



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Toms River Twp, a Sustainable Jersey bronze certified applicant.

Toms River Twp was certified on December 13, 2019 with 185 points. Listed below is information regarding Toms River 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 Toms River 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.

Arts & Creative Culture

Establish a Creative Team

10 Points

Program Summary: Toms River Township on February 27, 2018 adopted a resolution to designate the Joint Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Toms River Business Improvement District Arts and Culture Committee, known as the Community Arts Project, as the Toms River Township Arts and Culture Committee. The mission of the group is to implement the 2017 adopted Toms River Arts and Culture Master Plan Element. The CAP consists

of members from the Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce, Ocean County College, Ocean County Business Development and Tourism, Ocean County Historical Commission, Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Downtown Toms River Business Improvement District, The Artists Guild, Toms River Artist Community (TRAC), local philanthropic groups such as the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation, Friends of Ortley Beach, Ocean County Library Foundation, Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools, Ocean County Planning Officials, Toms River Regional School System, Toms River Green Team, Toms River Planning Officials, Toms River Public Information Specialist, Toms River Mayor or designee, Toms River Council Representative, local business owners, local artists, local musicians, and volunteers. A minimum of two artist must serve on the committee. Exit 82 Theater company is also represented on the Committee. The committee meets every third Thursday of the month (unless it falls on a Holiday), meetings are advertised by the Toms River Clerk's office and included on the Toms River Township calendar on the Township website. Meetings are open to the public and hosted at the Toms River Business Improvement District Conference Room located on the second floor of the Shops @ 52 Main Street. Although the group has recently been designated as the Township Arts and Culture Committee, the group has hosted Brian Hanlon Sculptures in downtown Toms River and in 2017 the theme of the summer exhibition was paint the Town with local artists displayed throughout downtown Toms River. The group has as their theme of Performance Art for 2018, "Live in July" with Exit 82 showcasing their work in their new interactive theater. This summer live performances were part of a "Live in July". Art in the Park is hosted each August. A township consortium applied unsuccessfully for a Bloomberg grant, and is currently revising. a CAP website and social media presence is being developed. Implementing master plan recommendations. The groups has created three subcommittees to implement the objectives and goals of the Arts and Culture Master Plan Element. The CAP was instrumental in formulating the recommendations of the adopted Master Plan Element. In Fall of 2018 and Fall of 2019 the Committee worked on the Summer theme of "Play, Live and Work" in Toms River. In addition, the team has developed subcommittees to work on implementing recommendations in the Arts and Culture Master Plan Element. In 2019, the committee recommended that the Township adopt a historic district in the downtown core. This recommendation was implemented by Township Council in late August of 2019 by resolution and incorporated in into the Downtown Core Redevelopment Plan. The committee is also currently working on creating a 501C(3) nonprofit organization geared to fundraising for the arts in Toms River Township. Committee members are selected for a on year term.

PDF: [CREATIVE TEAM RESOLUTION](#)

IMAGE: [REQUESTED REVISION RESOLUTION PAGE 1 ESTABLISH A CREATIVE TEAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

IMAGE: [REQUESTED REVISION RESOLUTION PAGE 2 ESTABLISH A CREATIVE TEAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

EXCEL: [2019 CREATIVE TEAM MEMBERS](#)

Creative Assets Inventory

10 Points

Program Summary: A multi-faceted approach was used in developing the Cultural Assets Inventory. Representatives from the township's Planning Division were assisted by members of the Green Team. The Green Team is comprised of township employees, individuals representing a variety of public and private sector groups; and private citizens, all of whom share the common goal of maximizing sustainable living conditions throughout the municipality and the wider community. The Green Team was established by a resolution signed by the Mayor and Township Council in the summer of 2012. It operational name is the Toms River United Sustainability Team (TRUST). The Creative Assets Inventory was incorporated into the Township's first Cultural Arts Master Plan Element adopted by the Toms River Planning Board on May 17, 2017. The inventory can be found on pages AC2-AC16 of the document. Other parties that assisted in developing the

Creative Assets Inventory included: a. members of the Toms River Business Improvement District; b. members of the township's Cultural and Arts Committee, and to a greater extent, the Arts Project Subcommittee; c. officials from the Toms River Headquarters Branch of the Ocean County Library System; and d. a number of local artists. The initial inventory was supplemented through Internet web searches and validated through on-site inspections and meetings with various cultural groups. The final inventory consists of: a. a listing of existing cultural facilities; b. a listing of publicly owned lands that are currently used or suitable for hosting cultural events ; c. a catalogue of Revolutionary War sites; d. a listing of other historical artifacts and memorials; e. names and locations of murals and other public art, which include: • existing murals; • planned mural projects; • existing outdoor statues; and • proposed outdoor statues; f. a catalogue of the permanent collection of cultural assets at the Toms River Headquarters Branch of the Ocean County Library System; g. a listing of local arts and cultural organizations; and h. a compendium of township festivals and related cultural events.

