

PDF: ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES DOCUMENTATION

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

15 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor was fortunate to receive a Level 3, DC fast charging station as part of an infrastructure development program provided by UGO Stations in conjunction with Nissan North America and EVgo. U-Go Stations agreed to partner with the Borough and facilitated the installation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the 94th Street "free" parking lot. The Borough of Stone Harbor Go Green Committee hopes the installation of the public charging station will encourage consumers to explore green technology. The official ribbon cutting for the charging station was held on July 15th, 2016. Several versions of electric vehicles were on display and representative from U-Go Stations were present to help educate visitors on the electric car advantages. The Borough of Stone Harbor is happy to have this resource to offer both residents and visitors promoting electric vehicle usage within our town. UGO also participates in our annual Go Green Fair!

PDF: PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE DOCUMENTATION

Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles

10 Points

Program Summary: Stone Harbor procured an electric car (four wheels), for use by its police department. Electric vehicle, 2007 LSV; state registration number MG89983. Vehicle routinely used daily from May through September to verify parking meter usage and violations. Vehicle electrically charged at borough headquarters. Update: Please note all of the supporting documents for the electric vehicle including use, purchase, and title are all included in the supporting documentation. Waiting for approval of fleet inventory action

PDF: STONE HARBOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION

Farmers Markets

10 Points

Program Summary: Attached is the Borough resolution dated April 1st 2008 authorizing our annual Farmers Market. One of Stone Harbor's most popular summer events has returned for the ninth consecutive year in 2017. The market is held at 95th Street and Second Avenue in the Water Tower Parking lot beginning Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend every Sunday from 8:00am until 12:30pm. This event has truly become a destination event for residents and visitors throughout the southern New Jersey seashore region offering fresh produce, meats, desserts and other items grown in and indigenous to southern New Jersey. A special parsley ribbon cutting opens our market and offers a sample of fresh parsley to all who attend. A reusable grocery style bag is distributed each week and was provided in part by a grant from NJ Division of Travel and Tourism. There is no fee to visit the Stone Harbor Farmer's Market. Parking is available nearby in the Borough's municipal parking lot, along with ample off street parking. Our market is also located adjacent to the 96th Street business district which enhances local businesses in our town. The market is within \(\frac{1}{4} \) mile of the NJ Transit Bus Stop. A list of the vendors confirmed at our Market and their respective offerings is attached. Our market is one of the only true farmers markets located in the area. Our market only offers farm fresh produce, home baked goods, fresh baked breads, local honey, gourmet coffee, homemade crepes, etc. No crafts vendors are accepted to our market.

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Making Farmers Markets Accessible

5 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor offers a Famers Market every Sunday beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Our market is centrally located in the business district at the Water Tower Parking lot and conveniently located just one block away from a New Jersey Transit bus stop that is designated for the community. The Borough also has an agreement with the Atlantic City Jitney Association to run compressed, natural gas vehicles throughout our community seven days a week in the summer to take visitors and residents to various festivals and special events, making accessibility from both Stone Harbor and Avalon even greater. Additional bicycle racks are added weekly at this location due to the amount of visitors who bike to our market. The Borough currently has one Vendor who participated in the EBT Program - see attached.

