



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

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

Hamilton Twp was certified on December 15, 2020 with 160 points. Listed below is information regarding Hamilton 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 Hamilton Twp was approved for in 2020 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Community Partnership & Outreach

Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

Program Summary: Our Green team has had some changes but we are still active and engaged. We continue tabling at community events and increasing our outreach programs to more and more residents. We have brought in several new members and begun focusing on some specific areas of education that our members are passionate about, including home composting, proper

recycling and elimination of single-use plastics. We have taken responsibility for plastic bag collection at county buildings within the township and are implementing raised bed gardens and compost bins at a local school for teaching and 'hands on' purposes. The Storm Drain Initiative that the Green Team started now has 3 active groups participating, including two Scout troops. The Green Team also presented a comprehensive plan for Complete Streets. People involved with the NJ initiative were invited to speak and Green Team members from neighboring municipalities came and presented the positive impact that their communities experienced. Our municipal government did not vote in favor of the Complete Streets initiative. We continue to meet monthly and while our group is still small, we have made a significant impact on our municipality through many actions we have completed. Our updated Green Team resolutions from 2019 & 2020 are attached as well as our year-end report for 2019. We are proud of our accomplishments!

PDF: [YEAR END REPORT](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM RESOLUTIONS 2020](#)

Community Education & Outreach

15 Points

Program Summary: The Green Team continues to take on a variety of activities, helping to raise our profile in the community. We continue to hold road clean-ups and staffed a Green Team table at five township wide events in 2019, including Dickens of a Holiday, Hometown Celebration, Art in the Park, National Night Out, and Fall Festival. At these events, we included info about Sustainable Jersey and how residents could get involved and gave out information on the New Jersey's Clean Energy Program and the USDA's handout on "An Invitation to a Healthy Yard." The first event that we are applying for with this action is the Film screening with an expert presentation or meaningful audience discussion following the film that we did on August 1st, 2019. We Co-hosted the event with the Citizen's Climate Lobby - South Jersey Chapter at the Library - Human Elements - We had about 35 people attend, had refreshments and questions and answers. It was a very successful event. We also did a Clean Up on 10/24/20 as a part of our Fall Shredding/electronic recycling/prescription drug drop off/bulky plastic drop off event. Suzanne Marx, Green Team member, and Treasurer did a great talk to the participants at this cleanup. We also have promoted the completion of the Census to the community on several social media sites on a number of occasions. We have shared public service information on local Nextdoor boards, on our own <https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable.Township.of.Hamilton/> Facebook page as well as a local "What's happening in Mays Landing Facebook group that currently has 4,292 members. I have included screenshots of 5 postings on the What is going on in Mays Landing Facebook page.

IMAGE: [FREE MOVIE SCREENING: THE HUMAN ELEMENT](#)

PDF: [LIST OF SCREENSHOTS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS REGARDING THE PROMOTING OF THE CENSUS](#)

WORD: [FILM SCREENING EVENT CHECKLIST](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY CHECKLIST INFO FOR CENSUS ACTIVITY AND CLEAN UP TALK](#)

Green Challenges

10 Points

Program Summary: The Green Team continued promoting sustainability through our pledge at several events in 2017, 2018 and 2019, including our Annual Green Fair and other tabling events

including Home Town Celebration, Dickens of a Holiday, National Night out, etc. We received pledges from 2.5% of the community, and new pledges from more than 1% of the population within 18 months of the June submission deadline. We continue to work to educate residents on the importance of water conservation, reducing energy, reusing bags, not idling cars, etc. We advertised these events on our own web site, on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable.Township.of.Hamilton/> and in local news outlets. We are pleased that we have exceeded the new pledge 1% goal and excited about how these actions will help publicize our green team while educating our residents on how we can become more sustainable one step at a time. Pledges are on file with the Township.