PDF: [CREATIVE ASSETS INVENTORY DOCUMENTATION](#)

Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture

5 Points

Program Summary: Toms River Township prepared an Arts and Culture Master Plan Element. Staff met with the Community Arts Project of the Business Improvement District and attended an agile strategies session hosted through Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce. Ideas and the vision of arts and culture from the community were incorporated into the Arts and Culture Master Plan. The drafted Master Plan element was released to the CAP members and Greater Toms River Chamber to ensure that the vision was clearly articulated. The Arts and Culture Master Plan Element was adopted by the Toms River Planning Board in May of 2017. In December of 2017 Toms River Township adopted a Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Toms River that incentivized theaters and other arts and culture activities identified in the Arts and Culture Master Plan Element. The Redevelopment Plan was created with input from the Toms River Business Improvement District and the Community Arts Project. Incentives such as density increase were added to the plan to incentive the creation of theaters and other arts and culture venues as had been requested by the CAP and the Toms River Business Improvement District.

PDF: [MUNICIPAL COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [PHASE 1 WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN](#)

PDF: [REQUESTED REVISION LOCAL ORDINANCE GOVERNING MURAL GUIDELINES PAGE 3 MUNICIPAL COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE DOCUMENTATION](#)

WORD: [REQUESTED REVISION MUNICIPAL COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE DOCUMENTATION](#)

Community Partnership & Outreach

Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

Program Summary: Toms River Township continues to support and enjoy the success of the

Toms River United Sustainability Team (TRUST), our “green team”. Created in June of 2012, we persevered through Superstorm Sandy, and have been able to work toward sustainability, earning our Bronze Certification in 2016, renewing that certification in 2018. Several department staff members continue to serve on the Sustainability Team, along with members of the public, members of the Environmental Commission, members of the school board, and advisory agencies. The Township’s commitment to continue to appoint township staff members to the Sustainability Team indicates the Township’s commitment to sustainability and the work done by our Team. TRUST meets monthly as an administrative body, and as needed to work on projects throughout the months. Our Community Garden, started with a Sustainable Jersey Small Grant, and has been one of our site volunteerism projects. Volunteers finished phase II of the community garden and maintained it during the year. The fourth annual Green Fair, for which the Sustainability Team partnered with Toms River Schools’ Makerfest, was held on October 12, 2019. Each year, our fair has grown more successful with greater community participation. The Sustainability Team with the input of the Community Arts Commission recommended the adoption of an Arts and Culture District and it was designated in August of 2019. The Green Team also hosted its second RAW (Recycled Art Work) competition and 2nd Spring Six Challenge which encourages school age children to visit local parks over Spring Break. We awarded a Business TRUST award and participated in the Mayor's Wyland Water Conservation Challenge. In the Fall of 2019 the Green Team in partnership with the Environmental Commission and Toms River Business Improvement District began the Toms River Film Fest Committee to start working on making a 2020 Film Fest in Toms River a reality.

PDF: [2018 GT RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [CREATE GREEN TEAM DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [2019 GREEN TEAM MEMBERS](#)

Community Education & Outreach

20 Points

Program Summary: The Toms River Green Team hosted guest speakers from September 2018 to December 2019 at the Poseidon Lab located in Downtown Toms River. The speakers presented on various sustainable topics. Examples of speakers include Katie Dempsey who presented on Creative Placemaking, Nick Zorojew who presented on the Green Economy, and Barnegat Bay Partnership who presented on the Health of the Barnegat Bay. The speaker series was scheduled for evening hours 6:00pm initially and later moved to 7:00pm to make it convenient for the public to attend. The meetings were advertised by the Township Public Information officer via press releases. Most local papers ran the press release for the guest speakers.