PDF: LOCATION OF FARMERS MARKET VS NJT BUS STOP

PDF: MAKING FARMERS MARKETS ACCESSIBLE DOCUMENTATION

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PDF: JITNEY ORDINANCE

Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor has recognized the importance of educating the residents and visitors to our beautiful seashore community of the risk factors associated with an idling vehicle and have provided information on the effects of an idling vehicle, particularly diesel vehicles, on our Borough website and will included in our upcoming Newsletter. Borough Council passed a Resolution # 2017-S-119 on 05/16/17 acknowledging the risk factors associated with an idling vehicle and supporting "Idle Free Zones" within our community as well as supporting education efforts to ensure that residents and visitors are aware of the significant health dangers associated with unnecessary idling of vehicles. The Borough of Stone Harbor Police Department and Public Works Department will continue to review areas within the community to determine if more signage and enforcement is needed. Education efforts will continue by providing information on our website and social media outlets (facebook, twitter, Stone Harbor APP, Chamber and Property Association), e-mailing Borough Subscribers and providing pamphlets at our annual Green Fair. 7/21/17 Update: A map has been uploaded listing the locations that have been viewed as priority for anti-idling enforcement as requested. These locations include WaWa Convenience Store (94th St & Third Avenue), Stone Harbor Elementary School (93rd & Third Avenue - drop off and pick up location), Business District (200 & 300 Block of 96th Street) and Stone Harbor Recreation Center (82nd & Second Avenue) and Chelsea Park (105th Street).

IMAGE: ANTI-IDLING EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION

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Building Healthier Communities

20 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor launched a free 10 week wellness program to help guide our community towards becoming healthier and more active. The campaign was offered from February 18th through May 6th 2015 and open to all age groups within our community. Mayor Suzanne Walters and Robin Stoloff, local television health reporter and radio host, kicked off the program. To get all started on the right track, Robin highlighted her top ten steps to healthy living to the 93 registrants that joined the program. The Borough of Stone Harbor partnered with Olivieri Chiropractic and Rehabilitation, Sunshine Wellness Institute and Cape Regional Health System to offer "Wellness Wednesday" providing educational topics on nutrition, stress management, early cancer detection and injury prevention. Stone Harbor also partnered with the Reed's at Shelter Haven and Fred's Tavern to offer weekly nutritional meal specials to keep participants on track. Local studios and gyms offered complimentary class passes or visits to experience their gyms and the Cape May County Library offered a wealth of health and wellness

programs such as Yoga, Pilates and Zumba fitness, all at the Stone Harbor Recreation Center. Each Participant was given a pedometer and asked to track their steps each week. "Lace em up" Thursday offered the participants an opportunity to walk with a group led by the Mayor and other officials within the community. At the end of each week steps were logged and as a group total miles were calculated. Each week placed our group in another town in another state of the country, our goal was to make it back to Stone Harbor NJ. In addition participants were encouraged to participate in additional physical activities each week logging all activities on their scorecard. Our very last lecture series ended with four time Olympian runner Joetta Clark Diggs as our guest speaker. She encouraged all who participate to continue on and be active. Her lecture was inspirational to all. Score cards were collected on the final lecture and tallied. The winners were announce the following week. This event was so very well attended in 2015 that the borough offered the program again in 2016. The 2016 campaign encouraged signing up with a buddy and included another round of lectures to help keep everyone focused. Each week a different country was focused on - example -China was featured in week 3 offered Qigong & Tai Chi, a Ping Pong social on Thursday and a nutrition lecture on Monday. The Borough is looking forward to continuing this campaign each year. Miranda Duca, The Borough Recreational Director also formatted an Employee Wellness campaign in 2016 with funding provided through the ACMJIF. This program offered employees a nutritional snack each week, a scheduled walk on Mondays and informational lectures throughout the event. On February 21, 2017 the NJ Healthcare Quality Institute awarded the Borough of Stone Harbor with the "Healthiest Town in NJ" designation for all the work completed through the Mayors Wellness Campaign in 2015 & 2016. The Borough of Stone Harbor was the only town in NJ awarded this designation.

PDF: BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES DOCUMENTATION

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor has entered into a unique arrangement with our partners at the Wetlands Institute. The Institute is guiding maintenance of our biggest natural resource asset, the Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary. The Institute has partnered with the Borough to identify areas of the sanctuary that need maintenance including the removal of invasive vines that have killed some trees. The project began in the spring of 2014 and so far the results have been successful. Ideas and plans for continued maintenance at the Sanctuary are discussed quarterly at the Bird Sanctuary Committee meeting and reviewed monthly at the Natural Resource Committee meetings. Attached is a map of the gardens within the Sanctuary indicating work completed and future plans in 2016. Also attached is an article that was in the Philadelphia Inquirer June 21, 2015 further defining the results and impact the maintenance at the Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary.