WORD: [POSTCARD PLEDGE FORM](#)

PDF: [PLEDGE MEMO](#)

WORD: [PLEDGE SIGN UP SHEET](#)

Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary: Our Green team held annual green fairs in 2018 and 2019. We held two events in 2019. Our green fair for 2020 was postponed and will be held in the fall of 2020. We partnered with the Twp of Hamilton Police Department, the Clean Communities Program, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority to present a variety of information and programming on sustainable initiatives at all spring events. The Township Public Works Department provided information on trash collection, recycling, and stormwater management. Residents were able to bring electronics for recycling and drop off their personal documents for shredding. In the spring and fall of 2019, we offered Rigid Plastic Recycling Drop-Off via a dumpster from the ACUA. In addition, there were free tree seedlings from the New Jersey Forest Tree Nursery available at our spring events. Our Green Team Member Carol Dupras donated spider plants at our fall 2019 event for giveaways. The Police Department hosted a one-time prescription drug drop-off day at our fall 2019 event and the sheriff's department helped with prescription drugs at our spring 2019 event. The Green Team produced additional literature on local permanent sites for drop-off and the Clean Communities Program gave out introduced the Adopt-A-Stormdrain program and gave away reusable grocery bags with flyers on plastic waste. At each spring event, many volunteers cleaned the roadsides of local streets that day. We had several participants from the community including our Firewise communities, Rutgers Master Gardeners

IMAGE: [PUBLIC WORKS CREW AND ELECTRONIC COLLECTION](#)

WORD: [SEVERAL PHOTOS FROM 2018 GREEN FAIR](#)

PDF: [FLYER FROM OUR FALL EVENT](#)

PDF: [GREEN FAIR FLYER SPRING 2019](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM COLLECTION DAY 10/26/19 \(INC DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK\)](#)

PDF: [QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT](#)

Emergency Management

Firewise Community

15 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Hamilton in Mays Landing, NJ currently has three Firewise Communities. They are: Horizons at Woods Landing, Tavistock Community, and Victoria Crossings. All are planned residential developments with their own HOA. All are either single-family homes or townhomes. These communities regularly host events for their residents with presentations from the local representatives of our volunteer fire companies as well as representatives from the NJ Forest Fire Service. At least two communities have received grants of \$5000 or more to promote Firewise activities in their community. In addition, community leaders have engaged in commentary and discussion with the NJ Pinelands Commission over regulations that might impact their efforts to maintain firebreaks in their community in accordance with their community protection plans. In April of 2018, representatives from Horizons at Woods Landing, the NJ Forest Fire Service, the Fire Safety Council, and the DEP came in to discuss ways to better get the message across in our communities. Participants were invited to do tabling events with our Green Team and participated in 2019. We have made plans to partner on other events in the future. Tavistock held an event in May 2019: https://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/cat/tavistock-residents-clean-up/article_7f0a8d73-d489-5968-8cca-42118dd94a0d.html <https://nj1015.com/nj-has-27-communities-in-firewise-program-is-yours-one-of-them/> Certificates of involvement from all three Firewise Communities in the Township are included below.

: **EMAIL DOCUMENTING FIREWISE INVOLVEMENT**

WORD: PHOTOS FROM WHEN THE FIREWISE MEMBERS CAME TO OUR GREEN FAIR IN 2019.DOCX

PDF: TAVISTOCK 2020 CERTIFICATE.PDF

PDF: HORIZONS WOODS LANDING 2019 CERTIFICATE.PDF

PDF: VICTORIA CROSSING APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE

IMAGE: EMAIL FROM JOSEPH V. BATTERSBY, ASSISTANT DIVISION FOREST FIREWARDEN

Energy

Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

15 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: In 2019 the Green Team presented to Township leadership at several public meetings on the benefits of participating in the NJ Clean Energy Program's (NJCEP) Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) opportunity. As a result, Hamilton Township approved in full agreement by resolution that all buildings, recreational field and street lighting would be entered into the LGEA to explore comprehensive potential for improvements in 2020. The initial application was completed (attached) even though NJ Clean Energy Program and Township government building activities and access were put on hold per orders from the Governor. All municipal facilities are being submitted as the NJCEP resumes full/modified operation during Covid-19. Hamilton Township School District recently completed their energy audits and have begun phases of ESIP (Energy Saving Improvement Program) to improve school facilities. These 2018 audits (one attached) have been utilized by the Green Team to catalyze overall municipal LGEA participation, enhance the municipal process and improve communication between Township Committee and the School District. The Green Team coordinated with the head of NJ's Clean Energy Program for South Jersey, Gary Finger of TRC. He kindly participated in several meetings we held with Township and School District leadership to enhance related education and outreach. In addition, we worked with the head of the program and additional staff to offer a detailed conference call on the process, benefits and potential to the Mayor, Township Committee

