



## Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Island Heights Boro, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

Island Heights is a small coastal town in Ocean County with a devoted group of residents who care about the environment and sustainability. Currently, we have our Silver Certification through the Sustainability Jersey Program.

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### Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Island Heights Boro was approved for in 2019 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

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

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Library provided several educational activities for 2018 including topics such as Responsible Ownership Education, Positive interactions with Dogs, Wildlife Interaction, Pollinators and more.

1. Children Make Terrible Pets Education activity about the responsibilities of having a Pet and responsible ownership, shows children how having a pet is not all about fun and treats. The story also teaches children that no every animal can be a pet, some belong to their own habitat. Activity was on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 10:30 AM and took place at the Island Heights Library. This puppet show was based on Peter Brown’s Children Make Terrible Pets. Type of Event: Program. Audience: Kids. Age Range: Ages 2 and older.
2. Read to a Dog Program The main objective of this program is to provide a relaxed and “dog-friendly” atmosphere, which allows students to practice the skill of reading but also helps children to learn about dogs and be more comfortable around them. Most children just seem to naturally love animals, and especially dogs. Unfortunately, not all children are comfortable around dogs. Some children that have not had an opportunity to be with dogs have a fear of them. As a child interacts with a therapy dog, they develop a better understanding of a dog ([www.tdi-dog.org](http://www.tdi-dog.org)). Island Heights had 2 Read to a Dog events on 2018, first on May 25th and the second on July 27th, next event will be on August 31st. Type of Event: Program. Audience: Kids. Age Range: 5 and up.
3. Howling Woods Farm This presentation was about history and conservation of wolves and wolf hybrids from Howling Woods Farms. This will be about 45 minutes, and guests will have the chance to see wolf-dogs up close.
4. Live Animal Talk for Teens! A naturalist from Cattus Island County Park dispel the myths and fears of reptiles. Assistants got to see live snakes and turtles and discussed the characteristics and conservation of these native species. Activity was on July 23rd at 6:30 pm and took place at the Island Heights Library. Audience: Ages 12 - 18.
5. Unique Creatures - Island Heights Library Children learned about animals from all around the world, about each creature's habits, environment, and diet and real life strange powers.

Presented by Larry Apap of Unique Creatures. Activity was on Aug 2, 2018 at 12:00 PM and took place at the Island Heights Library. Age Range: 5 and up 6. The Amazing Honey Bee Join David Elkner from the South Jersey Beekeepers Association spoke about the benefits and importance of beekeeping. Hive components, parts, equipment, the frames of honey, plus why we need to help protect the amazing honeybee. Event was on Monday, Jun 18, 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Island Heights Library. Also there is information available all year round at the Library \*\*\*\*\* Island Heights Borough has signs showing the importance of picking up pet waste and sanctions for violating the ordinance ((Island Heights General Ordinances CHAPTER VIII ANIMAL CONTROL8-1.12 Curbing of Dogs and Cats and Pet Waste.) Information about the importance of picking up animal waste was posted on the Sustainable Island Heights Facebook page to reach our followers on social media, responsible ownership and proper waste disposal it's fundamental to create a healthy environment and avoid water pollution. We also shared pet safety information about weather temperature for dogs to be outdoors, also the risk during the holidays for pets to eat poisoning or hazardous products that are common during holidays like chocolate, decorations or other. We held a free Rabies Clinic 1/20/18. \*\*\*\*\* We have educational signage about the detrimental effect of feeding waterfowl. We created a wildlife tree and provided birdhouses and birdbaths in the IH Children's Garden for the birds. Island Heights is pursuing the certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat, as part of this program we distribute educational material about the importance of Native plants to attract pollinators and how attracting Birds helps to control the bug population without then need of chemicals. We try to focus on the importance of bugs and birds to the environment.

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## Arts & Creative Culture

### Establish a Creative Team

10 Points

**Program Summary:** For a Creative Team we have the Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Association, it was founded in 1978 by a group of residents prompted by the spirit of civic pride during the Island Heights Centennial Celebrations. It is a non-profit (501c3) corporation dedicated to promoting the rich, historic, artistic and architectural heritage of our river/bayfront community of Island Heights. The Association offers assistance in the interpretation and care of historic properties, and actively collect local historic artifacts and ephemera to preserve for future generations. Also they offer Garden Tours, Historical Tours and participate and host Environmental and Emergency Management activities. This Association is a very active group in our community, they meet monthly at the Island Heights United Methodist Church and have a guest speaker at their meetings. In April 2019 the guest speakers were from the NJ Plant Society talking about native plants and the Environmental Committee introducing the Wildlife Habitat Certification. In May 2019 Local Artist and Videographer Peter Slack was the guest speaker. Currently the IHCHA is working on their Secret Garden and Scenic Porches Tour which is scheduled for June 22nd 2019 and it is a wonderful educational tour about gardens and Victorian architecture.

**WORD: [ESTABLISH A CREATIVE TEAM DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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### Creative Assets Inventory

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**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Green Team collected the information necessary online, by interviewing groups and organizations, and through the available historical material on the Municipal Building, resolutions and ordinances were used as well the towns Master Plan and other available plans for Ocean County and the Watershed. The inclusion of assets was discussed on the Environmental Committee meetings to assure the input of every member and to not miss any possible asset on the inventory, notes were also added after every event during 2017 and 2018. Every organization was interviewed to know more about their events and meetings. Founders Day was key to getting to know every group in Island Heights. The three day event opened the doors of interaction and cooperation between organizations and committees. This information was collected, analyzed and synthesized in

order to describe the cultural resources of Island Heights. A Recreational Areas Map was created on Google Maps with the intention of creating a graphic vision of our open spaces.

