



## Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Brick Twp, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

Brick Twp was certified on November 07, 2019 with 365 points. Listed below is information regarding Brick Twp'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 Brick Twp 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:** Programs throughout the community are ongoing education and outreach provided by third-party organizations. Below is Brick Townships newly posted "Animals in the Community Packet" which contains additional information. Meanwhile, wildlife and companion animal issues remain to be a priority concern with our municipality, based on feral cat communities. These animal issues in the community were addressed by informing the citizens of ,Brick while also providing a "caregiver agreement responsibilities" form .In addition to providing

for a robust regulatory program to monitor the companion and wildlife animal population in the Township, the Township of Brick has an active "Trap, Neuter, Release" program to control the feral cat populations in the municipality. This group was formed in response to resident concerns and complaints about feral cat colonies. Their authority was established by ordinance and their plan is actually an enforceable regulation that establishes membership, authority, responsibility and a budget to control the populations of feral cats. The program provides for traps, rabies and distemper vaccinations, feline leukemia testing and neutering of all trapped cats. Feral Cat Caregivers are trained in how to manage the cats, get them trapped, treated, and released or adopted if young or friendly enough. The purpose of the program is to control feral cat populations and to manage nuisance cats. A 501c3 has been established to collect donations to help fund the program and they hold educational programs and fundraisers. This Committee has the responsibility to create a program to manage the feral cat population in the Township of Brick. This Committee will consist of volunteers who will handle caring for colonies, fostering cats, planning/coordination for trapping, holding the cats for specified number of days, transport to the veterinarians, pick up from the vets to take to a home/trailer for recuperation, adoption, and fundraising. The funding for the program will be from volunteer efforts and charitable donations made to the 501c3.

**PDF:** [CHAPTER 98 ANIMALS](#)

**IMAGE:** [TNR FACEBOOK](#)

**PDF:** [TNR HANDBOOK](#)

**WORD:** [TNR EXPLAINED](#)

**PDF:** [ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY PACKET](#)

**PDF:** [ANIMALS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH 2019](#)

## Arts & Creative Culture

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### Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Brick Township continues to diversify in cultural arts by offering events to the community throughout all four seasons. The brochure submitted accounts for all the featured cultural arts that took place throughout Summer 2019. From theatre works to local musicians, Brick Township offers a variety for friends and family to enjoy arts in the community. Theatre works take place at Brick Townships dedicated "Bob Anstett Cultural Arts Center" located at 515 Herbetsville Road Brick, 08724. In addition to cultural arts, Brick Township distributed an updated "Township Newsletter". Such was developed to further inform residents on opportunities within the community through 2019. Codes regarding noise, light and sound are also submitted in the "Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture Checklist" via links to the township codebook.

**PDF:** [MUNICIPAL NEWS LETTER 2019](#)

**PDF:** [MUNICIPAL CULTURAL ARTS BROCHURE](#)

**WORD:** [MUNICIPAL COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE CHECKLIST](#)

## Community Partnership & Outreach

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## Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

**Program Summary:** In 2010, the Township of Brick governing body created, through resolution, the Brick Mayor's Advisory Committee on Renewable Energy. This committee was made up of representatives of local government, residents, business owners, board of education, utility authority, environmental commission, planners and engineers. This committee was established to develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives. In 2014, the committee was re-named the "Sustainable Brick Township" committee and has continued the same mission for finding green alternatives to municipal operations and community engagement. The committee has been sponsoring an annual "Green Fair" to bring environmental education, outreach and alternatives to the residents of Brick. In 2016, the committee is looking to expand its reach by creating movie nights and to increase farmers market vendors. In 2019, the green team administered the "9th annual Green Fair". In addition, our green team works to develop comprehensive sustainable plans that would benefit the township and community .

<http://www.bricktownship.net/index.php/boards-commissions/sustainable-brick/>

PDF: [GREEN TEAM AGENDA 2019](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM 2019 RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM MISSION STATEMENT](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM MEETING DATES](#)

IMAGE: [GREEN TEAM WEB PAGE 2019](#)

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## Community Education & Outreach

15 Points

**Program Summary:** The Brick Township Environmental Commission, Green Team and Recycling Coordinator continue to make strides in sustainable education and outreach. Multiple departments throughout Brick Township provided educational efforts including in-person lectures, activities and direct outreach. Other than these four examples posted below, Brick Township gives many other opportunities for community members to become more sustainable through outreach practices. These can be found in the supporting documentation "Rain Barrel Outreach". The four forms of education and outreach we found to be diverse and most impactful include ones listed below. - Child Break Education: hosted by Brick Townships recreation department for education on drug use with adolescents. - Flood Management & Outreach : Advanced material for all resident considered in a flood zone, provided by Brick Township's Land use and Engineering departments. - Dune Grass distribution to residents: Conducted by DPW supervisors in order to give better understanding to waterfront property owners . - Rain Barrel Workshop: Featuring the Brick Township MUA whom sheds lights on water conversation in the community . The Environmental Commission and Green Team plan to build upon and expand this community education and outreach. Additionally, several reusable bag giveaways are held at the weekly Farmer's Markets throughout the summer. The township Recycling Coordinator also meets with elementary school classes throughout the year to encourage recycling and discuss the detrimental effects of single use plastic.

