



## Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Fair Haven Boro, a Sustainable Jersey bronze certified applicant.

Fair Haven Boro was certified on October 05, 2018 with 170 points. Listed below is information regarding Fair Haven 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 Fair Haven Boro was approved for in 2018 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

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##### Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

**Program Summary:** On May 23, 2016 the Council of the Borough of Fair Haven passed a Resolution to support our Borough's participation in the Sustainable Jersey Program. The Resolution authorized Ralph Wyndrum, the Chair of the Environmental Commission, as Fair Haven's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process. Following this Resolution,

and the advertisement for new Green Team members in our August/September 2016 Newsletter, a formal Fair Haven Green Team was created in November 2016 as a subgroup under the Fair Haven Environmental Commission. Since its inception, the Green Team focused its tasks on pursuing the Bronze Certification under the Sustainable Jersey program through the completion of Actions and preparation of documentation necessary to obtain this certification. This has been done in very close coordination with the broader Environmental Commission, members of the Council and of the Borough Administration. On February 26, 2018 the Fair Haven Council passed a resolution (No. 2018-61) officially reaffirming its commitment to the Fair Haven Green Team and recognizing the Fair Haven Environmental Commission members as the Fair Haven Green Team. The Green Team continues to involve other members of the community in its planning and activities under the guidance and direction of Environmental Commission. On June 2, 2018 the Fair Haven Green Team participated in a Rally for The Rivers Eco-Fest event organized by Clean Ocean Action, where it had an opportunity to display and educate the public on many of Fair Haven's recent sustainability initiatives.

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## Energy

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### Buy Electricity From A Renewable Source

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough of Fair Haven is a member of New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting (NJSEM) whose facilities were included in a Request for Bids issued on November 14, 2017 for which bids were accepted from and contracts were awarded to electric power suppliers on December 12, 2017, for service June 2018 through June 2020. The specifications of this new contract include a requirement that the winning suppliers provide power supply consisting of 25% renewable energy in total. Certification that Fair Haven is part of this energy contract starting June 2018 is provided in the attached document by Gabel Associates.

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

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## Food

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### Community Gardens

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Fair Haven Borough has a carefully managed community garden that has been in place for over 5 years. It has 56 plots and the Borough provides water with three access points. Plots are rented. Borough land, acquired using Green Acres funding, is used as well as Borough-provided software for sign up. The Borough also facilitates the payment of a plowing subcontractor annually. The Borough lent the money for the extensive deer fence that was installed in 2013. Press releases looking for renters are posted as notices on the Borough's website. The garden is used to produce flowers and vegetables. Newspaper articles and photos are attached. The garden has one all hands volunteer day in the Spring to open the garden which is around 10 people working for 2-3 hours. A CEO is elected and puts in 30-40 hours in a year, unpaid. The switch to using the Borough's online system in 2018 was a major time and effort saver for the CEO. Roughly 70% of the gardeners return year after year with high satisfaction among the gardeners.

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## Innovative Projects

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### Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Brian Rice, who is Vice-Chairman of the Fair Haven Environmental Commission, took the initiative in 2016 to restart the Navesink River Municipalities Committee (NRMC) to work with Clean Ocean Action (COA) and the NJ DEP to help address increased pollution experienced in the Navesink River in recent years. The NRMC is made up of 2 citizens and one council member from each town that borders the Navesink River: Colts Neck, Tinton Falls, Red Bank, Fair Haven, Rumson and Middletown. The mission of the NRMC is to monitor the conditions in, around and impacting the health and well-being of the river. The sole purpose of the committee is to improve water quality, usability(access), sustainability and most importantly keep it this way so we do not revert backwards. The Committee has helped set up a coalition of organizations and people working with NJ DEP and Clean Ocean Action (COA) to have citizens collect samples weekly and get them down to the NJDEP lab for testing. The NRMC meets on the first Wednesday of the month in Red Bank's municipal building along with the NJ DEP for consistent updates from them as to how the water quality is and where the Committee needs to have the towns focus their efforts. The Committee has identified a few areas in Fair Haven and is working on getting them fixed as get more data becomes available. Red Bank has already found and fixed a few areas within their sewer systems and the Committee has seen some improvements in water quality as a result. The NRMC is also working with each town to tackle pet waste, which has been identified as a significant problem for the river. The Committee is seeing in the tests that a lot of the fecal matter is coming from domesticated animals (pets) and this would indicate that people are not picking up and disposing of their pet waste properly. Brian Rice has instructed everyone to go back to their respective towns and come up with some ideas, many of which have been discussed in NRMC meetings on how to educate and notify the public. Mr. Rice had previously heard about the NRMC, which was active through the late 90s and became defunct after the river was back to better water quality levels. He helped resurrect the committee once the study was published from COA highlighting the closure of 565 acres of the river to shellfish