PDF: INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT 1 DOCUMENTATION
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Innovative Community Project 2

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor has adopted a Dune Vegetation Management Plan, as approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The Dune Vegetation Management Plan includes a Dune Maintenance Program whereby interested private property owners can partner with the Borough to, among other things, help eliminate certain nonindigenous and/or invasive species of vegetation from dune areas. The Dune Maintenance Program requires the execution of a memorandum of understanding between private property owners and the Borough and a long-term commitment to dune maintenance. The pilot project for this plan was completed in the spring of 2017 and included maintenance within the dunes from 115th Street to 118th Street. The Borough and the Property Owners believe that it was in the best interest of the structural integrity of the dunes and the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Stone Harbor to develop a plan for the thinning, trimming, removal and/or replacement of these non-indigenous and nuisance vegetation and trees, including but not limited to the Japanese black pine, together with the removal of dead and dying vegetation as a result of disease or insect action and the replacement of same with appropriate indigenous and native species which will enhance and fortify the dune system. This project will be overseen by Lomax Consulting and the Department of Public Works to ensure success over the next five years.

PDF: INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT 2 DOCUMENTATION

Innovative Community Project 3

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2015 a \$1.2 million dollar grant was received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant program to restore and enhance the beaches at Stone Harbor Point. A program launched by New Jersey Audubon to create elevated habitat for beach nesting birds at Stone Harbor Point as well as a resiliency dune to help protect the community from floodwaters was created in partnership with L.J. Niles and Assoc., The Wetlands Institute, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Conserve Wildlife Foundation, The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Richard Stockton College of NJ Coastal Research Center and the Borough of Stone Harbor. The project teams worked tirelessly through incredibly harsh weather conditions to transfer more than 50,000 cubic yards of sand from the southern end of the Point near Hereford Inlet to construct elevated habitat areas for beach nesting and migratory birds. Sand harvesting removed the upper 2 feet of the sand from just above the high tide line and was used to construct three small platforms that are now above spring tide flooding elevations. This project also enhanced an existing dune to provide protection to the community from southerly approaching storms. This area is continually monitored so that results of the project can be

documented. Crews had to re-enter the project area is 2016 to repair work after it suffered damage from coastal storms. The NJ Audubon Society continue to monitor the birds and the habitat. Through proper monitoring it can be determined if the methods used within this project is an ecologically sound approach to protect wildlife areas. As part of this project the Borough of Stone Harbor in cooperation with all partners involved continues to campaign the importance of abiding by the rules and regulations established at Stone Harbor Point which satisfies the outreach component portion of this project. Beach stewards strategically placed on the beachfront throughout the summer help monitor and educate all who visit the Point and will continue to do so in the future. The Borough of Stone Harbor Natural Resource Committee works with NJ Fish & Wildlife to ensure all the efforts set forth within this project continue by preserving the guidelines established to hopefully increase nesting of migratory birds and fledging success as well as respect to the environment. Attached within this action is a letter from Mayor Suzanne Walters which addresses the cooperation and partnership initiatives from the Borough of Stone Harbor. The Department of Public Works was a significant participant in the project. Also attached is Resolution#2014-S-26 which declared support for the grant application and lists the Borough of Stone Harbor's involvement within the project. The actual project was completed in 2015 with necessary repair work being added in 2016. Monitoring of this grant award is scheduled to be completed in December 2017. Beach Stewards originally funded through the grant until 2016 continued in 2017 funded by the Borough. Consideration for continued funding of the monitoring/reporting will be considered in 2018 during budget review. Additional signage to ensure rules and regulations in this area are posted and notification through borough website posting and quarterly newsletter will continue satisfying the outreach component of the project.