WORD: [COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PACKET](#)

PDF: [CHILD BREAK EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ONLINE POSTING](#)

PDF: [FLOOD MANAGEMENT OUTREACH](#)

## Green Fair

10 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2019, Brick Township held its 9th Annual Green Fair for the town's residents on April 13th coinciding with the start of Spring and Earth Day. It was a beautiful day and the event was attended by over 600 people of all ages. The Green Team and Environmental Commission take the lead on the event organizing and are the primary sponsor along with the Recreation Department and the Tourism Development Commission. The Brick Tourism Development Commission provides funding for door prizes and other ancillary costs. Vendor fees (charged to vendors only, not non-profit exhibitors) of \$40 per table are then used to offset costs. As a township-run event, township employees, in particular the DPW staff, the facilities manager (John Lolla) and the Public Information Officer (Ed Moroney) and the Secretary to the Environmental Commission (Keith Rella) play a critical role. Green Team members, specifically, Chair Johny Hyfantis, and Environmental Commissioners play a vital role with planning and implementation. The event featured 24 exhibitors, 20 vendors and, most significantly, 9 public elementary, middle and high schools. The event was held at the Brick Township High School and had quality vendors and exhibitors including, Rutgers Master Gardeners, County Composters, the Barnegat Bay Partnership, Save Barnegat Bay, Clean Ocean Action as well as public utilities and other government and non-profit exhibitors.

PDF: [MEDIA COVERAGE](#)

PDF: [GF PROGRAM POSTER](#)

PDF: [GF FLYER](#)

PDF: [GF PRESS RELEASE](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO MONTAGE](#)

PDF: [2019 QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT](#)

## Energy

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### Municipal Onsite Solar System

10 Points

**Program Summary:** As of 2019, Brick Township continues to comply with on-site solar units as stated in the newly submitted "Utility displacement percentage report 2019". This excel document indicates the percent of offset energy that Brick Township's Municipal building generates. In years prior to this report, Brick Township continued to manage that strides were made. In 2008, after looking at the 2006 \$1.2 million dollar electric bill & the 2007 first 11 month \$1.4 million dollar electric bill Brick Town decided to create a committee to research reducing these costs. This was the beginning of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Renewable Energy or MACRE. October of 2008, a study was released that showed it would be economically feasible to mount solar panels on the Town Hall. Bids were submitted & 8/7/2009 a contract was signed by Barrier Electric Company, Inc. A 135.45 kW solar system was installed with 586 roof panels and 60 parking lot

panels. On 3/2010 the system was officially registered with PJM/GATS. The solar output & functionality is uploaded to <http://alsoenergy.com/powertrack/powerlobby.aspx?sid=139> so the public can see the live performance data of the system. This web site also shows the environmental benefits of the system such as the equivalent miles driven by a car, the energy used by a typical home per year, the amount of oil needed to produce this amount of electricity & and much more educational information. This web site is also made available through a link for people who visit our town web site. The Township's on-site solar panels are still in use and continuing to generate revenue and offset energy costs for the Township. From June of 2018 through May of 2019 the Town Hall Solar Array generated over 160,000 kWh. In 2017 and 2018, the township earned an additional \$61,902.50 in SRECs. The Township of Brick also embarked on a unique collaboration at the Brick Township Landfill Superfund site which has been deemed a success by the USEPA. Brick Township coordinated the project and responded to the concerns of residents. EPA reviewed documents on an expedited basis to help the project meet the deadline for tax credits. The project's design engineers and the solar developer worked together to customize the landfill cap for a successful solar project. Thanks to this innovative collaboration, the landfill's solar field is now producing enough green electricity to supply power to all municipal buildings and community parks as well as meet some of the needs of the local water and sewer authority. The Township has transformed the landfill from a liability into a productive asset – and is now producing clean, green energy.