harvesting. It is the NRMC's intent to keep building a better relationship with the towns and working along with the state and public to make the river safe for shellfish harvest from bridge to bridge and to make the whole watershed better for our children and future generations. The Fair Haven Mayor and Council remain extremely supportive of the activities of the NRMC and its goal to help clean up the Navesink River. On the January 2, 2018 Mayor & Council Meeting four Fair Haven representatives were appointed to the NRMC: Brian Rice, Councilman Eric Jaeger, Councilman Jonathan Peters and John Friedman. Among actions taken by Fair Haven in support of the NRMC initiatives over the past year are: 1) working closely with the NJDEP water monitoring division to find pollution issues on the Borough and helping to coordinate with TRWRA to fix the problems. Specifically, the Borough found an issue on a property on River Road and was able to pinpoint the clogged pipe and has it fixed. There was also an issue with cooking oil by one of the businesses in town leaking from their trash bin into the watershed, and this problem has been fixed as well; 2) The Borough is actively working with the community to educate the public regarding picking up after their dogs (given the identification of dog waste as an important source of pollution in the river); and 3) Under the leadership of Brian Rice and the Environmental Commission and full support of the Council, Fair Haven has developed a plan to install 11 new rain gardens in the Borough in coming years to address the town's runoff into the river. With further regard to the runoff issue, the Borough is also placing greater emphasis (and requirements) on newly planned construction and renovation projects in the Borough such that the design of these projects incorporates plans to minimize runoff and use pervious surfaces where feasible. The goal is to retain all storm water on individual properties and return it to the aquifer below through the sandy ground. More information on how Fair Haven is directly involved with the activities of the NRMC and contributing to resolve river pollution challenges can be seen in the attached minutes from the Fair Haven Environmental Committee meetings.

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## Land Use & Transportation

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### Bicycle & Pedestrian Audits

5 Points

**Program Summary:** 2017 FAIR HAVEN BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STUDY The Borough of Fair Haven applied for and was awarded a Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Grant, funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The grant provided for an outside consulting firm to assist the Borough with a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The goal was to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities and make bicycling and walking more comfortable, safer and easier for all residents and visitors. This Bicycle and Pedestrian Study provided valuable information that enabled Fair Haven to adopt a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in November 2017.

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### Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan

10 Points

**Program Summary:** After conducting a Bicycle and Pedestrian Audit in early 2017, in November 2017 Fair Haven approved a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan aimed at improving the transportation flow and encouraging walking and bicycling around the Borough. The plan was unanimously approved by the Fair Haven Council during its November 13, 2017 meeting, with no changes to the draft version presented (files attached below). The official Minutes of the meeting are not yet posted on the Borough's website, but will be submitted to Sustainable Jersey as soon as available.