PDF: [CREATIVE ASSETS INVENTORY DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Utilizing Your Creative Assets

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough of Island Heights is organizing the Island Heights Founders Day Celebration that will utilize all of our creative assets. This will be a public event with three consecutive days of different activities: Map and Schedule following this link [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1b\\_6k83oiS-Fgj80xzkkIRYkMLU8qQ\\_qb&ll=39.9429378232308%2C-74.14577246957401&z=16](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1b_6k83oiS-Fgj80xzkkIRYkMLU8qQ_qb&ll=39.9429378232308%2C-74.14577246957401&z=16) The Friday July 27th Ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a Revival Service at the Camp Meeting Ground by the United Methodist Church. Outdoor Movie Night originally scheduled for Friday at 8:30pm was rescheduled to Sunday due to the rain. The Saturday July 28th Parade will include any town family that wants to be a part of it and also the police department, fire department, and Mayor and Council. The Marshalls for this parade are residents of Island Heights who are over 90 years old. The Island Heights Grade School Band will perform on the parade as well as our Central Regional High School band. Fair and Vendors: Encouraged all local businesses to be vendors, and every association, group, or asset of the town can have a free stand or booth to show their projects and share information. The museums in town had free admission from 1pm to 4pm and special information about the History of Island Heights. Entertainment: Local Senior Band will give a concert in our Boardwalk. Sunday Night: Outdoor Movie Night featured a documentary made of a compendium of Antique pictures of Island Heights and interviews with neighbors about precious memories of our town by Peter Slack. Confirmed Assets to participate are: - Island Heights Recreation Committee - Island Heights Environmental Committee and Green Team - Island Heights First Aid Squad - Island Heights Fire Company - Island Heights Police Department - Island Heights Grade School - Peto Museum - Island Heights Methodist Church - Island Heights Mayor and Council - Ring Around the Rosie Pre-K - Island Heights Library - Island Heights Association of Culture and Heritage - Island Heights Yacht Club Here is a link to information: <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/docs/IH-intro-letter.pdf> [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1b\\_6k83oiS-Fgj80xzkkIRYkMLU8qQ\\_qb&ll=39.9429378232308%2C-74.14577246957401&z=16](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1b_6k83oiS-Fgj80xzkkIRYkMLU8qQ_qb&ll=39.9429378232308%2C-74.14577246957401&z=16)

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## Community Partnership & Outreach

### Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Green Team works year round on activities and gathering information for the Sustainable Jersey Certification. We communicate regularly by email. Our current Members are: Chairperson Tara Church, Tanara Hall, Lucy Scheer, Margie Laratta, Beth Francis, Sandra Snow, Zdenka Karas, Marilyn Kralik, Stephanie Fumo, Jacquelyn Theile, and Sophia Church. We are so glad to be growing! We are not only growing in the number of members, we are also growing our community network! Several volunteer groups in town reach out to us to help them publicize their events, help them with brochures, and to have combined activities. People really appreciate our outreach and notice the work of the Green Team in Island Heights. January - Focus on Pet Licenses, pet care on the cold weather and Energy Savings from Heating during the winter February - Recycling and buy local March - Volunteering, community, gardening and Water April - Earth Day Celebration and Sustainable Living May - Zero Waste - Hard to Recycle and Cut it and Leave it Program June - Barnegat Bay Clean Up - Non Source Water Pollution - Fertilizers, 48 hour rule, car washing, dog waste - Yard Sale leftovers education. July - 4th July Bike Parade - Founder's Day - Plastic Free July (Reusable Bag, Tshirt Bag, BeeWax Wraps, Use a Jar) August - Recycling Achievements - Energy and Water Saving September - Energy and Water Saving - Recycling October - Green Halloween Activities - Special Recycling - Lead Poisoning Prevention November - Buy Local - Eco Friendly Holidays December - Energy Savings, Wildlife friendly decorations for Christmas, Zero waste giving. And More The first Island Heights Green Team was appointed by the Mayor on April 2010. Since then the Green Team has been working on

different projects to improve the environment in Island Heights and educating the population on better practices to reduce their environmental impact. The IH Green Team has been active since its inception. Please see attachments the most updated ratification of the Green Team January 2019. Here is the link to the REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA 2019 please see the last page approving the ratification of the green team.  
<http://islandheightsboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Newsletter190102ReOrg.pdf>

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## Community Education & Outreach

20 Points

**Program Summary:** Online Outreach [www.facebook.com/SustainableIH](http://www.facebook.com/SustainableIH) Facebook, Instagram and Next Door app posts on topics such as Sustainable Holidays, low waste celebrations, zero waste gifts, food waste, reuse of materials, plastic free celebrations, etc. Pest Bio Control: Importance of Opossums and Bats in your garden. Zero Waste Lifestyle Meatless Mondays ideas Textile recycling and donations Recycling out of Single Stream, free private recycling programs. Local Businesses Local Artists. Etc.... Every Monday at the Farmers Market, different topics and workshops held for example DIY T-shirt Bag Micro-Recycling DIY Bee Wax Wraps Glass Reuse and waste free shopping DIY Rainbarrel \*\*\*\*\* Some of the events Event 1. The Island Heights Library Hosts Eco Friendly and educational Workshops throughout the year, so far for the beginning of 2019 they held a class called BHM/Madam C.J. Walker's Success and Shampoo on February 9th were people learned the story of a black women entrepreneur who's shampoo recipe changed the world and set her up for great success. During this presentation the participants experienced some natural hair products and learned about sustainable zero waste beauty products. Event 2. Sustainable Island Heights Facebook Page and Instagram. We post educational information from Monday to Friday on several sustainability topics, using different formats to keep people interested in the page and improve engagement. We focus on topics like Meatless Mondays, Zero Waste, Buy Local, Sustainable Living, Recycling, Upcycling, Native Gardens, Wildlife and more. Event 3. Pollinators, native gardens, marine conservation, and recycling. Island Heights Grade School STEAM Fair 2019. We shared information on native bees and how to get them back in our gardens, we also explained their role in pollination and the impact they have on our food. We also gave out information on Native Gardens, Wildlife Habitat, and Special Recycling programs. We also had some games on topics like single stream recycling and composting. Event 4. Native plants and the Wildlife Habitat Certification. April 15, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Methodist Church meeting room. Presentation by the Native Plant Society and Mary Judge teaching the importance and sharing the benefits of Native Gardens and explaining the NWF Certification that Island Heights is pursuing. We offered a free "raffle" of three personal home inspections to help people understand what they need to do to qualify as a certified Wildlife Habitat