WORD: [CREATIVE PLACEMAKING CHECKLIST](#)

WORD: [GREEN BUSINESS PRACTICES CHECKLIST](#)

WORD: [OCEAN PROTECTION AND WATER RESTORATION EVENT](#)

Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary: Now in its 4th year, the Toms River United Sustainability Team Green Fair, in partnership with Toms River Regional Schools Jersey Shore Makerfest, occurred on October 12th, 2019. With a solid track record, the Green Fair continues to expand its exhibitor list, and all

exhibitors have not only a Sustainability component, but also a hands-on component for education and enjoyment of the target audience, our district students and their families. With nearly 4,000 attendees this event continues to grow.

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

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

WORD: [2019 VENDOR LIST](#)

Food

Community Gardens

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2017, the Toms River Sustainability Team began work on the Riverwood TRUST Garden. Despite many obstacles, we were able to rally community support in clearing unwanted debris and weed trees, and Sustainability Team members put in many hours clearing weeds, building beds, and more to get the space prepared for clients in the Spring of 2018. Two of the beds will be set aside as teaching beds, to be used for demonstration purposes. Preference will be given and fees waived on 10% of remaining beds for Eligible SNAP participants. 4/12/19 & 4/13/19 Spring Community Garden Plot Clean-up and mapping of new garden areas. We solicited help from surrounding community members and area nonprofits to plan our expanded community garden. A total of 11 volunteers from the Community Garden Network, the Rutgers University Master Gardener program and the Toms River Township Green Team helped to dig up and clear out roots, weeds and overgrowth. Also participating and assisting with construction, donations and coordination of materials including wood, nails, mulch, top soil, irrigation piping and installation, tools and garden furniture were 3 local nonprofit 501 (c)3s namely Fulfill Food Bank, Wrangle Brook Community Garden, and Friends of Ortley Beach. 4/20/19 I wrote and edited the Community Garden Contract and Guidelines (see attached file). 4/27/19 We gathered and finished construction of 10 Community Garden Raised Beds; Delivered, shoveled and installed soil in all boxes. Weeded and mulched entire garden area. See attached plan and pictures for dimensions. 5/2/19 Toms River Township Community Garden Press release placed in newspapers and online, used social media. I managed all inquiries and coordinated garden paperwork. 5/4/19- 6/1/19 Collected 10 signed garden contracts; started wait list; purchased locks for gate and shed. 7/2/19 Purchased and delivered new lock for missing garden lock. 11/9/19 Fall Community Garden Clean-up. Removed all garden debris including leftover vines and vegetables and stored all garden supplies and furniture in locked shed. Shared 2020 community garden contracts.

WORD: [COMMUNITY GARDENS PRESS RELEASE 2019](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDENS GUIDELINES](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN LAYOUT](#)

Health & Wellness

Building Healthier Communities

Program Summary: In 2015, the Ocean County YMCA and the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation brought together a group of Toms River non-profits to discuss the New Jersey Health Initiative's (NJHI) Building a Culture of Health in NJ – Communities Moving to Action, Round 2 grant opportunity. The collective group was committed to creating a culture of health in Toms River, and there was 100% buy-in for the formal establishment of the Toms River Family Health and Support Coalition (TRFHSC). Today, the TRFHSC is made up of over 50 partners spanning the public, private and nonprofit sectors who are working together to improve the health of all Toms River residents. Toms River Township has been a vital partner with member of the Toms River Police Department, Department of Seniors, and Toms River Mayor and Administration highly involved. The mission of the TRFHSC is to mobilize a network that engages every resident with knowledge of and access to healthy resources. The TRFHSC was fortunate to be selected as a recipient of the NJHI Building a Culture of Health in NJ grant. The grant funding will enable the coalition to participate in a four-year initiative to address the multiple factors that influence health: health behaviors, social and economic factors, clinical care, and the physical environment. Over the last year, the TRFHSC has been involved in various planning efforts to build a Blueprint for Action. The planning has included: • A series of listening sessions at various locations around Toms River, including diverse audiences; • Written surveys and phone surveys; and • Research on the health and wellness challenges within the Toms River area utilizing NJ State Health Assessment Data, the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, and local county information. Based on this research, priorities in four critical areas were identified: • Nutritious Food Connections • Senior Isolation • Substance Abuse • Youth Emotional Wellness This Blueprint for Action is the collective work of the TRFHSC was completed in late 2017. The Toms River municipal government is an active partner in this initiative. The Blueprint be the guide for the next several years as we work to make Toms River the healthiest community in New Jersey. For more information on the status of implementation efforts, visit <https://www.njhi.org/projects/the-toms-river-family-health-support-coalition/>.