and other influential local organizations. The leadership demonstrated by the municipality has created a positive domino effect leading the Merchants Association to participate in outreach to business and organizations. 4H and others have already submitted their own applications that will be acted upon in 2020 as officially possible to move forward.

PDF: [BENEFITS OF NJ CLEAN ENERGY FOR HTWSP - 2019:2020 PRESENTATIONS.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [FY20 LGEA APPLICATION COMPLETE.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [CONFERENCE CALL PRESENTATION - NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP ON HAMILTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL FACILITIES](#)

PDF: [LGEA FINAL REPORT - HAMILTON TWP SD \(ATLANTIC\) - GEORGE HESS COMPLEX 06-28-18.PDF](#)

Food

Community Gardens

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2018- 2020, we have been actively working with St. Vincent's School to help them create a School Garden. The Green Team wrote a proposal, and Sue Marx and Dave Yeager met with Principal Pirolli and Miss A. They agreed to put in 3 raised bed gardens for the use of the students Michael Lazarchick designed the beds to be 'lasagna gardened" which is a process of layering organic materials to maximize soil nutrition. Dave Yeager constructed a compost facility that can be a teaching tool for the school and the community and also provide organic fertilizer for the gardens using yard waste from the St. Vincent's grounds. Students will be able to see the project from the beginning and plants can be put into the gardens in the spring of 2019. Michael went in and addressed the teachers and told them about the garden and asked them what they wanted to plant, and gave them seeds and pots to start growing things inside that could be transplanted out. Donations of Food produced were donated in 2019 and that will continue in 2020 by Suzanne Marx to two church run food banks in the community. The garden is being planted in 2020 despite Covid-19, and crops will be donated to the local food pantry. Note from Dave Yeager: on 5/08/20: During the last Master Composter Training sessions, I did a display and instruction talk to the students. I have taken pictures and brief videos while making the current bins and compost piles including last week's aeration process and adding green material and chicken manure, including photos of increasing daily temperatures. We have contacted our library to see if they will post a link to advertise these videos. The eventual goal is to create a community garden on Township property. We will be researching further the Township's willingness to participate this year. We are in the process of fine-tuning the videos that Green Team members David Yeager and Suzanne Marx are creating. They are making a series of 4 videos on composting in cooperation with Amy Menzel, of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. This is not a final copy but I wanted to link what we've done so far with the videos; Link at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNMO9TGVyR4&feature=youtu.be> New link of completed video filmed at the garden <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC0lhg5w4pY> Sue Marx is getting a letter from the local food pantry thanking us for our donations.

WORD: [PHOTOGRAPHS FROM BUILDING THE GARDEN](#)

PDF: [HAMILTON TWP COMMUNITY_GARDEN_SUBMISSION_QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

IMAGE: [GARDEN ANNOUNCEMENT WITH PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK](#)

IMAGE: [COPY OF EMAIL FROM MAIN STREET PANTRY ACKNOWLEDGING OUR DONATIONS](#)

Health & Wellness

Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township banned smoking at recreation areas back in 2003. Public Buildings were subsequently added to the ordinance in 2011. The 'No Smoking' ordinance can be found here: <http://www.ecode360.com/10226468> on the Township's web site. We have also attached pictures of the signs as they appear posted in our parks as well as a memo to the staff specifically about the areas around our public buildings. In addition the Township is named on the "Global Advisors Smokefree Policy" web site as well as in the Cape Atlantic Coalition for Health's Smoke-Free Toolkit. In addition, the Township was noted in a newspaper article about towns banning smoking all over Atlantic County. We feel residents have become educated through these efforts and that our recreation areas and public buildings have become more pleasant for ALL residents. We also feel this has promoted an awareness of health not only for the public but among the employees at our public buildings. Wellness is an important factor to consider when managing employees and banning smoking at these buildings has an impact.