PDF: INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT 3 DOCUMENTATION

Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

😭 Bronze Priority 😩 Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Sustainable Land Use Pledge was presented to Borough officials for review and discussion at the 05/02/17 work session meeting. The Borough Council agreed to approve a Resolution incorporating a Sustainable Land Use Pledge noting that well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for al range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continue protection and use of vital natural resources. The Borough Council approved Resolution # 2017-S-121 (attached) on 05/16/17. The attached pledge and memo was forwarded to the Borough's Planning and Zoning Board on 05/22/17.

PDF: SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE DOCUMENTATION
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Program Summary: The Cape May County Open Space Program Bike Initiative offered the Borough the opportunity to review and audit our bike paths and explore ways to improve bicycling within our town. An audit was completed by our Borough Engineer and several meetings were held with key officials (Borough Council, Police Department, Public Works Administration and Recreation Director) so that improvements could be prioritized and the application for funding could be properly submitted. Attached is the proposed plan presented to the County Open Space Board with details of the audit completed and the upgrades proposed the bicycle lanes on Second Avenue which include a bicycle rest stop at the 82nd Street recreation Building and six bike racks capable of holding 66 bicycles along with a fix it station. In addition, two additional bicycle racks at 94th Street will also be installed offering space for 22 bicycles. A letter dated 2/23/17 from the Cape May County Planning Department has approved the application for funding the proposed project as submitted. Upgrades to the bicycle lanes will begin Fall of 2017. In 2016 The Stone Harbor Property Association agreed to pay for the printing of a Bicycle Safety Brochure which was reviewed and designed by the Stone Harbor Police Department. This brochure is posted on the Borough website, available in Borough Hall Lobby, distributed to local Chamber office and available at the Cape May County Library, Stone Harbor extension.

PDF: BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN AUDIT DOCUMENTATION

Local Economies

Support Local Businesses

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor has a unique partnership with our Stone Harbor Chamber of Commerce. The Borough acknowledges the importance of our 96th Street (and beyond) business district and supports many events hosted by the Chamber of Commerce to promote activity within the business district. Spring Tide Festival, Savor September, partnering with the summer concert series (July through Sept) etc. The Borough Public Works Department is thoroughly involved in all events within the borough and most center around the business district providing accessibility and attraction to local businesses. The Borough's 96th Street business district is a very large portion of the towns attraction and helps maintain our motto "The Seashore at its Best". The Borough of Stone Harbor will be submitting a Tourism Grant application in 2017 partnering with the Stone Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Business owners which will allow for more funding to promote the town in the offseason offering a longer/stronger opportunity within the business community.

PDF: SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES DOCUMENTATION
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Water Conservation Ordinance

20 Points

🙎 Bronze Priority 🙎 Silver Priority

Program Summary: Water Conservation 1421 adopted to require use of Smart Irrigation System, as attached. Borough adopted "irrigation guidelines", as attached. Guidelines distributed to all homeowners and renters, and also through local orginizations; Chamber of Commerce, and Realty Property Owners Association, to assure communication and distribution. Also, water conservation by lawn sprinklers, per Ordinance Schedule, communicated in each Borough water bill, as attached. Water conservation recommendations and Borough requirements delivered by written materials to each homeowner and to each renter. Update: As can see by the supporting document, the Borough reacted to the Sustainable Jersey submission requirements after a lengthy meeting with landscapers and the NJDEP. We have three day a week watering and not two. Here is the reason. When we made the first submission for Stone Harbor, we followed our neighboring community of Avalon (adjacent to Stone Harbor, same island, one large community) and Avalon received certification with its three day a week program. We feel as though it would be onerous and confusing to go back to the public within the same year and change the days when irrigation can occur. Instead, we met with landscapers and water conservation experts and drafted a new ordinance that would adjust the hours when irrigation could occur. We kindly ask that you consider this especially since our neighboring community, which was approved by Sustainable Jersey (and application made by the same individual for both towns, Scott Wahl) received certification. We went as far as could possibly go without causing mass confusion with our property owners, and landscapers. Thanks! Efforts presented to Randy Solomon for review. Attached a listing of all accomplished for this action.