**WORD: [BARNEGAT BAY CLEAN UP AND BOOK READING](#)**

**WORD: [BHM/MADAM C.J. WALKER'S SUCCESS AND SHAMPOO WORKSHOP](#)**

**WORD: [FACEBOOK PAGE](#)**

**WORD: [STEM FAIR EDUCATION ON NATIVE PLANTS AND POLLINATORS](#)**

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## Green Challenges

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Island Heights Registered in the National Wildlife Community Program and is looking to get at least 90 neighbors involved in certifying their gardens as Wildlife Habitats! We distributed the information via Facebook and at our Stands during community activities such as: STEAM Fair, Earth Day, Founders Day, and every Monday at the Farmer's Market. We also placed a poster at the IH Post Office and more promote the program on our FB page. We not only gave information about certifying their gardens, but also about the importance of native gardens with a list of native species for our geographical area as well as composting. We currently have 2.25% of the households enrolled since we started the program this year.

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## Green Fair

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Environmental Committee and Green Team hosted the Island Heights Earth Day Celebration on April 27th, 2019. The event was held at Wanamaker Field, a waterfront open space that features a Bioswale, Community Garden, Monarch Garden, and Children's Garden. The event started with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Children's Garden, which is an ANJEC grant funded project as well as a local Girl Scout's Silver Project, and local Cub Scouts built a Pop Up Library and local Girl Scouts added a wheel barrel garden bed there too. The ceremony included a small tour of the garden improvements like the removal of invasive species and the addition of all native species, a clam shell path, the installation of the TREX Bench earned with the plastic bag recycling challenge as part of a Girl Scout Gold Award project, the Pop Up Library, some upcycled decor rescued and donated by the Environmental Committee, and the Sign certifying the garden as a Wildlife Habitat (NWF). The Local Ballet School, Shore Ballet, performed a Butterfly dance to start off the celebration and it continued with Zero Waste Refreshments and an invite to everyone to visit the line up of local Eco Friendly Vendors and Educational Non Profits. Our vendors were the Little Plant Company, Wild Birds Unlimited, Beth Francis Handmade, Eco Chic Chick, Aromasana, Surf Dawgs, Shore Ballet, Seaglass Treasures, Eclectic Homestead, Modere, Bubbys Beanery, Eco Pool Drain, and EZ Energy. For Non Profit Organizations, we had Save Barnegat Bay, Endangered Wings, Pittie Project, Friends of the Island Beach State Park, and Island Heights Friends of the Library. Unfortunately a local beekeeper and some community groups had to cancel last minute due to the strong winds. Vendors were selected according to their Sustainability factor and we encouraged local small businesses to participate. We stated our goal of a Zero Waste event and were 100% successful. The local restaurants were notified of the Earth Day Celebration and invited to join us by offering a skip-the-straw campaign. To publicize their efforts on sustainability, we offered assistance in designing flyers or posts if they wanted and we encouraged people to visit their establishments instead of having food trucks on site. During this event we hosted special recycling drives such as Styrofoam, Plastic Toys, #5 plastics, bottle caps, alkaline batteries, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, contacts and blisters packs, and we gave advice on recycling and eased doubts on the matter. We collected 18.8 lbs of plastic caps and #5 plastic, over 60 toys (donated to OCEAN Inc. Head Start through Second Chance Toys), approx 3 large garbage cans of Styrofoam (Dropped off at Foam Pack) and a smaller amount of the other waste streams (Will be recycled with Terracycle). A Townwide Clean Up was also part of the event activities, we gather 15 volunteers and supplies were donated by NJ Clean Communities. We gave away Native Seedlings (Bayberry, Beach Plum and Silky Dogwood) and a Free Coffee at Bubbys Beanery for a bag of litter. Volunteers could also participate in a raffle for a Zero Waste Basket full of eco-goodies donated by The Natural Health Food Store to help on their journey to a more sustainable life. The excess seedlings will be planted all over Island Heights to add more beautiful Native Plants to our landscape. We appreciate Dental Lace, Eco Fella, and Hello Products for providing us with free samples of their sustainable products. As well Bubbys Beanery for supporting and donating free coffees for our volunteers, Natural Healthfood Store for the Zero Waste Basket Raffle, and Peter Slack Photography for the wonderful pictures of the event. Pictures and flyers available at [https://www.facebook.com/pg/SustainableIH/photos?tab=album&album\\_id=1829119147192927](https://www.facebook.com/pg/SustainableIH/photos?tab=album&album_id=1829119147192927)

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## Diversity & Equity

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### Diversity on Boards & Commissions

10 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** During the month of September, 2017 a Survey was distributed to the members of these Boards and Committees to evaluate whether the existing membership reflects the diversity of Island Heights. This survey included questions relating to Age, Gender, Education Level, Ethnicity, Marital Status, Employment, Parental Status, and Language Preference. The questionnaire was sent out in the first week of September 2017 and the deadline for completing it was the first week of October 2017. Completed surveys were collected through email, during the Environmental Committee Meeting, from the Municipal Complex, and from the Library. To create the diversity profile of the township, some information from the United States Census 2010 was utilized as well as public

township records for information on all the members of Island Heights Boards and Committees. According to the results of the survey it is possible to affirm that the diversity on the community boards and committees reflects the town population. The Diversity Profile was presented to the Mayor and Council on the Meeting of October 24th, 2017.