PDF: [NO SMOKING ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [NO SMOKING MEMO & POLICY](#)

PDF: [NO SMOKING SIGNS UNDERHILL](#)

PDF: [NO SMOKING HAMILTON ON WEB SITES AND ARTICLE](#)

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: Adopt-A-Storm Drain Program This program will educate the public about the need to monitor storm water and where it goes. It is also an opportunity for non-profit groups to earn small grants. Local stormwater drain maps were consulted and neighborhoods were broken up into sections. Within these sections, storm drains were numbered. A volunteer group is given a section of the neighborhood and inspects the storm drains on a quarterly basis. They can remove trash, rake away leaves and visually check the drain and surrounding area. We are begun implementing this action, which will hopefully be expanded. So far we have: Utilized Township maps to create sections of storm drains to observe and clean. (See attached example) Attendance at local churches, girl scout meetings and outreach to other civic groups to promote program Evaluation criteria for storm drains developed, guidelines for program developed Trial Program has begun. Update: As of August 20, 2018 Two groups in Hamilton Township have committed to the storm drain initiative. The Presbyterian Church Mays Landing has taken on 35 drains in an area encompassing @11 blocks by 3 blocks. The Sustainable Township of Hamilton Green Team has committed (and completed the first cleanup) to 18 drains in an area 9 blocks by 3 blocks. The communication is open with public works and they will be apprised of the condition, needs and continued monitoring, and will install Storm Drain Markers. Each group (and presentations will

continue to other groups during fall) will realize Sure...\$20/ drain for cleaning/ inspecting 6x per year. Update 5/2020: Two Scout groups have adopted storm drain areas. One has taken over the STOH Green Team area (it was closer and a better fit for the group) and another has taken responsibility for an in-town area and had completed 3 cleanups so far for 2019-2020. This means an additional 29 drains bringing the total of monitored drains to 82. Participants have received payment for their completed activities.

PDF: [ADOPT -A-STORM-DRAIN MAP CLOVERLEAF LAKES](#)

PDF: [STORM DRAIN EVAL](#)

PDF: [GUIDELINES](#)

PDF: [STORM DRAIN MARKER](#)

IMAGE: [PIX OF STORM DRAIN PITCH TO SCOUT TROOP. FEB 2020](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: in 2019 we participated in two prescription drug safety and disposal events. The first was on April 27, 2019, at our annual green fair and the second was on October 26, 2019, during the annual DEA National Take Back Day. We had one event in 2018 in the Spring. We also had an article in the local paper about our fall event.

[https://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/calendar/prescription-drug-drop-off-paper-shredding-bulky-waste-recycling-etc/event_b5faadec-e9f3-11e9-844e-308d99b2945c.html?](https://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/calendar/prescription-drug-drop-off-paper-shredding-bulky-waste-recycling-etc/event_b5faadec-e9f3-11e9-844e-308d99b2945c.html?fbclid=IwAR3uQXQTSuMxIkQtyE3hgULNjY3JFZGVSo6G2FdKxegZh-5zy8w7ojPZLoo)

[fbclid=IwAR3uQXQTSuMxIkQtyE3hgULNjY3JFZGVSo6G2FdKxegZh-5zy8w7ojPZLoo](https://www.facebook.com/events/678639532627799/)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/678639532627799/> These events were also advertised on flyers and on our own Facebook page as well as the What's happening in Mays Landing Facebook group and on local NEXTDOOR groups. In cooperation with the Sheriff's department at our first event and our local police department at our second, we collected close to 100 pounds of prescription drugs. At our spring event, the Sheriff's office collected approximately 40 lb of drugs for us. I spoke to Detective Armitage from Hamilton Township who assisted us in our fall collection. She said that we collected about eight large trashbags that were turned over to the Atlantic County Prosecutors office. The residents served were any resident of the Township of Hamilton. Approximately 30 individuals participated.