PDF: WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION

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PDF: UPDATED JULY 213 WATER IRRIGATION ORDINANCE FOR STONE HARBOR

PDF: DETAILS OF EFFORTS TO CONSERVE

Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

Program Summary: Since the creation of the Go Green Committee our most earnest effort has been placed on water conservation. The Go Green Committee along with participation by Borough officials (mayor, council members, Department of Public Works) continues to educate and inform property owners on ways to conserve water. In 2014 the Go Green Committee produced the "Shut it Down" video which continues to be posted on our website, e-blasted at the end of the summer season as a reminder, posted on the Borough's Governmental access Channel 97, downloaded to the Borough APP, linked to the Borough Newsletter and distributed to all social media outlets associated with the Borough of Stone Harbor. The Borough provides the "Water Conservation" Brochure and "Winterizing your Property" brochure in Borough Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Cape May County Library (Stone Harbor branch) and distributes the brochures at the annual Go Green

Fair Event. The Go Green Committee completed a thorough review of water consumption over the past three years. Results of homeowner water consumption was reviewed and letters were prepared to notice homeowners that used over 100,000, 200,000 & 300,000 gallons in comparison to prior years usage. This practice was completed some years ago during individual quarterly readings when it was noted that a homeowner used 50,000 gallons more that the year prior for the same quarterly read. Homeowners responded well to the information provided and were willing to help. The Go Green Committee hope their efforts are favorable.

PDF: GO GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PDF: NOTIFICATION TO HOMEONWERS (100,200 & 300 THOUSAND GALLON USAGE)

PDF: SHUT IT DOWN CAMPAIGN

PDF: WATER CONSERVATION & WINTERIZING YOUR HOME BROCHURES

Habitat Conservation Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor is fortunate to have the Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary located between 111th and 117th Street offering a tranquil setting for migrating birds, turtles and various wildlife. This area is protected and preserved offering educational tours throughout the summer noting the importance of the area. Stone Harbor Point is also home to many endangered migrating birds. This area is very well protected and monitored and each year the borough officials along with key personnel review the importance of this conservation area. Attached please find Ordinances which reference the Bird Sanctuary and Stone Harbor Point. Also included is the Stone Harbor Beach Management Plan which included the Dune protection as well as Stone Harbor Point restrictions.

PDF: HABITAT CONSERVATION ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION

Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation

20 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor Community Forestry Management Plan was approved in September 2011 and the Borough successfully completed annual accomplishments each year with required reporting to the NJ State Forestry Service through 2015. The Borough of Stone Harbor submitted a newly revised Community Forestry Plan 2016-2010 for State approval in September of 2016 and was awarded our Certificate of Approval January 10,2017. The required annual accomplishment report was successfully completed by the 2/15/17 deadline. All required CORE Training and CEU Credits needed in order to comply with the CFMP are completed. We applied for and received approval for the Green Communities Grant and contracted with Lomax Consulting who assisted the Borough with completing our next 5 year plan (2016-2020). Our 2016-2020 Community Forestry management Plan can be found on the Borough Website under "Quick Links". The file was too large to upload onto this site. 9/8/17 A meeting with the Shade Tree Committee is scheduled for 9/13/17 to make final notations on Tree Cover Goal, which is a requirement under this action. The Shade Tree Committee will also review any outstanding

requirements under the CFMP 2017 Goals and objectives. 10/20/17 The Tree Cover Goal prepared by the Shade Tree Committee has been uploaded along with the I-Tree Cover Goal for the Borough of Stone Harbor.