**PDF: [ON-SITE SOLAR SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**PDF: [RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASE CERTIFICATION](#)**

**PDF: [SOLAR DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**EXCEL: [UTILITY DISPLACEMENT PERCENTAGE REPORT 2019](#)**

**PDF: [MUNICIPAL ON-SITE SOLAR SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**EXCEL: [MUNICIPAL ON-SITE SOLAR SYSTEM DATA](#)**

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## **Municipal Wind Energy System**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** In 2011, the Brick Town Council authorized an engineering firm to seek bids to construct a wind turbine at the Brick Sports Complex on Drum Point Road. The preliminary engineering was completed and the contractor evaluation was started. On June 2, 2011, a \$177,560 contract was signed with T.R Weninger, Inc. A 10kW Bergey wind turbine was selected and installed by CCMi-Chase Construction Management, Inc. On June 28, 2011 the ground breaking ceremony took place. Press releases were provided. Funding for the Wind Turbine was provided through the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the program assisted Brick to promote and implement programs and projects to increase energy efficiency and reduce fossil fuel emissions. As of 2019, Brick Township continues to improve and utilized the wind generation assets that it provide the town. In the most recent document uploaded, data shows that Brick Township complies with wind generation requirements.

**PDF: [WIND DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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**EXCEL: [MUNICIPAL WIND ENERGY SYSTEM \(FORMERLY WIND\) DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**IMAGE: [MUNICIPAL WIND ENERGY WEBPAGE](#)**

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## **Wind Ordinance**

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick permits wind turbines in all zones of the Township provided they meet the ordinance requirements. Below is the Ordinance that is still relevant from 2008 in addition to an accurate data display of the wind energy that is accrued .

**PDF:** [WIND ORDINANCE](#)

**PDF:** [WIND ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION](#)

**IMAGE:** [WIND POWER NUMBERS](#)

## Food

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### Community Gardens

10 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2019, the VRC has grown over 2,000 lbs of fresh vegetables and provides them to their more than 3,000 families who look to them for support and continues to see the program grow. The Township is very active in providing opportunities for residents to gain access to fresh, locally grown foods. Throughout 2019, two locations the Visitation Relief Center & Hertbertsville location began the work of transforming a trash strew gravel parking lot in the back of their newly rented property at 725 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ into the site for a community garden. The purpose of the garden is to provide fresh produce to the Visitation Relief Center food bank on site at the same location. The food bank serves Sandy-affected residents of Ocean County, as well as qualifying non-Sandy-affected residents of Ocean County. Over the course of several weeks, with the help of several different out-of-state volunteer groups, and with significant assistance from both the Brick township Department of Public Works and its Recreation Department, the site was prepped for planting, raised beds were built and donated seedlings of tomatoes, cucumbers, and eggplant were planted. The township contributions included delivery, use, and pick-up of a dumpster, repeated deliveries of top soil and compost from the township facility. The Visitation Relief Center was also a recipient of a Sustainable Jersey Grant to provide outreach services where the food grown in the garden was distributed to local families and cooking classes were held to show them how to prepare fresh, organic, nutritious meals. The garden beds are available to Township residents who do not have an area available to them for growing their own flowers, fruits and vegetables. The Brick Garden Club and staff from the land use and public works department provide continued assistance to make the garden successful. Home Depot made a generous donation of the lumber for the beds. Beds are be available on or about June 1 until October 31 at a cost of \$20.00 for the season. Applications will be available on the Township's Website and can be either completed and submitted online or delivered to the Township. Depending on the number of applicants, the beds will be assigned on a first come first served basis or a lottery. An annual meeting will be announced and held at Haven's Farm prior to June 1st to address rules and regulations. The Parks crew added three new planting beds to bring the total to 13 beds and continued to provide assistance to gardeners. The garden was a success and will be continued annually as of 2019.

**WORD:** [COMMUNITY GARDENS OPERATIONAL COSTS](#)

**PDF:** [COMMUNITY GARDENS POSTING](#)

**PDF:** [COMMUNITY GARDEN RESIDENT APPLICATION](#)

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## Farmers Markets

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Brick Township Farmer's Market has grown to become one of the premier farmers markets in the state of New Jersey. Held on Saturdays from 9am to 2pm from May 18 through September 21 at Windward Beach Municipal Par, the market features over 40 vendors along a wide, paved walking path on the park grounds. Vendors offer products including Jersey Fresh produce, handmade artisan crafts, prepared foods and regional wines. The municipality promotes the market through printed materials, posted signage, earned media and predominantly using the township's robust social media with weekly photos and reminders. Traffic control and maintenance are provided by township staff and the venue also offers ample parking, a guarded riverfront beach, fully accessible playground equipment and restroom facilities.  
<http://www.bricktownship.net/index.php/brick-farmers-market/>

**PDF:** [FARMERS MARKETS ADVERTISEMENT](#)

**IMAGE:** [FARMERS MARKETS VENDOR LIST](#)

**WORD:** [FARMERS MARKETS OPERATIONAL COSTS](#)

**WORD:** [FARMERS MARKETS PHOTOS](#)

## Health & Wellness

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### Building Healthier Communities