PDF: [BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES DOCUMENTATION](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Effective Parking Management

Program Summary: In order to utilize the available parking in the downtown area more efficiently, the Township of Toms River Parking Authority has changed the enforcement hours, processes, rates, time limits and zone identification. Employee parking areas outside of the core downtown have been designated for employees of local businesses at a reduced rate. Meter rates on the street will be higher than outer lying lots in order to entice long term parkers to avoid parking in higher demand areas. New technology has been installed to assist the Parking Authority in more efficient and timely enforcement. This technology allows for more convenient methods of payment for adding additional time for long term parking areas without the need to return to the vehicle including utilization of cell phones. Zones have been identified which will require the motorist to leave the area after a designated amount of time. This will eliminate the "rolling" of a vehicle to the next available space in order to avoid an over parked violation. The Toms River downtown area consists of State, County, Municipal and School government offices as

well as privately owned businesses. The Parking Authority is striving to create inter-local agreements and contracts with these entities to combine all available parking under one jurisdiction. This will improve the management of available parking in an area that has high demand and limited supply. All the changes we are going to be making regarding parking are in the beginning stages and nothing has been implemented as of yet. The changes have been in place since January 1, 2016. Below are the changes that have been made: Create parking zones in order to eliminate "rolling" from space to space when maximum time has been reached. Implement pay by cell in long term parking areas to eliminate individuals walking back to their car to extend parking. Use pay by cell to provide available parking spaces in the area via app, to eliminate driving around searching for available parking. Install both multi space and single space meters that offer the latest technology. Enter into inter-local agreements with other government agencies and private ownerships in the area to improve the efficient use of all parking in the downtown area. To open reserved parking areas for public use after the needed reserved hours. The changes to the current parking ordinance have been drafted. The pay by cell company has been identified and will be implemented by the end of September. New multi space kiosks have been purchased and installed. New single space meters have been selected and we are in the process of securing financing. Meetings have been scheduled regarding the use of some parking lots in the area that are not currently under Parking Authority jurisdiction. All of these changes will increase the walkability in the Toms River Downtown area since additional public parking stalls have been created, the higher turnover areas will be policed more to ensure people do not park longer than permitted, and the pay by cell app will reduce driver frustration. Progressive rates have been implemented so that people staying longer will park in the less congested areas. Ordinances have been adopted to implement the recommendations of the study and will be uploaded. It has already been determined that the new parking measures have increased turnover on Courthouse Lane and Allen Street. All of these methods have been adopted based upon studies and popularity in the industry and by partnering with purchasing coops. In this way there is consistency with other neighboring townships.

IMAGE: [EFFECTIVE PARKING MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Local Economies

Buy Local Campaign

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2019 Toms River Township approved the implementation of the Estate Card Property Tax Saving Program. The program includes a shop local initiative which provides a higher tax savings return for shopping in local Toms River Township merchants. Participating businesses are provided stickers that state "Proud Participating Merchant. Shop Local. Be a local Hero Earn Rewards". The Toms River Estate Card is a debit card (must be pre-loaded) that offers a reward on purchases that is automatically applied towards one's property tax. An even greater level of reward is offered at participating local and online merchants. The various reward amounts accrue throughout the year and are applied to the following third quarter tax bill. As an example, a cardholder who spends \$100 at a participating merchant offering a 10% reward will earn \$10.25 in reward when using their Estate Card (\$10 merchant reward, plus 0.25% additional reward on every transaction made using the card). Reward earned is added to the cardholder's reward

account which accumulates throughout the year. Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher said the program is a win-win for both residents and local merchants. "I'm looking forward to this being a success and providing tax benefits to our residents, while at the same time helping support and grow our local businesses." South Toms River residents and businesses have partnered with the Toms River's program, thereby allowing cardholders to receive rewards in both jurisdictions. Councilman Terrance Turnbach, who helped pursue the program for Toms River, says the new Estate Card will help reduce your tax bill through everyday spending. "This program will work to stimulate our local economy and at the same time provide our residents with property tax relief," said Turnbach. As of this September 2019, eight local merchants have signed up for the program. The Township will continue to market the program to local merchants to encourage them to join the program.