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Tree Planting Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor Shade Tree Committee members are aware of the need for a healthy tree canopy and have prepared a plan in cooperation with the Department of Public Works Grounds Department towards the continuation of improving the goals established within our Community Forestry Management Plan and our Dune Vegetation Management Plan. The Borough of Stone Harbor actively participates in an annual Arbor Day Celebration. The Borough of Stone Harbor along with the Stone Harbor Elementary School, The Garden Club and Lomax Consulting are all involved in the celebration. Each year a tree is planted in the Community Garden at the local elementary school in honor of a member of the community. This experience offers educational insight to all that attend on the importance of trees within our community. Tree saplings that are indigenous to our area are distributed along with information on how to properly plant and maintain. The Borough of Stone Harbor and the Shade Tree Committee continue work together by focusing on the goals and objectives detailed in the Community Forestry Management Plan. The implementation of the Dune Vegetation Management Plan approved by Borough Council and the continued efforts completed under the Vegetation Management Plan created to enhance the Bird Sanctuary are great examples of the hard work and maintenance plan to ensure continued productivity that benefits the community. Tree seedlings made available through the state in 2016 were planted in various areas throughout the Borough. Educating the public is one of our primary goals. We will encourage all new property owners to replace trees with the appropriate species to sustain healthy and productive growth well into the future and assist with the efforts of the Dune Vegetation Management Plan to ensure protection of our island from coastal storms. The Department of Public Works grounds crew routinely inspects trees to ensure proper care & maintenance of all tree within the borough. Each year recommendations for replacement trees or added tree cover are reviewed and a proper plan is completed. Attached please find maps which indicate where new trees have been planted and plans to continue with tree plantings within the borough for 2017. The Community Garden Club is currently meeting with Borough of Stone Harbor planning a project to add trees within the 300 block of 96th Street and Lomax Consulting is preparing a proposal with homeowner involvement to upgrade the Dunes between 80th Street and 83rd Street. Both of these projects are continuation of plans to expand tree cover goal within the Borough of Stone Harbor.

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Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution *Retired 12/31/23*

5 Points

Program Summary: On November 7, 2017 the Borough of Stone Harbor adopted Resolution #2017-S-214 supporting a Sustainable Purchasing Policy under Executive Policies title Sustainable Purchasing Policy, Number F-011 which has been distributed to all Department Heads and published on the Municipal Website. This policy encourages all Departments to institute paratices that reduce waste by increasing product efficiency and effectiveness, Purchase products that minimize environmental impacts, toxics, pollution and hazards to worker and community safety to the greatest extent practical and purchase products that include recycled content, are durable and long lasting, conserve energy and water, use unbleached or chlorine free manufacturing processes, are lead-free, mercury-free, and use wood from sustainably harvested forests (FSC) when and where possible. Attached is the E-mail memorandum that went to all department heads within the borough. To follow is the link to our website where the Green Purchasing Policy can be found: http://stoneharbornj.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/F-011Green-Purchasing-Policy.pdf This link can be found on the Borough of Stone Harbor website - home page under "quick links"

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Recycled Copy Paper

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor adopted a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution on November 7th, 2017. This Policy was forwarded to all Department Heads and will be used as a guide for employees to implement more sustainable office practices. The policy will be reviewed and discussed with all department heads at the November 20th, 2017 scheduled management meeting. Although the Department of Public Works has already implemented the practice to purchase recycled copy paper, (see attached invoice) all departments will be encouraged to purchase copy paper that is at least 30% recycled from here on out. Departments will be encouraged to "Go Paperless" whenever practical in an effort to help reduce the use of copy paper within their respective departments. In addition: The Borough requested that our Bird Sanctuary Brochure be printed on Recycled Paper. The Brochure itself notes that fact and confirmation from the printer is attached.