15 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick has continued or implemented programs that provide for youth, senior, employees and community activities. Our recreation division periodically evaluates the success of programs through feedback from attendees and revises their programming accordingly. Through our recreation department, the "Brick Youth/ Lounge 270 Teen Center" and "Sport Saturday for young athletes" has been implemented to create a healthier, better young adult community. Youth and adults have a multitude of choices for participation in our recreational programs. The complete 2019 Recreation Brochure can be found here <http://www.bricktownship.net/index.php/departments/recreation/> Municipal employees have the benefit of participating in an in-house wellness program and have weekly access to a wellness coach as well as other special programs and policies. Senior Outreach Services provides senior residents of the municipality with guest speakers, transportation and activities for the elderly community.

**PDF:** [EMPLOYEE WELLNESS DOCUMENTATION](#)

**PDF:** [REC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES](#)

**WORD:** [BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES SUBMISSION FORM FINAL](#)

**PDF:** [EMPLOYEE SCREENING POLICY](#)

**PDF:** [BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING DOX.](#)

## Innovative Projects

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### Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2018, the Township of Brick launched the “Pick up Brick” litter abatement program. The campaign will include three components: Education- Informing residents and businesses about best practices to eliminate litter and single use plastics. Enforcement- Highlighting consequences for littering or not adhering to township code and partnering with the Brick Township Police Department on Special Enforcement efforts. Action- Environmental Commission/Green Team led clean up’s, establishment of a hotline where residents can report areas in need of attention. Development of a volunteer database to participate in ongoing cleanups. The ‘Pick up Brick’ program will help encourage residents to take steps to ensure trash and debris end up in the appropriate place and not along our roadsides or in our waterways. According to information from the National Homebuilder’s Association litter in a community can reduce home values by as much as 7%. Additionally, litter can have a detrimental impact on economic development, on tourism and can strain municipal resources such as Public Works, Code Enforcement and Parks Department staff.

**PDF:** [PICK UP BRICK PRESS RELEASE](#)

**IMAGE:** [PICK UP BRICK LOGO](#)

**PDF:** [PICK UP BRICK SIGNAGE](#)

**PDF:** [PICK UP BRICK SAWMILL CLEANUP PRESS RELEASE](#)

**IMAGE:** [SAWMILL CLEANUP PIC](#)

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### Innovative Community Project 2

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick developed a floodplain management plan to enhance floodplain management and mitigate flood impacts in the community by identifying resources, information, and strategies for flood risk reduction. To prepare the plan, the Township of Brick organized resources, assessed risks from flooding, developed planning goals and objectives, reviewed mitigation alternatives, and developed an action plan to address probable impacts from floods. The plan can be viewed on-line at: <http://bricktownship.net/index.php/floodplain-maps-information/floodplain-management-plan/> The Floodplain Management Plan was prepared in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) floodplain management planning requirements. As part of the plan development process and as required by CRS, the Township of Brick developed a plan maintenance procedure that describes how the plan will be monitored, evaluated, and updated. The Township is a member of the CRS program with a Class 6 rating. CRS is a voluntary program that encourages floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP in exchange for flood insurance premium discounts for policy holders within the participating communities. The Township’s Class 6 rating means that flood insurance policy holders within special flood hazard areas receive a 20 percent discount on premiums.

**PDF:** [2019 TOWNSHIP OF BRICK FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT.](#)

## Land Use & Transportation

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### Green Building & Environmental Sustainability Element \*Retired 12/31/24\*

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick retained T&M Engineering to prepare a Green Building and Sustainability Element as part of the Post Sandy Planning Grants provided by NJDCA in 2015 & 2016. The consultants worked with a subcommittee of the planning board and held two public hearings in compliance with the NJ Municipal Land Use Law public meeting requirements, took comments, made revisions and the Board adopted the Plan on March 30, 2016.