**EXCEL:** [DIVERSITY ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Lead Education & Outreach Programs

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Island Heights Lead Education Program Stakeholders: Island Heights Borough, Environmental Committee, Island Heights Grade School and PTO, Ring around the Rosie Preschool and Island Heights Library. Audience: Parent/teacher organizations, elementary school, child care providers. During the week of Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (10/21 to 10/27) the Green Team posted a series of information on Facebook, community boards, and reached out to the educational center of town to disseminate the information to the parents in Island Heights. We guide our outreach on the WHO and UN topic of the year for 2018 was Lead in Paint, some graphics abstracted from <https://www.epa.gov/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week> <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/nlppw.htm> All the parts collaborated on this campaign. Please see the complete report attached.

**WORD:** [LEAD EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS DOCUMENTATION](#)

## Emergency Management

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### Emergency Communications Planning

15 Points

**Program Summary:** The link to the Island Heights OEM newsletter explains: "The mission of Emergency Management is to protect the residents of Island Heights through the development and implementation of emergency response plans and coordinate emergency response activities. We accomplish this mission by identifying hazards that could occur in Island Heights, determining the appropriate level of response and recovery resources needed, and creating plans to manage those responses." Here is a link to some important informational links provided by the IH OEM on this webpage on the Island Heights Borough Website: [http://islandheightsboro.com/emergency\\_mgt/](http://islandheightsboro.com/emergency_mgt/) Here is a link to the form residents can fill out and return for help in emergencies: [http://islandheightsboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Help\\_Us\\_Help\\_You.pdf](http://islandheightsboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Help_Us_Help_You.pdf) Please see a full report in attached documentation.

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### Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Each year a flier is sent out by the OEM to all residents. It asks for anyone who may need assistance during an emergency to identify themselves. This includes hearing impaired, mobility-impaired and vision-impaired citizens, people with medical conditions that require special equipment and un-interrupted power, and any other medical condition that would indicate that assistance would be needed in the event of a long term

power outage or if an evacuation is necessary. The OEM works with the Police Dept and First Aid Squad to ensure we are aware of those individuals and that we have the capabilities to provide any assistance that might be needed for these and all citizens. These forms can be filled out and dropped off at Police Headquarters. This information is kept confidential. Also the Island Heights Website includes a link called "Please Help Us Help You! If you or a loved one might need assistance in an emergency, please fill out the linked form and return it to the Island Heights Police Department" where you can find the form in case someone missed the mailed one or if any changes are needed.

**PDF: [VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IDENTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCIES DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## Energy

### Energy Tracking & Management

10 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Island Heights has 19 Building and 9 facilities for a total of 28 different energy users, the main source of energy is Electric provided by JCPL and Natural Gas by NJNG. As the electric and Natural Gas bills become available, the municipality provides them to the Green Team to insert them into the energy tracking file, this may be delayed a couple of months since they have to be approved for payment. Some months the data is not available due to the readings and credits of JCPL. 2016, 2017 and 2018 are completed 2019 is in progress. Please see attached documents for Natural Gas and Electricity and Building Profile

**EXCEL: [ENERGY TRACKING AND MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## Food

### Community Gardens

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Island Heights has a Community Vegetable Garden that started in 2016, as an IH Environmental Committee and Green Team project. It was built by Pinelands Antique Engine Association club with the support and approval of the IH Mayor and Town Council. The first year had only 48 beds but by 2017 an expansion of 20 beds was necessary due to the high demand and a waiting list for beds. The town rents the beds yearly in two sizes: 5x12' and 13x12'. This garden is located at Wanamaker Field on Municipal Property next to the Police Department. This is the Fourth year for the community vegetable garden. The garden has 57 beds. In 2019, two community herb plots were added and a community watch continues to keep the garden safe. There is a compost pile and 2 medium composters were added in 2018. The beds cost \$25 for a 5' x 12' plot and double-sized beds are available for \$50. The garden permit is purchased at Boro Hall. Educational materials are distributed to the gardeners, including topics on native gardens, organic gardens, composting, and more! Gardeners are provided continuing education opportunities throughout the year, in 2019 we conducted a composting class at the garden (June 2nd, 2019) and we always encourage the gardeners to sign up for the Ocean County Master Composter class. There is currently a waiting list of approximately 15 people for a bed of any kind for 2020. Video about the Community Garden <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWizFkvPObo&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0Hp52MOFh-xwFvUkjzFEltwOVtIE42SLInAYKRrbH7QPUggj6ueDU3H-4>

\*\*\*\*\* See Community Gardening Rules attached and Seeding and planting charts can be found at this link: <https://www.ufseeds.com/learning/planting-schedules/new-jersey-vegetable-planting-calendar/>

\*\*\*\*\* The Community Garden has a group on Facebook where they share experiences and information and where they post educational materials. This is a private group for the IH gardeners only. Also they hosted their annual gardeners picnic, this took place

outside of the garden during the summer on August 10th, 2019.

\*\*\*\*\* The community garden donates vegetables to the Island Heights United Methodist Church Food Pantry which opens on Tuesdays. In the 2019 summer the biggest contribution has been tomatoes, providing fresh produce to those in need as well.