PDF: [BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Natural Resources

Natural Resource Inventory

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Toms River Township received a Post Sandy Planning Grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs to prepare an updated Natural Resources Inventory. Heyer, Gruel and Associates was retained to prepare the updated Natural Resources Inventory. The NRI was completed in late June of 2016 and has been approved by NJ DCA in August of 2016. The Township consultant preparing the master plan element has utilized the new NRI in preparation of the new Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Master Plan Element. In addition, the NRI and the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Master Plan Element are incorporated into the Toms River Township Smart Growth Plan submitted to secure plan endorsement for proposed centers. The NRI has prepared an inventory of geography, topography, geology, groundwater hydrology, surface water hydrology, surface water hydrology, federal and state known contaminated sites, soils, existing land use, climate, air, biological resources, Barnegat Bay ecologically sensitive areas, tidal and non-tidal wetlands, floodplains and flood hazard areas, hurricane categories 1-4, dune migration and Army Corp. of Engineers Project, Sea level rise & Community Vulnerabilities, Historic and Cultural Resources, Preserved Open Space, Infrastructure, and regional relationships.

PDF: [NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY DOCUMENTATION](#)

Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

Program Summary: The NJ DEP has organized a rain barrel education program. One of the rain barrels has been placed in the Toms River Township municipal complex. The Toms River employees at the reception desk area have been educated as to what a rain barrel is and the

benefits they present for stormwater management and reduce non point source water pollution. Members of the public often ask our staff questions and seek more information. There are pamphlets that are available and the staff gives to the public when requested and is able to answer any questions the public may have regarding rain barrels and also rain gardens. A volunteer from the Green Team and a member of the Barnegat Bay Partnership will be hosting two rain barrel classes at Town Hall to teach people who to make their own rain barrel. There will also be approximately 12 rain barrels that will either be sold at for \$20.00 to members of the public. Local artists will paint the rain barrels. The money will go to the newly created Green Team Trust Fund for future events. Dates will be in July and August 20th.

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

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Clustering Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: Toms River Township permits clustering within seven land use zones located throughout the Township. Land use zones that permit residential cluster are: R-400C, R-800, R-200, R-400, R/C-3, Rural Residential zone, and R-150. The Township has recently amended the Clustering provision to mandate 50% open space requirement for RC-3, R-800, and R-400C Zones which are located in the most environmentally sensitive areas. Toms River Township has adopted several clustering ordinances that have been codified into Chapter 348 Land Use & Development Regulations. The following ordinances refer to clustering: 2183-83; 2859-91; 2670-89; 2725-90; 2943-92; 4064-06; 3054-94; 3084-95; 4459-14 The requirements for cluster development open space (348-8.9) are: A. Minimum of 20% of the tract of land proposed for development shall not be included in building lots or streets and shall be set-aside for open space, except that in the RC-3, R-800, and R-400C Zones a minimum of 50% of the tract proposed for development shall be set aside for open space. If the subdivision is to be developed in sections, it shall be designed in a manner that at any stage of development at least 20% of the land area of the sections approved is set aside for open space except for cluster developments in the RC-3, R-800 and R-400C zones the open space shall be contiguous within the sections and at least 50% of each section shall be set aside as open space so that at least 50% of the total tract is preserved as open space upon completion of all sections of the cluster development. B. Each open space area shall contain a minimum of two contiguous acres. C. Open space areas shall not be less than 50' in width at any location, except that where such open space is to be utilized primarily for walkway access from a public street to the open space at the rear of the building lots, it may have a minimum width of 20' for a length not to exceed 250'. D. Where possible, all of the following land areas and features shall be preserved as open space: floodway and flood hazard areas, wetlands, areas containing a significant number of specimen trees, lands and slopes in excess of 10%; existing watercourses, ponds, bogs and swamps, land with a seasonal high-water table of less than two feet, and lands classified as "tidal wetland," "flood hazard area", "wet soil woodland", "wet soil old field", or prime agricultural land" by the Environmental Base Study.