**PDF:** [GREEN BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT](#)

**PDF:** [GREEN BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION](#)

## Local Economies

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### Buy Local Campaign

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township has two active Buy Local Campaigns: one run by the Chamber of Commerce and the latest one, "Buy in Brick" that has been spearheaded by Mayor John Ducey. For the past several years, the Brick Township Chamber of Commerce has been promoting our "Spend Locally" campaign. The program is extremely popular with our members, because it directly promotes the concept of purchasing as many goods and services from local shops and suppliers as possible, and encourages chamber members, residents of the township and other business to check locally before buying an item or service from an online vendor. This in turn creates incentive for local businesses to provide additional benefits to shoppers in the form of discounts or other promotions, which creates better local competition within the various industries; which is always a win for consumers. Our "Spend Locally" program has grown year after year. We have window clings available for vehicles or shop windows, and we actively promote the program in many forms including: A) Our own website B) At local events C) Through our business members and partners D) In our newsletter and other mailed materials The one statistic that we continually drive forward is the fact that, for every \$100 spent in locally owned stores, \$68 stays in or returns to the very community it was spent in. And those very local businesses provide jobs, give to our charities, support our local clubs and organizations and volunteer in our community. The "Buy in Brick" campaign was started in January of 2014 and provides the residents of Brick with tax credits based on their patronage at local participating businesses. It has continued through 2016 and we have over 60 vendors continuing to participate. Residents love the program because for every dollar spent at one of these places of business, they receive a tax credit based on the participating business pay back program. For instance, for every \$100 spent on food at Vinnie's pizza, Vinnie's Pizza sends a \$10 or 10% rebate to the Township Tax Assessor. Which is then realized in residents' discounted tax bill.

**PDF:** [BUY IN BRICK FULL PACKET](#)

**PDF:** [BUY IN BRICK MARKETING MATERIALS](#)

PDF: [BUY IN BRICK COMPANY LISTINGS](#)

PDF: [BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN WEBPAGE](#)

PDF: [BUY IN BRICK 2019 FULL PACKET](#)

PDF: [BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTATION](#)

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## Natural Resources

### Natural Resource Inventory

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** The township completed a Natural Resource Inventory, originally in 1981. Since then, Brick Township has conserved natural resources the most a built-out community possibly can. Being the 7th most populated municipality in NJ, our natural resources have been made a priority for quality of life in the community. When it was updated within the last five years, it was included as part of our Open Space and Conservation Plan section of the Municipal Master Plan. The submitted Master Plan re-examination does reflect waterways, critical areas, hazardous sites, etc. The NRI acts as an inventory of natural resources included below in NRI HAZARD PLAN, NRI and NRI INFO. Attached is also the previous master plan from 2012 where the all elements of the NRI are described. The Open Space Plan can be found beginning on page 8 of this document through page 12. The Township of Brick re-examined the entire Master Plan in 2018, including the Open Space and Conservation Element. The adopted resolution was revisited in 2018 and added an additional element of land-use. In addition, adopting the resolution, hazard plan and report are included herein.

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE RE-EXAMINATION REPORT 2019](#)

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY 2012](#)

PDF: [NRI\\_HAZARD PLAN](#)

PDF: [NRI](#)

EXCEL: [NRI INFO](#)

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### Environmental Commission

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Brick Township Environmental Commission consists of seven regular members and two alternate members and is responsible for the protection, development and use of natural resources, including water resources, located within the Township of Brick. The Commission also formulates such recommendations to the Township Council concerning open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscaping protection, environmental appearance, marine resources and the protection of flora and fauna. The Commission reviews project applications at monthly meetings to determine if there are any environmentally sensitive aspects to the proposals that should be considered, or in some cases revised. In 2018, the Commission reviewed and submitted comments on 112 project applications including 12 appearing before the Planning Board or Board

of Adjustment. The commission makes environmentally sensible recommendations, such as pervious landscape components, use of native plants/trees and alternatives to single use plastic products when applicable. In 2018, the Commission launched the "Pick up Brick" litter abatement program which provides education, facilitates cleanup projects and enforcement actions to eliminate trash and debris from the community.

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 2019 SUMMARY](#)**

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION BY LAWS](#)**

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA SAMPLES](#)**

**PDF: [2018 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT](#)**

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SAMPLE RESPONSE NOTICES](#)**

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## Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment “shall make available to the Environmental Commission an informational copy of every application for development.” (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-27b). The goal of this action is to reward Environmental Commissions that proactively review the site plan and subdivision development applications available to them to evaluate the potential environmental impacts and to advise the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Township of Brick Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment distribute all subdivision and site plan applications to the Environmental Commission for review upon deeming applications complete. The Environmental Commission meets monthly and reviews each application amongst its members at the meetings. A vote of denial or approval takes place at the meetings and many recommendations are provided addressing drainage, grading, natural resource protection, threatened and endangered species, floodplain management, air pollution, light pollution, landscaping requirements, water conservation, native species plantings, street trees, landscape buffers, traffic concerns, water quality impacts, stormwater management, and a variety of other issues that may be impacted by the proposed plans. The Secretary to the Commission prepares a report of the Environmental Commissioners findings after the vote is taken and forwards it to the respective board for consideration at the public hearing. At each public hearing, the board chairman will read the report of the Commission into the record. If certain recommendations are made, the board will take these recommendations into consideration when deliberating a decision. In many cases, the board professionals including the planner and engineer will incorporate the Environmental Commission's recommendations into their testimony and reports.