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## Farmers Markets

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Farmers Markets started in 2017, reopened in 2018 and is continuing in 2019. This is organized by the Island Heights Town Council, the vendors are required to pay a fee of \$35 a week per stand. In 2019 our vendors include: Farmer's Al, Eco Chic Chick, Aromasana, Bakery 502, Caldinos, Simply Sofrito, Beckage Farms and Di Alfredo. Our vendors are very open to Sustainability and offer low waste and plastic free options. The Island Heights Farmers' Market offers a variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables, jersey corn, tomatoes, blackberries, beets, zucchini, kale, flowering plants, basil, spices and flavored oils, seafood cakes, pasta, pickles, baked goods, handmade jewelry, and more ( WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted by some farmers). It is located at 1 Wanamaker Complex on the Corner of East End and Westray Ave., Island Heights, NJ 08732. Market dates and hours of operation are June 3th - October, 2019 for regular farmers market, Tuesdays, 2:00pm -7:00pm (Moved from Mondays) The Municipal Government approved the hours and days of operation at the Mayor and Council meeting on May 14th. Schedule will be on their website and the news bulletin board located at Town Hall The Green Team also promotes the farmers market on social media to attract more customers. The IH Market has a FB page to share information about the vendors and days of operation. For 2019 the vendor enrollment form is online via google docs and the vendor priority will be to Island Heights Residents. The participating farmers must produce their own products and be open to an on-site inspection to ensure that all products are local. Here is the link to their page <https://www.facebook.com/IslandHeightsFarmersMarket/> Here is a link to an Instagram Post advertising the IH Farmers Market <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bz-IG0QH9kR/?igshid=1oxkv9le8ghc5> Operational cost are not applicable since vendors provide their own tent and needs, the Farmer's Market is located on an open field which is municipal property, also since it operates during regular working hours there is no extra cost for police officers or public works if their services are needed. Here is a link to the Borough Webpage about the IH Farmers Market <http://islandheightsboro.com/farmersmarket/>

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## Green Design

### Green Building Training

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Tanara Hall - Green Team Thinking Beyond Buildings the LEED ND Aproach - <https://www.usgbc.org/node/4601878> Ray Claudio - Staff - Zoning Island Heights - ASHRAE Standard 62.1 - By Trane Education Provider for USGBC Chair of the Environmental Committee and Councilmember attended the Core Training required for our Community Forestry Plan 2016. NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program5 CEUs "CORE Training" 10/29/2016 Location: Paramus Life Safety Complex, Carlough Drive, Paramus, NJ 07652 Mary Judge - Environmental Committee Steve Berglund - Council President

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## Green Building Education

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Island Heights had a couple of Green Design events during 2017, this community has a big passion for Gardens and this is what these educational activities focused upon. 1. Island Heights Garden Tour was June 10, 2017 from 10:00-4:00 PM. Featured eight gardens + a green infrastructure project (Town's Bioswale) + IH Community Organic Vegetable garden. Tickets support the IH Cultural & Heritage Association and its historical preservation efforts (Creative Team). Information and Ads were displayed at Town Hall and the Green Team distributed the information during the Barnegat Bay Festival as well. Volunteers numbered 35 +/- for Garden Tour. 2. Island Heights Permit Office is introducing the green house program where the permit office will offer documents about green design when residents approach their Office, also a link to the Regreen Program will be included on the Town Website before the end of 2017.

IMAGE: [GREEN BUILDING EDUCATION DOCUMENTATION](#)  
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## Health & Wellness

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### Building Healthier Communities

15 Points

**Program Summary:** Island Heights has an active Recreation Committee that hosts and promotes activities for all ages. <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/didyouknow.htm#rec> Some of the activities Island Heights promotes to the community are: Yoga classes at the Municipal meeting room twice a week, Outdoor Games, Outdoor recreation and exercise, Bike Parade, Walks, Food demonstration and recipes, Vaccination Clinics and more. (See Attachments) Our community is perfect for outdoor activities (Water and Inland) and that's why there are so many groups that take advantage of this opportunity, our streets are also optimal for running, bikes and more. The maximum speed limit is 35 mph, our streets are always lit up and our roads are in great condition which gives people the confidence to work out during the day or night. The Island Heights Yacht Club hosts Sailing Races throughout the year and also offers a Summer Sailing Program which is the most popular summer option for the children of Island Heights. We have 2 big playgrounds for children of all ages and 2 fields that are perfect for kids to exercise, socialize and have fun (Wanamaker Field and Memorial Field). Memorial Field offers Tennis Courts, Baseball Diamond, Basketball court, soccer field and a big open space for families to enjoy. Currently Island Heights is making upgrades to this field and refurbished the street hockey ring for Pickleball courts which is now one of the most popular sports in town. Wannamaker Field offers a children's playground, a workout circuit, a children's garden and an open field. The Island Heights Grade School also does a great job encouraging healthy lifestyles they have events such as: Fun Run, Bike to School, Healthy Diet talks and more. Also the Kiwanis of Toms River host an annual 5k during the Spring in our beautiful town.

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## Innovative Projects

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## Innovative Community Project 3

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Monarch Way Station is such a success that in 2019 we are enjoying of hundreds of pollinators living in Island Heights. A quick walk through the garden will leave you amazed of how many bees and butterflies are there daily. The Community Garden is definitely enjoying the work of the pollinating wonders. See attached the pdf of some pictures taken on August 2019. Also we gave a presentation on pollinators and how to replicate the effects of the Monarch Way at home on August 19th at the Island Heights Methodist Church. Uploaded is the final grant report from the Monarch Way Station that was constructed adjacent to the Island Heights Community Garden. The link is to the Island Heights Borough website showing a picture of this pollinator garden on the Boro website. This garden continues to be maintained and continues blooming and attracting Monarch Butterflies through 2019 please see attached pictures. <http://islandheightsboro.com/gallery/>

**WORD:** [INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT 3 DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Natural Resources

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### Environmental Commission

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The mission statement of the Island Heights Environmental Committee is: MISSION STATEMENT To advise Mayor and Council regarding environmental issues impacting the residents of Island Heights and to help educate its citizens in sound environmental practices. Below is a link to the webpage that houses the EC minutes and links with information on the members and accomplishments.