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## Local Economies

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### Buy Local Campaign

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Each year, the Fair Haven Business Association, in partnership with the Borough of Fair Haven, puts on two events that promote town businesses and the buying of local products, creating a more sustainable local economy. The first event is held every Saturday after Thanksgiving, called "Fair Haven's Small Business Saturday." On this day, residents are invited to browse local businesses and stores and support the local economy with their purchases. The event graciously provides free public transportation in the form of a trolley, offering rides and stops to shoppers up and down River Road, the main commercial street in town. Maps of trolley stops are provided, as well as reusable canvas shopping bags from participating businesses. Businesses open their doors to the public with complimentary brunch treats, creating a fun, sustainable head start to holiday shopping. The next Fair Haven Small Business Saturday is scheduled to take place on November 24, 2018, from 10 AM -2 PM. This second event is held each year in early December, called the "Fair Haven Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting." On this evening, local businesses provide holiday treats, games for kids, and extended hours for shoppers. Last year's event was held on Friday, December 1, 2017, from 6 PM -8 PM. Businesses sponsored events such as live music, a Santa sighting, and arts and crafts for kids. It is a festive night for residents and families to explore the wealth of their local economy and support the Fair Haven Business Association. The date for this year's Fair Haven Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting is not yet set. Each event is advertised on the Fair Haven Business Association website (infairhaven.com), the Fair Haven Business Association Facebook Page, the Borough of Fair Haven's website (www.fairhavennj.org), on individual business' websites, and in local papers and social calendars.

IMAGE: [FAIR HAVEN BUY LOCAL EVENTS DOCUMENTATION](#)

IMAGE: [SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY TOWN FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [HOLIDAY STROLL TOWN FLYER](#)

PDF: [TWO RIVER TIMES SHOPPING SMALL ARTICLE NOT THE MALL IN FAIR HAVEN](#)

IMAGE: [FAIR HAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CALENDAR FOR SHOP SMALL SATURDAY 2018](#)

## Natural Resources

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### Natural Resource Inventory

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Fair Haven completed a revised ERI in October 2017. The ERI was completed entirely by the voluntary efforts of the Fair Haven Environmental Commission. During its November 13, 2017 meeting, the Fair Haven Mayor and Council designated the Environmental Commission as the body to review the newly revised Environmental Resource Inventory and provide annual updates and reviews. Fair haven council members read this document and praised its clarity and completeness. During its January 9, 2018 meeting, the Planning Board held a public hearing and approved the inclusion of the October 2017 Environmental Resource Inventory as part of the Borough's Master Plan. The ERI is posted along with Master Plan documents on the Borough's website at this link: <http://www.fairhavennj.org/content/master-plan.html>. It is also listed on the Fair Haven Environmental Commission website link: <http://fairhavennj.org/content/environment.html>

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### Environmental Commission

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Fair Haven Environmental Commission has been in place since 1969. Please see summary 2016 annual report for details on accomplishments by the Commission over the past year.

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### Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Fair Haven rain barrel education initiative was started in 2012. It was

executed by the Fair Haven Environmental Commission and Karr Mullen, an eagle scout candidate from Troop 67. The intention of the program was to have a permanent working demonstration that residents would regularly see and be inspired to set up their own systems. Over the past six years the borough has helped encourage residents to use a rain barrel collection system by offering promotional sales of barrels with pick-up and demonstration days, as well as annual articles in the borough's written and electronic media. In 2016 the borough added a second rain barrel to its existing one at the back to the municipal building, doubling its water retention capacity since use in water plants indicated this need during dry seasons. In May 2018 Fair Haven re-launched a campaign to encourage residents to use rain barrels and provide education on rain barrels' contribution to reduce run-off, reflecting the challenge of nonpoint pollution run-off into the adjacent Navesink River consisting of one of the key areas of focus by the borough's Environmental Commission and Council over the last 2 years. A press release on the benefits of using rain barrels was issued by the borough under 'Important Notices', a sign was placed on the electronic board in front of Borough Hall and a note on the benefits of rain barrels was also issued in the Focus on Fair Haven July/August newsletter. An explanation on the borough's rain barrel system and educational materials on rain barrels were also provided during the Fair Haven Green Team's exhibit in the June 2, 2018 Rally for the Rivers Eco-Fest organized by Clean Ocean Action. The presentation during the Eco-Fest has already resulted in 2 residents requesting information on how to purchase rain barrels during the same day of the event. The Fair Haven Green Team hopes more residents will similarly be interested following planned presentations on the benefits of rain barrels during Fall 2018 at the middle school.