PDF: [CLUSTERING ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [AMENDED CLUSTERING ORDINANCES](#)

Tree Protection Ordinance *Retires 12/31/25*

10 Points

Program Summary: On December 13, 2005 Toms River Township adopted a Woodlands Management Ordinance. The Woodlands Management Ordinance was created to prevent the degradation of the environment of the Township generally, and increased problems of storm water runoff, particulate air pollution, soil instability and erosion on particular lots upon which unplanned tree removal takes place and upon the lands which adjoin them. Overall intention was to protect the property, health and general welfare of the citizens of Toms River Township (formerly Dover Township) by requiring the careful planning of any tree removal project which fall within its purview while allowing for such tree removal to take place in a managed and technically sound manner. The woodlands management ordinance includes the following sections: definition, exemptions, protection of trees, emergency tree removal, tree removal permits and tree management plan procedures, tree replacement requirements, regulations pertaining to tree-pruning adjacent to or within the township right of way, regulations pertaining to clear cutting, regulations pertaining to silviculture, requirements and procedures for obtaining a tree removal permit and tree management plan for all properties and activities that are not exempt., fees, performance guarantees for planting, replacement and/or removal of trees, Toms River Township Tree Fund, appeals, violations, and revocation. The ordinance was last amended in 2012 to include a law appeals process. The ordinance was codified and is part of Chapter 348 Land Use and Development Regulations. Noncompliance with Chapter 12 is considered a zoning violation and is treated similar to other violations of Chapter 348. Toms River Township's 2006 Master Plan indicates that it is the Township's goal to preserve the Township's vast natural resources by restoring, maintaining, protecting and enhancing vital wetlands, waterways and forested areas.

PDF: [TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION](#)

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Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Toms River Township, in partnership with the Ocean County Health Department, has a prescription/medicine drop-off box for County and Township residents. The prescription/medicine drop off box is for the disposal of unused or expired prescriptions and is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Needles and anything sharp are not excepted in the drop box. The Toms River Township drop off box is located at the Toms River Police Department at 255 Oak Avenue in Toms River NJ. The program began in 2012 in Toms River Township as a partnership with Project Medicine Drop, managed by the Division of Consumer Affairs. The Project Medicine Drop box is installed indoors, affixed to the floor in a secure area within The Toms River Police Department headquarters, within view of law enforcement officers, in an area to which members of the public may be admitted to dispose of their unused medications. The drop box's prominent "Project Medicine Drop" logos make the box highly visible and recognizable. Toms River Township Police Department maintains custody of the deposited drugs, and forwards them to the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. The Toms River Township Police Department must report the quantity of discarded drugs to the Division of Consumer Affairs on a quarterly basis. This program is still active as of 6/4/2018. In 2017, 2074 pounds of medicine were collected in the stationary drop box and 38 pound in the mobile drop box. In the first quarter of 2018 488 pounds of medicine were collected in the stationary drop box and in the second quarter, 507.5 pounds of medicine in the stationary drop box and 17 pounds of medicine in the mobile drop box.

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

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

PDF: [OCTOBER 25, 2017 ARTICLE PROMOTING PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY AND LOCATIONS](#)

PDF: [PREScription DRUG SAFETY AND DISPOSAL QUARTERLY 2017 & 2018 REPORTS](#)

WORD: [REQUESTED REVISIONS PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY AND DISPOSAL DOCUMENTATION](#)

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: Toms River Township recycling convenience location is centrally located behind the department of public works building at 1672 Church road (at the intersection of North Bay avenue). A map of the facility has been provided in the attachments. Toms River Township's Recycling Center days and hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This location divides its accepted materials into sections: electronics, appliances, batteries, cement, bricks, construction debris, clothing, cooking oils & grease, furniture, garage doors, leaves, metal, motor oil, paint, plastic items, propane tanks, tires, tire rims, yard debris, and shrink wrap. (A more detailed description is listed below in table 1). The aforementioned sections are open to all Toms River Township residents to use. Toms River Township has workers available to direct residents to the appropriate areas to provide better efficiency with the depot's operations. Staff are on hand to help assist residents that may need assistance in lifting and depositing recycling into appropriate containers. There is visible signage throughout the facility to direct the residents to the areas for each commodity. Last year ____ residents use the township recycling facility. During the 2017 calendar year the Toms River Township recycling center mitigated a total of ____ tons of waste from entering a landfills across the state. The recycling center is advertised on the tomsrivertownship.com website.

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