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Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy

10 Points

Program Summary: In a continued effort towards environmental sustainability and green practices, the Borough of Stone Harbor wishes to incorporate a Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy into the current grounds maintenance operations and sustainable initiatives set forth by the Borough of Stone Harbor Go Green Community Committee. As responsible stewards of municipal land, park systems, beaches, bayfronts and various tracts of open space, it is the Borough's goal, by the adoption of this policy, to ensure best practices for grounds maintenance in the areas of efficient landscape design, minimized water consumption, recycled materials and pest management. In doing so, the Borough of Stone Harbor shall continue to promote healthy, environmentally sound public lands, in turn promoting a truly sustainable community for all Stone Harbor property owners and visitors. With significant input from the Department of Public Works supervisors, foremen and employees this policy was introduced for review to the Public Works Committee on June 14,2016. The committee (made up of three councilmembers, borough administrator and Public Works Supervisors) reviewed the plan and noted any changes or modification that needed to be updated/corrected. The Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy was presented to full council for discussion at a work session on May 2, 2017 and Resolution #2017-S-122 was formally approved at the May 16th, 2017 Council meeting. The Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy can be viewed on the Borough of Stone Harbor website: http://stoneharbornj.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Green-Grounds-Maintenance-Policy.pdf

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Efficient Landscape Design *Retired 12/31/23*

10 Points

Program Summary: A Butterfly Oasis: The Stone Harbor Wildflower Meadow The triangle near 118th St between 3rd Ave and Dune Drive has been transformed into an oasis for butterflies, songbirds, hummingbirds, and pollinators of all types thanks to a collaboration between the Borough of Stone Harbor and The Wetlands Institute. In May, 2017, volunteers planted more than 1100 native perennial plants. The plants were especially selected to provide benefits to wildlife and grow well in sandy and dry soils. Twenty-seven species of flowering plants and two species of grasses were planted. The plants include four species of milkweed to support the nectar and food resources for Monarch Butterflies. Several species produce large flowers and then seeds that support pollinators (bees and butterflies) that feed on the flower's nectar and then songbirds including American Goldfinches that feed on the seeds. The plants were selected to bloom from early spring through late fall so that there will always be a blaze of color for us and food resources for wildlife. Several species of asters and goldenrods were included to extend the flowering season well into October to provide fuel for migrating Monarchs. By August, the meadow was a blaze of colors with most of the plants flowering in their first year. The site is being heavily utilized by butterflies with early surveys indicating more than 10 species of butterflies, including four species that I haven't seen in the area before. The specific area was also selected because it is along an important migration route for Monarchs. The site has become a Monarch tagging station and during peak Monarch migration, the site was being heavily utilized by Monarchs. On

September 29th, Monarch Ambassadors counted more than 100 Monarchs using the site in less than 40 minutes. We built it – and they came!

http://stoneharborbirdsanctuary.com/gardens/planting-nature-stone-harbor-wildflower-meadow/ The Stone Harbor Property Association budgets each year for one project in coordination with the Borough of Stone Harbor. In 2017 the SHPOA focused on water conservation and helped fund improvements to the irrigation system and planting surrounding the Historical Water Works facility located at the corner of 95th Street and Second Avenue in the heart of the business district. This upgrade allowed for efficient irrigation and planting of drought tolerant indigenous plants. This project was featured in our Summer 2017 newsletter. All work on this project was completed by the Stone Harbor Public Works Department.

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Public Information & Engagement

Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government

15 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor has strived on making our local government more accessible to Borough property owners and visitors. Our small seashore community only has approximately 900 year round residents. A lot of the homes are seashore vacation homes and only occupied in the summer months. Since the majority of our homeowners are not here 8 months out of the year, the Borough provides a lot of information online through our Borough website, social media and e-blast mailings. We also rely on our local Chamber office and Local Property Association and their listing of subscribers. The Borough of Stone Harbor website is easily navigated and can provide updates, news information, weather issues, Council meeting agenda, Recreation Information, beach information etc. Recently the Borough Council meeting began being recorded and are now posted on our Borough website for viewing within 48 hours. Interaction with the public is via a contact link on our website happens daily. All responses are reviewed and answered daily offering any questions/concerns to be addressed firsthand. A change in our July 4th event this past year resulted in the need for input from the community before decisions for 2018 were completed. A survey was conducted and input from both residents and visitors helped establish a decision along with interactive comments received via social media. The Borough will continue to maintain a level of transparency and hope that the public takes full advantage of the information available. 10/11/17 The Borough of Stone Harbor Executive Police includes procedure to be followed when citizens wish to engage with Borough Council/Committees/meetings. (Number: A-004 - attached hereto). This Policy was adopted by Resolution #2004-S-150 and is posted on the Clerks Bulletin Board in the main lobby at Borough Hall. 10/30/17 Rules for Public Comment have been added to our Borough website as recommended by the reviewer. This information can be found where Borough Council agendas are posted.