**PDF: [SITE PLAN REVIEW DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ORDINANCE](#)**

**PDF: [2018 INVENTORY](#)**

**PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SITE PLAN RESPONSE SAMPLES](#)**

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## Open Space Plans

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The township has an Open Space Plan as part of our Municipal Master Plan. Page 9 discusses the open space element and page 12 discusses the Open Space Preservation. Brick Township provided the previous master plan from 2012, where Open Space elements were

adopted. Our ROSI open space list provides the information needed to show GIS information corresponding with the ROSI open space pdf document. These documents show the targeted parcel list that Brick Township is actively implementing or pursuing. Starting at page 3 of the 2012 master plan ,a statement evaluating the Plan’s goals and objectives continues throughout the examination report. Since 2012, no open space codes have changed to conflict with what is submitted in 2019.

**PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLANS DOCUMENTATION](#)**

**PDF: [OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN](#)**

**PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLANS ADOPTION OF MASTER PLANS](#)**

**PDF: [ROSI OPEN SPACE](#)**

**EXCEL: [ROSI OPEN SPACE LIST](#)**

**PDF: [MASTER PLAN 2012](#)**

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## **Environmental Assessment Ordinance**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick does have a section of its ordinance that requires an Environmental Assessment (or EIS) - it can be searched in the ECode360 Online. - It is part of our checklist requirement. The Environmental Impact Statement is described in Section C of the below link. It’s Chapter 245. Land Use, Subdivision of Land. Chapter 245: LAND USE § 245-337Preliminary plat details. <http://ecode360.com/6899806>

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## **Habitat Conservation Ordinance**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick has been very proactive in the protection of its natural resources and sensitive habitat areas. The Municipal Master Plan has a map that shows all of the unique habitat areas within the Township's jurisdiction including wetlands varying by type, upland forests, water bodies and human landscapes. Development and land use is closely monitored through local ordinances including the Riparian Buffer Ordinance, Dune Preservation Ordinance and the Threatened and Endangered Species Protection Ordinance. Most minor and major developments are regulated by the NJDEP through the Coastal Areas Facilities Review Act, Freshwater Wetlands and Coastal Wetlands Acts and Waterfront Development Act. The local ordinances serve to supplement these regulatory programs in the protection of habitats.

**PDF: [RIPARIAN BUFFER ORDINANCE](#)**

**PDF: [DUNE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE](#)**

**PDF: [THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION ORDINANCE](#)**

**PDF: [MASTER PLAN HABITAT MAP](#)**

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

**20 Points**

**Program Summary:** The Accreditation Status Report showing that the municipality is NJUCF has been provided in the supporting documentation section as " annual accreditation report 2018". Brick Township continues to comply with community forestry requirement as of 2019 while also building on prior experiences. Here is a link to the plan on the municipal website: <http://www.bricktownship.net/boardscommissions/sustainable-brick-township> Our Township has complied with the Community Forestry Management Plan criteria for more than 10 years. We have had two adopted and approved plans and have met our minimum CEU's each year through training from our municipal parks supervisor and our shade tree commission members. We have also achieved Tree City USA status for the past seven years. We have completed three No Net Loss Tree Planting Grants to plant trees at municipal parks. We our third 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan has been approved. Attached is our approved 5 year community management plan from 2014-19, tree cover goal, website link documentation, approved status for 2015 and 10 year tree cover goal.

**PDF: [2018 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT](#)**

**PDF: [2018 NJUCF ACCREDITATION REPORT](#)**

**PDF: [2019 COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)**

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## Tree Maintenance Programs

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Tree Maintenance and Care Brick Township recognizes that trees need general wellness care and not just emergency care. The Township has a 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan that was approved in 2015. This is a proactive plan of routine scheduled maintenance will ensure a healthy, aesthetically pleasing and cost effective urban forest with areduced hazard potential.This management plan aims to provide a framework that will benefit and raise the level of care for all township owned trees and trees along township thoroughfares. Structural pruning schedules will be established to train youngtrees to reduce future potential liabilities and maintenance costs. Continued maintenance on established and maturetrees should reduce the risk of hazardous situations and increase tree life spans, generating benefits to the community. Goals To install healthy, viable trees into the existing landscape and help them to reestablish themselves as quickly aspossible to insure their longevity. Train and develop young trees with good structure. Maintain the health and extend the useful life span of existing trees. Promote public safety with regard to trees on township properties and rights-of-way. Maintain the maximum benefit of trees in the most cost effective manner. Review and revise all tree related ordinances as necessary. Educate the public with regards to trees and their benefits and care. According to the Public Works Director, Ken Mathis, the Parks Maintenance Crew removes between 70 and 80 trees and prunes in excess of 1,500 trees annually. These activities occur mostly during the fall, winter and spring months in all of the municipal parks and in the municipal right-of-ways.