<http://www.islandheightsboro.com/environmental.htm> Members: Environmental Committee 2019 Environmental Committee Chairperson is Tara Church, the secretary is Sophia Church, and the committee members are: Margaret Laratta, Zdenka Karas, Tanara Hall, Beth Francis, Lucy Scheer, Sandra Blain-Snow, Marylin Kralik, Stephanie Fumo, and Jacquelyn Theile,

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### Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Environmental Committee and Save Barnegat Bay Organized a Rain Barrel Workshop for August 27th, 2018. The activity was held at the Island Heights Borough Hall During the Farmer's Market on Monday. Our target audience was Island Heights' residents and IH Farmer's Market participants. The activity included a presentation on the conservation benefits and tips on how to use and maintain a Rain Barrel. We have also provided information on native gardens and the importance of saving water. (More information in attached documents) During the third week of March we posted a week-long Water Saving Campaign to commemorate World Water Day

<https://www.facebook.com/SustainableIH/photos/a.261461333958724.47790.183102818461243/1352000708238109/?type=3&theater>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SustainableIH/photos/a.261461333958724.47790.183102818461243/1351985234906323/?type=3&theater>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SustainableIH/photos/a.261461333958724.47790.183102818461243/1351984698239710/?type=3&theater>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SustainableIH/photos/a.261461333958724.47790.183102818461243/1351860768252103/?type=3&theater> During May 2018 as part of the Cut it and Leave it program we added an info-graphic about water conservation

PDF: [WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Operations & Maintenance

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### Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy was adopted on Tuesday May 28th, 2019. The Borough of Island Heights had implemented these actions years ago but they had not been adopted as a policy. These established practices made the creation of a Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy smooth and validated the efforts of our Public Works employees in maintaining our open spaces in a sustainable way that improves public health and natural resources too. Our town employees, the Green Team, and so many other volunteer groups, work so hard to create beautiful gardens and spaces that attract wildlife and improve the environmental conditions of our beloved Borough and we hope this Policy helps keep their efforts alive as we keep working toward sustainability. Please see the adopted notice posted following the link: <http://islandheightsboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Newsletter190528.pdf>

WORD: [GREEN GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE POLICY DOCUMENTATION](#)

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### Recycled Materials & Composting

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Public Works and Recycling Center accepts leaves and brush, which get composted by Ocean County and come back to our recycling center as mulch. This mulch is used by Public Works and also made available to residents for free throughout the year thanks to this Ocean County composting program that Island Heights participates in. During the spring the community garden utilized a load of the mulch to reduce weeds before planting season. The community garden has composting bins and a brush bin for the gardeners to use. These bins are also made available to the vendors during Farmers Market Season to dispose of their appropriate waste such as the avocado pits and skins from the guacamole vendor, veggies that got damaged en route, etc... In 2018 the Environmental Committee and Public Works organized a Pumpkin, Straw Bale, and Corn Stalk drive after the fall festivities to reduce the volume of organic waste to the landfill. The Children's Garden inaugurated in 2019, included the installation of a TREX bench obtained by recycling 500 lbs of plastic bags and film, also the decoration added to this space was salvage and up-cycled, two fireflies made of old silverware, a planter made of a wheelbarrow, a children's library made of construction leftovers, two seats made of old tree stumps, and wind chimes made of bottle caps. Unused machinery from public works is usually auctioned and unusable electronic material gets recycled by our Electronic Recycling Program.

IMAGE: [RECYCLED MATERIALS AND COMPOSTING DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Sustainability & Climate Planning

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### Municipal Carbon Footprint

10 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** The Baseline year is 2016. During 2017 we collected and processed all the available energy bills and gas bills for 2016 and 2017. As new bills are approved for release, the Town Secretary sends the documents to one of the Green Team Members for processing on an Excel tracking sheet. The information obtained was entered on the Emissions Calculation Sheet Provided by SJ and the results are as follows: Total Emissions (Metric Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e) 364.9980576

EXCEL: [MUNICIPAL CARBON FOOTPRINT DOCUMENTATION](#)

EXCEL: [MUNICIPAL CARBON FOOTPRINT DOCUMENTATION](#)

EXCEL: [CARBON FOOTPRINT CALCULATOR](#)

EXCEL: [MUNICIPAL CARBON FOOTPRINT DOCUMENTATION](#)

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### Community Asset Mapping

10 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2017 the Green Team created a map of Island Heights' Open Spaces for the Barnegat Bay Festival. That inventory map was elaborated on paper for an activity for people that stopped by our stand who were interviewed about how much they know about Island Heights' Parks and Open Spaces and then we showed them the different places they could visit in town. We also did a survey about what they would like to have at Long Point if there was a recovery project there. After the Festival this map was transferred digitally via Google Maps. In 2018, for the Town Wide Celebration for Founders Day, the Green Team elaborated a new interactive map adding the activities (which included almost every open space in town) and the museums in Island Heights to make it easy for people to plan their visits to the different events. We encouraged people to walk to help them determine if they lived within a walkable distance or if they needed any other transportation, like bicycles. See map here [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1b\\_6k83oiS-Fgj80xzkKIRYkMLU8qQ\\_qb&ll=39.9429378232308%2C-74.14577246957401&z=16](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1b_6k83oiS-Fgj80xzkKIRYkMLU8qQ_qb&ll=39.9429378232308%2C-74.14577246957401&z=16) After the festivities, we gathered the information from both activities and some other info from the Creative Assets Inventory to create the map of the Community Assets [https://drive.google.com/open?id=16bjfOl\\_KrZwUlzsCzmYVDs5mYMY&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/open?id=16bjfOl_KrZwUlzsCzmYVDs5mYMY&usp=sharing) We shared the community asset map with the Island Heights Groups and Committees via email, Facebook and NextDoor app. For us, it is important that people visit our beautiful public spaces, feel a part of the town, and participate in activities. Also, during the Farmers Market and other outdoor activities we told people about this map and where to obtain it. Now that this map is available digitally, it will be an easy resource to adapt for use by all the town committees for their annual events around Island Heights.