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Online Municipal Public Service Systems

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor is constantly updating our website to provide information to both residents and visitors. In an effort to provide services that are in the best interest of the public the Borough includes information on every department within the municipality and related links that can offer sources to report issues, ask questions, pay traffic tickets and municipal utility bills and find out about current event information. Borough residents and visitors can subscribe to the Borough website that will provide them with a quick and efficient way to communicate with the Borough about weather emergencies, event scheduling, upcoming projects, etc.. Subscribers can easily respond to the e-mail sent and receive quick responses to their questions/concerns. Also, on the borough website there is a "contact" listing which will allow any questions to be forwarded to a Borough representative for review and response. This option is new - within the past two months. The response time is quick - allowing for after hours and weekend questions/concerns to be addressed easily and efficiently. The Borough also has an APP where non-emergency information is posted as well. Continued efforts will be made to update our Municipal website to improve online public service systems as they become available. 10/11/17 The Borough of Stone Harbor offers a link listed under the Department of Public Works on our Borough website that easily allows a citizen to report an electric outage and/or a street light outage directly to Atlantic City Electric. This link has been added to the required submission checklist. 10/30/17 The Borough has added to our homepage on the Borough website an accessible button to report a pothole, sidewalk concern or any other non-emergency issue. This information is forwarded directly to our Public Works department to be added to a contact list of priorities.

PDF: ONLINE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEMS DOCUMENTATION

Digitizing Public Information

10 Points

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor website is updated daily to include the most current information to both residents and visitors. In addition informational links to all Borough Departments, Forms, Agendas and Ordinances, Community Interests and Events are all easily accessable. In addition to facebook, twitter and Smart Phone/Android APP's the Borough also has Property Owners Association which provides and additional e-mail listing. The Borough is currently looking into uploading council meetings to You Tube providing the majority of our homeowners (who are only seasonal) the opportunity to be involved with Municipal Government on a year round basis. The Borough also posts and provided e-mailing blasts to all Borough subscribers offering a quick and efficient way of providing information about the Borough to all residents and visitors who sign up. Update 8/15/17 - I have added the Borough Clerk e-mail, Recreation contact info is listed at the bottom of the Rec Department web page which is linked to the Borough website. We have added the Borough Council meetings to the event calendar which lists date, time and venue. All other info should be sufficient. RFQ and RFP/bids are only placed on the borough website when available. Appreciate your help with this action! Update 10/11/17 -

Municipally appointed boards and committees have been added to our Borough Website. Submission checklist has been updated to include to link to access.

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Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal



😭 Bronze Priority 😩 Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Borough of Stone Harbor participates in PMD / Project Medicine Drop on a year round 24/7 basis. Our drop box is currently secured in the Police Station and anyone wishing to drop off medicine just need to pick up the phone in the police lobby and request an officer. There is a sign in the lobby designating Stone Harbor Police Department as a collection site. Information on the availability of the Project Medicine Drop was included in mailing and posting of our Borough Newsletter / Winter 2016 and Fall 2016 which is posted on our website. The Borough newsletter is e-blasted to over 1500 Borough website subscribers, posted on our borough website, forwarded to our various social media outlets (Stone Harbor Rec, Fire, Police & Chamber) and submitted to Stone Harbor Property Association to send to all their members via e-mail. The Stone Harbor Police Department collected over 75 lbs of prescription medicine at our drop off location in 2016.

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