**PDF: [2018 STATEMENT OF TREE BUDGET](#)**

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## Tree Planting Programs

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick has planted well over one thousand trees over the past eight years through the No Net Loss Grant Program through the NJDEP, Division of Forestry.

Trees were planted as part of park redevelopment projects at Frede, Arrowhead, Drum Point, Angela Hibbard, Midstreams and Traders Cove, Herberstville, Angela Hibbard and Lake Riviera Parks. The most recent project includes renovation of Bernie Cooke park. Tree Planting Plans were developed by Township staff, approved by the NJDEP Division of Forestry and planted by outside contractors. Seen in the photographs posted in the supporting documentation includes a billboard displaying that the park is Green Acres certified. The Township Park Division staff is responsible for maintaining the plantings and replanting any dead or dying trees. The Township currently has over \$1.1 Million dollars in funding to continue planting trees on municipal lands and plans to plant over 2,200 trees in the next five years at the remaining seven parks in the Township. Attached is the Traders Cove Tree Planting plan & site plan, Colorado/Herbertsville Park plan, Angela Hibbard Plan and Lake Riviera Plan. Community Forestry Annual Accomplishment report for 2019 that outlines the Township's activities with regard to tree plantings.

**PDF: [TREE PLANTING PLAN ACHIEVED](#)**

**PDF: [COMMUNITY FORESTRY](#)**

**PDF: [BERNIE COOKE TREE PLANTING IMPROVEMENT PLANS](#)**

**PDF: [BERNIE COOKE\\_TREEPLANMAP](#)**

**WORD: [TREE PLANTING PHOTOGRAPHS\\_2019](#)**

**PDF: [TREE PLANTING LIST](#)**

## Public Information & Engagement

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### Municipal Communications Strategy

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick understands that an effective communication strategy is important for getting its information out to the public. Brick is committed to broadening the mediums in which it communicates to the public, in order to serve the largest possible audience. Especially in times where digital news is increasingly reliant on, Brick has showed resiliency in the ways it can adapt to the pressures and demands of society by transforming its communication strategy. Attached is an inventory of all of the communication outlets that the township uses and updates on an everyday basis. The Township staff regularly monitors usage by residents or "friends" or users of the Township website, Face Book Accounts, Twitter Accounts and multiple other sources of communication to gauge communication successes. In 2018, Mayor John Ducey introduced a unique and extraordinary tool for residents to communicate, "Facebook Live". The mayor hosts a twice monthly live question and answer program utilizing Facebook in which he answers questions and provides guidance to followers of the municipal site. The municipal website is being regularly maintained by the Township's Public Information Officer who maintains the management and ownership of the website with our Information Technology Office. Daily updates and revisions are made by these employees. The same employees manage the Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and pod casts accounts and update them regularly. The Public Information Office also sends out a weekly email newsletter, called the "Municipal Update".

**IMAGE: [FACEBOOK](#)**

**IMAGE: [TWITTER](#)**

**IMAGE: [YOUTUBE](#)**

**WORD: [MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY CHECKLIST 2019](#)**

**: [EMAIL NEWSLETTER](#)**

**WORD: [MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS INVENTORY 2019](#)**

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## Online Municipal Public Service Systems

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Township of Brick understands that the point of a government is to provide services to its citizens. An easy, hassle free way to do this is by posting this information on its website. The township is consistently updating its website to provide a broader array of services and information for the public. Attached is a document with all of the links required. A number of emergency and non-emergency for municipal services are available for residents . Brick Township has submitted the 2019 checklist required for this action.

**PDF:** [ONLINE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEMS DOCUMENTATION](#)

**IMAGE:** [WEBSITE SCREEN SHOT](#)

**WORD:** [ONLINE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEMS CHECKLIST 2019](#)

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## Waste Management

### Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Prescription Drug and Safety Disposal A drop box was remains at police headquarters in the Municipal building, 401 Chambers Bridge Road. This is one of nine locations in Ocean County. It provides an anonymous, continuously available, location to safely and responsibly discard prescription medications. No record of the number of prescriptions is kept. In addition, the number of individuals is not recorded as the drop box is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week in the police department. The County Prosecutor receives the collections on a regular basis and provides a quarterly report as to how many pounds of prescription drugs are collected. To date there is no plan for an additional drop box in the township. Additional information is available at [www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop](http://www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop), or by contacting the Ocean County Health Department. Additional information is advertised to the residents in the 2019 Brick Pride Newsletter. The prescription safety flyer is used on web postings and provided at Kids Night Out, held by Brick PD. This event is open to all children in the community for outreach with crime prevention. The link to the municipal or police department website page where information advertising the prescription drug collection program is also posted. The Township of Brick participates in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on a yearly basis. This project aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. As of 2019, Brick Township continues to keep up with prescription drug collections by gathering 1714lbs in total. Mobile and stationary prescription drug drop-off boxes were available to community members in order to achieve drug safety and disposal. As advertised, this program creates awareness to the local community in Brick's recreation brochure (BMAC DRUG SAFETY COALITION ). This program works with teens in the community struggling with adversity in drug-rehab programs, as well as educating the general public by providing information on the danger of prescription drugs. The program is also represented at the Annual Green Fair.