IMAGE: [COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Waste Management

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### Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance

20 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Guidelines for recycling in Island Heights are regulated and mandated by the Recycling Regulations of the Borough of Island Heights [(Ord. No. 88-04 §1) See attached]. This documentation includes the rules, methods of enforcement, and penalties for violations. Please see the attachments with some of the outreach

and informational materials, both print and digital, with which IH residents are provided to ensure their understanding and compliance with town recycling policies and practices as well as educational materials encouraging additional ways to recycle, compost, rethink, reuse, and refuse, helping our residents make wiser choices to reduce the amount of trash sent to landfills. Recycling information is available online, at the Municipal Building, at the IH Post Office, and The EC Farmers Market Stand. The Green Team and Environmental Committee also gives out information about recycling and waste reduction during events such as Earth Day, Founder's Day, Farmer's Markets, Steam Fair and more. (see attachments) Facebook is also a great tool and our page, Sustainable Island Heights (facebook.com/SustainableIH ), is the page we promote to residents to access recommendations on recycling and reducing waste (Zero waste ideas, use this not that, etc.). Also several special recycling programs are up and running and changing the perception people have of waste and encouraging them to find other options instead of tossing stuff in the garbage. The home page of Island Heights Municipality's website (<http://www.islandheightsboro.com/default.htm> ) has links to our recycling pages, the calendar and the Single Stream rules links that are listed here: <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/recycling.htm> <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/docs/Recycle-Cal.pdf> <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/docs/SingleStream.pdf> For the Recycling App, 'Recycling Coach', Island Heights Borough included the calendar for collections for Single Stream Recycling, Garbage, Leaves Pick- Up and Special Collection Programs from Ocean County Waste Management. This app helps people find the best ways to dispose of their waste and includes the rules for single stream recycling for Ocean County/Island Heights and also allows the opportunity to create reminders. New Jersey became the first state to bring the Recycle Coach app free of charge to all residents to help increase recycling <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/SolidWaste/frmRecycleCoach.aspx> Island Heights promoted the app on the EC Community Board, at the Farmer's Market, and on our Sustainable Island Heights Page here: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=Sustainable%20Island%20Heights%20recycle%20coach%20app> At the Mayor and Council Meeting of October 09, 2018 it was agreed to ask to include a link to the Recycle coach app on the Island Heights Website. <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/newsletters/2018/Newsletter181009.pdf> We have uploaded a letter from Oscar Cradle, the IH Recycling coordinator, certifying that IH had not issued any inspections or any violations in 2018. The solid waste collectors will not collect single stream recyclables with visible non-recyclable materials in the cans as a way to help ensure proper compliance from residents and to keep the town loads free from contamination with non-recyclables.

**PDF: [RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Island Heights hosted a Paper Shredding event 05/10/19 in coordination with the Ocean County Solid Waste Management. The event was advertised on the community boards (which we find more effective for our population) and a Facebook event was created and advertised to residents of Island Heights. (See Attached) This year we transferred the event to Wanamaker Field, because the logistics and the space were more appropriate for the traffic at the event. At 8:30 am there was already a line waiting for the event to start, we had over a hundred vehicles attend this shred. We collected 2.48 tons of paper from the event. Autosshred provides the shredding trucks and drivers free of charge as long as we are able to net them an agreed upon amount of paper. The Environmental Committee also collected the plastic bags that residents carried the paper in and recycled them at the nearest grocery store drop off. <https://www.facebook.com/events/940659512991757/> <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/WebContentFiles//04c86321-a731-4b5c-8d0c-4aafac10961c.pdf>

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

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## Household Hazardous Waste

5 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Recycling Center added a Good Will Drop off center where you can drop

off predominantly computers and TVs. Address and Hours of Operation Lake Ave. & Laurel Ave., (732) 270-6415 Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. We are listed at the Good Will website <http://goodwillnj.org/municipality-donation-sites/> According to Public Works the material is picked up approximately 5 times a year and every collection can be up to 25 yards of waste. This company does not provide a written report, totals are an estimate provided by the Island Heights Public Works officials. Motor Oil is also collected year round at the Recycling Center for 2017 500 gallons were collected according to Public Works, there is no written letter of report, totals provided by Island Heights Public Works officials as their record is on their official book.

**IMAGE:** [HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Non-Mandated Materials Recycling

25 Points

**Program Summary:** Current Programs 1. Candy and Snack Wrappers: Events and permanent collection boxes at Town Hall, IH Grade School and Ring Around the Rosie Pre School. 12 lbs collected as May 2018 Candy and Snack Wrapper Box was purchased in October 2017 as August 2018 we counted over 2000 wrapper collected, since we want to completely fill the Box we did not send it to Terracycle to get Recycled yet. 2. Vitamins and Supplements Packaging: As August 7th, 2018 1251 units collected and sent to Terracycle in 3 months, program began on April 2018. Permanent collection box at the Natural Foods Health Store Route 37. 3. Cigarette Butts: Collection from towns cigarette receptacles (Post Office, Library and Municipal Building) also during clean ups the waste is separated and we also received waste from neighbors if they are interested in participating, soon we will add the town's Marinas to our program. Currently 8,450 units collected and sent to Terracycle in 1 month 4. Plastic Bags and Plastic Wrap: Island Heights Green Team enrolled in the Trex Challenge to collect 500 lb of waste in 6 months, bins will be placed at Town Hall and Natural Foods Health Store shortly. As August 7th, 2018 we collected 110lbs and are still collecting more! 5. What to do with Yard Sale leftovers Campaign: We gathered some information to share with the Community about non conventional recycled items that people usually place at the curb. We shared the information of options to recycle books, toys, clothing and other materials, this was posted on the Sustainable Island Heights Facebook Page and also will be handed at the Municipal Building when people get permits for their Garage Sales.