IMAGE: [GREEN TEAM COLLECTION DAY 10/26/19 \(INC DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK\)](#)

PDF: [GREEN FAIR FLYER SPRING 2019](#)

IMAGE: [FACEBOOK EVENT FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Hamilton holds a community paper shredding event annually. It is done every year at the spring Earth Day/ Green Fair. In 2019 we had two dates - April 27, 2019 and October 26, 2019. We advertised widely through social media using the

attached flyer. In 2019 we collected 1.92 Tons of paper and had approximately 90 participants. Tonnage shredded has been provided below. Flyers that include info on shredding are under the Green Fair Action.

PDF: [SAFEGUARD DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION NJ INVOICE FOR 10/2019](#)

PDF: [INVOICE FOR SHREDDING](#)

PDF: [GREEN FAIR FLYER SPRING 2019](#)

Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Hamilton has had a C&D recycling ordinance since the mid-1990s. It has definitely helped builders save money and the Township to avoid illegal dumping by documenting legal disposal of construction waste. The attached O&D form is filled out for all building permit applications in the Township. The contractor does not receive a CO until they provide disposal receipts for both solid waste and recycling. Update 10/2018 This ordinance is still in effect: 258-22 Construction sites. [Amended 6-3-1991 by Ord. No. 1075-91]
<https://ecode360.com/10226844> Here is the link for the O&D form:
<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/HA0315/public/153292190.pdf> we have requested examples of forms submitted by contractors....

PDF: [CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE RECYCLING ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [C&D WASTE O&D FORM FOR CONSTRUCTION](#)

Non-Mandated Materials Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: TREX INITIATIVE – We participated in the Trex Initiative from Sept 2019 through March 2020. <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/> FROM THEIR WEBSITE: A WIN-WIN-WIN SITUATION When you donate your unwanted plastic materials to Trex, not only are you helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills, you're also helping us to continue to create beautiful and environmentally responsible outdoor products. And, as an additional incentive, communities and schools that enroll in our recycling programs are eligible for high-performance, low-maintenance awards and prizes. Before COVID-19, there were five locations in the Township that accepted plastic bags and shrink-wrap for recycling. In this time period, we collected over 525 pounds of this (extremely light) material. Below is from an email sent to all municipal employees in the Township by Ingrid Perez, our liaison and Special Project Manager for the Township: "The Sustainable Township of Hamilton Green Team has been using a free program to recycle plastic bags and wraps that are not collected by the conventional recycling programs at curbside. There is now a container for these items in the cafeteria on the Admin side at Town Hall for employee use. Materials accepted include grocery bags, ice bags, newspaper bags, Ziploc bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, and more. I've attached a picture of the container and a poster showing acceptable items. If the Green Team can recycle enough of these plastics, they will receive a bench made from recycled plastic for placement in a location to be determined. I hope you'll all consider putting these plastics aside for recycling! There is also a container located at the Atlantic County Library and there will soon be one at the County building on Main Street as well. If you have any questions about what can go in this container or anything else about the program, please give me a call or email. I will be checking the container to remove

the bag when it's full but if you notice it needs emptying, please reach out! We have been approved to receive a Trex bench for participating! We have decided that the bench will go to the cove and we will put a small plaque on it to show who donated, etc. " Note 10/2020" We are anticipating that the ACME who has been accepting our plastic will be up and running soon. (They shut down this initiative due to Covid-19. In the meantime, several green team members have continued to collect bags and shrink-wrap. Public Works did offer to collect these at the Community Clean up on October 24, 2020. I have attached the emails from our Green Team Member Audrey Palumbo to document the amount of plastics that we have collected. We are hoping on having this be an ongoing event.

IMAGE: TREX BOX IN MUNICIPALITY

PDF: TREX POSTER - GENERIC

PDF: TREX-COMMUNITY-RECYCLING-CHALLENGE-INFORMATION-SHEETPDF.PDF

PDF: DOCUMENTS (EMAILS) SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF BAGS/FILM WE COLLECTED FOR THE TREX INITIATIVE.