**IMAGE: [WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## **Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation**

**20 Points**

**Program Summary:** Fair Haven has a five- year plan (Community Forestry Management Plan) in place that runs from 2014 to 2019 (Plan attached). The plan was approved by the State of New Jersey (certificate attached). Fair Haven has been designated a tree city in that program. The Fair Haven Tree canopy is estimated to be 45.5% in 2014. The borough set a goal to increase the canopy to 50% by 2019. We support this goal through preservation of existing trees, replenishment of lost trees due to construction and sustained new planting programs. The canopy goal is articulated as item 12 on page 5 of the CFMP. 1) Community Planning Board requires protection of existing trees, removal of diseased trees and replenishment of trees removed during construction projects 2) The Shade Tree Commission hosts a town wide tree planting project annually. Trees are provided to residents at no cost. Planting instructions are provided to ensure proper planting and care. 500 trees were provided to the community in 2015 and 2016. The State provides trees to the borough at no cost through the reforestation project to combat loss due to Sandy in 2012. 3) The Borough has a long standing record of actively planting new trees in parks and on public land to provide shade and beautify the community.

**IMAGE: [COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN AND TREE COVER GOAL DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## Waste Management

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### Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** In October 2014 the Fair Haven Police Department entered into a partnership with the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Affairs. Through this partnership, the Fair Haven Police Department was able to successfully be accepted into a program called "Project Medicine Drop". Since then, a Mailbox style drop box is located within the Lobby of the Fair Haven Police Department. This drop box is for the public to deposit their expired, unwanted or unneeded medicines. It is frequently used, with the contents collected and disposed of by the police. This avoids drugs from being added to sewer disposal plant loads, and discharged into the ocean. On May 31, 2018 the Fair Haven Police Department re-announced its Project Medicine Drop in order to remind Fair Haven residents that this important program remains in place and all are encouraged to use it. The re-announcement with details on the drop box was also included in the Focus on Fair Haven July/August 2018 Newsletter sent to all residents (see newsletter attached below - page 8 discusses Program Medicine Drop). Information on the Borough's Project Medicine Drop can be easily found on the Borough's website under 'Important Notices' as well as under the Environmental Commission and Police Department sections of the website. The drop box is of easy access, right at the very entrance of the Fair Haven Police Department, as shown in the attached pictures. The pictures were taken on June 1, 2018. For confidentiality reasons, the Fair Haven Police Department does not publicly release data on how much it collects or nature of medicines collected in the drop box. A link to the New Jersey Project Medicine Drop has been added to the Boro website alongside the Project Medicine Drop information.

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### Recycling Depot

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Fair Haven has a recycling depot in town where bulk items can be dropped off (such as furniture, carpet, appliances, etc.). This is in addition to a bulk item curbside collection program, which is also in place. The recycling depot is open on the first Saturday of each month and is extensively used by Borough residents.

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Fair Haven Borough has had an on ongoing Grass Cut It and Leave It Program since 2012. In 2018 the Borough developed a flyer to describe the benefits of the program and to provide better guidance to residents as to how they should implement this practice. The brochure was posted on May 30, 2018 on the website under 'Important Notices' and on the electronic board in front of Borough Hall. This newly developed flyer on the Grass Cut It and Leave It Program was also distributed to the public during the June 2, 2018 Rally for the Rivers Eco-Fest, where the Fair Haven Green Team participated and presented on multiple green initiatives taking place in Fair Haven (including its Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens and Grass Cut It and Leave It initiatives). The flyer will also be included in the Borough's upcoming July/August Focus on Fair Haven Newsletter. As a result of the Borough's Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program, over the last five years virtually all of the grass clippings left by the curbs have been eliminated and kept out of stormwater streams.

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