**WORD: [PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROPOFF LINK\\_WEBPAGE](#)**

**WORD: [PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY 2019](#)**

**PDF: [BMAC DRUG SAFETY COALITION](#)**

**WORD: [PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF BOX 2019](#)**

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## **Commercial & Institutional Recycling**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** As of 2019, Brick Township continues to spread awareness to residents, commercial businesses and schools systems alike. Making up of a large portion of Brick Township's recycling, commercial and institutional business must abide by Brick townships recycling standards in order to operate without repercussions. Brick Township's Recycling coordinator individually visits each business ,periodically to view that all are meeting recycling requirements.

**PDF: [BRICK TOWNSHIP TONAGE REPORT](#)**

**PDF: [RECYCLING FLYERS](#)**

**PDF: [COMMERCIAL COMPLIANCE](#)**

**PDF: [INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## **Community Paper Shredding Day**

**5 Points**

**Program Summary:** As of 2019, Residential Document Shredding in Brick continues to be carried out once annually. The schedule is set by the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management. County service representatives are uniformed, bonded and insured. The County shredding unit has an automatic feeding and dumping system. Brick does not need to provide staff to assist residents. Each resident is limited to 6 boxes of documents. If the resident brings their documents in a container, it will not be shred. Specifically excluded are CDs, floppy discs micro film and file folders. The shredder is located at the Public Works Site located at 838 Ridge Road in the Township of Brick, well known to all residents. The hours of operation are from 9 am to 1 pm. The event will run at the scheduled times or when the truck is filled, whichever occurs first. The event is promoted to the community by postings, including the County flyer, on: • Brick Website • Brick TV website • Facebook • Ocean County web site Neither Brick nor the County record the exact number of residents served. However, our estimate is that 250 residents participated in the program.

**IMAGE: [PAPER SHREDDING-FACEBOOK SCREENSHOT 2018](#)**

**PDF: [2018 PAPER SHREDDING](#)**

**PDF: [MUNICIPAL UPDATE NEWSLETTER](#)**

**PDF: [2019 SHREDDING DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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## **Recycling Depot**

**10 Points**

**Program Summary:** Brick has a Recycling Ordinance in place and a dedicated recycling inspector, with the power to issue a summons. At the time of the ordinance, 148 businesses were “grandfathered”. When the business has a new owner, it is required to install a dedicated recycling dumpster or sign up for single stream. 36 businesses have installed recycling dumpsters or have converted to single stream. At present, the inspector operates in the “educational” mode. The recycling depot is located at the DPW complex in the north border of the township. The hours are 08:00 to 15:30, Monday through Saturday. Residents are required to show a current property tax receipt to gain entrance. Collected materials include single stream recyclables, electronics, brush, cardboard, empty paint cans, automotive batteries, bulk waste, propane tanks, rigid plastics, and clothing. The depot also accepts qualified waste from Point Pleasant Beach and Mantoloking. Hazardous Waste Day in June for one day. Community notification is accomplished by posting on: • Brick Website • Brick TV website, B20 • Facebook (Facebook Rocko)

**WORD: [RECYCLING CENTER PHOTOGRAPHS](#)**

**PDF: [SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE](#)**

**PDF: [TONAGE REPORT 2019](#)**

**PDF: [RECYCLING DEPOT DOCUMENTATION](#)**

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

**5 Points**

**Program Summary:** Brick Township, led by the Brick Township Environmental Commission, Green Team and Recycling Coordinator, has been working to reduce the use of plastic bags while also encouraging the use of alternatives such as reusable bags for several years. This is an ongoing long term plan designed to change behaviors and has included the screening of the film "Bag-it" at our Civic Plaza. Through our significant social media presence we promote that at Brick Township's Farmers Market Council Members exchange plastic bags for reusable shopping bags. In addition, Brick Township also gives out reusable bags at the annual "Green Fair" and partners with stores, such as Stop & Shop, for bag exchanges which include education.

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

**PDF: [REUSABLE BAGS AT BRICKS FARMERS MARKET](#)**

**IMAGE: [FARMERS MARKET BAG EXCHANGE](#)**

**IMAGE: [GREEN FAIR BAG EXCHANGE/EDUCATION](#)**

**IMAGE: [STOP & SHOP EDUCATION & BAG EXCHANGE](#)**