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## Recycling Depot

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough received a grant from the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste to build a recycling center at our Public Works Department in 2008. This enables households to recycle items when the need arises instead of having to wait for the regularly-scheduled pickup. The Island Heights Recycling Center is located at the Public Works Building on Lake Ave. (Corner of Lake and Laurel Avenues) Island Heights, NJ. 08732. Below is the link to the 2019 recycling calendar, single stream recycling rules, and the Recycling Center hours of operation: <http://islandheightsboro.com/public-works/> <http://islandheightsboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Recycle-Cal.pdf> <http://islandheightsboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SingleStream.pdf>

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## Backyard Composting Program

5 Points

**Program Summary:** June 2nd 2019 we offered a class called Composting 101, where we spoke about the basic steps to start composting, class was at the Island Heights Community Garden and it was free and open to the public. We had 13 residents during the class and after the class we visited the 2 composters on the community garden.

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During the Farmers Market season we distributed Materials about composting at home and Kids Can Compost Too! Also we answered questions and helped introduce neighbors to the idea of composting at home!

\*\*\*\*\* Our Community garden has compost pile, a brush pile, and two small composters inside the garden, which are also used by the farmers market to dispose of any leftover compostable materials. Information about composting is distributed and shared with the Community Gardeners to ensure that all the waste from the garden is composted.

\*\*\*\*\* During the Farmers Market Season we also reached out to the vendors about Composting and rethinking their way of disposing leftovers.

\*\*\*\*\* A Master Composter Training Program for Ocean County residents was held on Saturdays, and Nov. 3 and Nov 10 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the county’s Recycling Education Center at the Ocean County Northern Recycling Center. Event was originally scheduled a week before but was changed due to the weather. This program was offered by Ocean County’s Department of Solid Waste Management and the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The course was taught by Sandra Blain-Snow, an Ocean County Master Composter and Island Heights Councilwoman and Green Team Member. Three Members of our Green Team joined the class to learn more about composting and to be able to train more community members. The class was advertised on our Sustainable Island Heights Page inviting the community to participate in this free course, and the Island Heights Borough had information at the Municipal Building about the program. The invitation to apply was emailed to all the Community Gardeners and everyone on our mailing list. <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/SolidWaste/frmRegContentSW.aspx?ID=6c21797e-03b2-488e-adda-eeed2a502169>

\*\*\*\*\* The Island Heights Green Team organized a Pumpkin and Straw Bale Compost Drive on November 2018! We shared information with neighbors about how to compost pumpkins and also offered a collection day for people that could not or would rather not compost at their homes to take advantage of our compost collection. As people dropped off their pumpkins we provided them with information on composting. Due to the positive response and participation, (see pictures) we are planning another pumpkin compost drive after Thanksgiving.

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### Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program

5 Points

**Program Summary:** 8 different info graphics about the Grass Cut it and Leave it Program Info graphics created with the NJ.gov flyer <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/Grass%20Cut%20It%20and%20Leave%20It.pdf> Day 1. Grass Cut it and leave it, What about thatch? Day 2. Mow your lawn correctly Day 3. The right amount of water Day 4. Lawn additives Day 5. Fertilizer Day 6. Herbicides and insecticides Day 7. You can achieve the lawn you want and also protect our environment, when you practice careful turf management, and Cut It and Leave It! Day 8. Create a garden Posted on the Sustainable Island Heights facebook page from 05/23/18 to 05/27/18 Album link [https://www.facebook.com/pg/SustainableIH/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=1408542779250568](https://www.facebook.com/pg/SustainableIH/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1408542779250568) Also see attached

**PDF:** [GRASS - CUT IT AND LEAVE IT PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

### Materials Reuse Program

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Island Heights Library had 21 workshops since 2016 about upcycle projects, see list attached. The Island Heights Recycling Depot / Public Services has a GoodWill Donation Drop Off, this is open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Location listed here <http://goodwillnj.org/municipality-donation-sites/> There is also a book exchange in Town Hall where residents can leave a book and/or take a book. Island Heights Green Team and EC partner up with Offer up to create a Safe Trade Spot, we already received the sign and it was delivered to Mayor and Council during the 1st meeting of May. The plan is to designate 2 parking spots in front of the police station as Safe Swap or Trade Spot, so residents can buy things for sale online and complete their transaction in a place with surveillance to ensure residents safety. Island Heights hosts townwide yard sales and has a recycling center where residents can drop off recyclables and take mulch or soil for their gardens. Most Recent Yard Sale was June 16th, 2018 the next is September, 29th, 2018. The townwide Yard sale is advertised on the official IH website, Sustainable Island Heights FB page and a sign was located at the corner of West End Ave and Rt 37. <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/docs/reoccurring/Town%20Wide%20Yard%20Sale.pdf> Houses subscribed on the Island Heights Townwide Yard Sale 2016=85=12% of households 2017=107=15% of households 2018 = 75 = 11% of households This year's first Townwide Garage Sale was June 16th, we included a list of options to recycle or donate garage sale leftovers instead of putting them out to the curb for garbage pick up, this list is available on Fb and it will also be handed to the residents when they get the permit for the Yard Sale. [https://www.facebook.com/events/159082994793727/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/159082994793727/?active_tab=discussion) <http://www.islandheightsboro.com/docs/reoccurring/Town%20Wide%20Yard%20Sale.pdf>

**IMAGE: [MATERIALS REUSE PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## **Reusable Bag Education Program \*Retired 12/31/25\***

**5 Points**

**Program Summary:** Make your own reusable bag activity took place at the Island Heights Farmers Market, the first one was on July 2nd, 2018, but people were so interested that we extended it to every Monday of July. We reused old Shirts (they could bring their own or use a donated one) the left over textile from the cuts was recycled at H&M to ensure a Zero Waste Success. We also encouraged people that did not bring their own bag to the Farmers Market to surrender their plastic bag in our TREX Recycling Challenge Bin and take a Tshirt Bag premade by us or to make their own! As usual we post information about plastic pollution including plastic bags on our FB page #reuseabag and remind the neighbors to bring their own bag on Mondays as we post something about bringing their plastic bags to recycle. For this Halloween we are planning just as we did last year an activity about reusing a bag and refusing single use plastic ones.

**PDF: [REUSABLE BAG EDUCATION PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION](#)**