Backyard Composting Program

5 Points

Program Summary: Five of us attending the ACUA Master Composter Training in Feb 2018. We are excited that our new green team member, Dave Yeager is very interested in composting! Dave set up a great display at our Green Fair on May 5th, 2018. Dave also set up the composting display at the Hometown celebration in 2018, and we were there to answer questions from the public. Since then we have been actively helping with the St. Vincent School's garden and composting and in May 2020, Dave Yeager and Suzanne Marx made a composting video that we plan to share and have available for community members. (link below) Suzanne Marx is working with the Atlantic County Library to see if this video and hopefully future ones will be available to the local community through a library link. At two of our events, Dave set up several types of composting systems: 1. 4ft high by 4ft diameter stand-alone bin. Fill it up, then move it and refill. Requires 12 ft of 4ft fencing 2. 4ftx5ft dia. stand alone. Requires 16ft of 4ft fencing 3. 4x4x3 Starter for the 3-bin system. 12ft of 3ft fencing, 2) 10' 1/2" rebar, cut in half, 4) 1x3x8ft cut in half 4. 4x3 Add ons 8ft of 3 ft fencing, 1) rebar cut in half, 4) 1x3x8ft cut in half A bin made from wood pallets. For the Ultimate DIY Re-purposer Also on display: Leaf shredder, turning tools, compost material samples, kitchen waste container, etc. We estimate that we have reached at least 250 people with a composting message. We have actively engaged in extended demonstrations and technical discussions about temperature, types of materials, and techniques with at least 25 people. We have held several composting demonstrations at our tabling events. At the St. Vincent School, we've set up composting bins and are planning video demonstrations only due to Covid-19. Part of that site will include composting demonstration site and several of the raised beds are being set up as lasagna composting. We Promoted the ACUA's sale of composting bins on several social media platforms and often have composting info on our Facebook page. Per Amy Metzel of ACUA, we had 11 people from our municipality participate in their sale. The composting videos are still getting final edits but here is the pre-edited link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNMO9TGVyR4&feature=youtu.be> David Yeager, our green team member also did videos through the ACUA - here is the link for him teaching how to set up a compost bin: <http://acua.com/diycompostbin/>

PDF: SECOND COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

PDF: BACKYARD COMPOSTING PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION

PDF: BUILDING YOUR OWN COMPOSTER

WORD: SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING OF ACUA'S COMPOSTER EVENT

Reusable Bag Education Program *Retires 12/31/25*

5 Points

Program Summary: Our Green Team designed and purchased reusable bags for distribution to residents with our "Greening the Grocery Cart" program. Distribution of the bags took place at our Green Fair in April 2018 and at our tabling events since then. Brochures with facts about using reusables over plastic bags were included with each bag given away. A Green Team member also visited local businesses to get the word out and to provide bags for use with customers. We gave out approximately 700 bags, and hopefully, this action will be ongoing. Green team member Audrey Palumbo took action in her community regarding specific recycling rules. Audrey read an article about the damage that plastic bags cause on the recycling machinery at the ACUA, and decided to educate the residents. She started door-to-door to teach members of her community to keep bags out of the recycling bin, and to educate on what can be recycled. The message of single-use plastics and their problems was included. As an incentive and to encourage participation, Audrey gave out our beautiful canvas bags. Audrey wrote: "As a member of the Hamilton Twp. Green Team I began a mission to encourage my community to "Recycle Right!" With materials and support from Ingrid Perez (Green Team Liaison), I went to about 175 homes so far. I gave residents a reusable bag and a foldout on "greening your grocery cart", and discussed the importance of keeping plastic bags out of the recycling bucket and encourage their return to a proper recycling bin. I have also facilitated, through the ACUA, the delivery of buckets to neighbors without them. We spoke at our community meeting. I will continue my work until I reach all the residents of the Fairways." Additionally, at all our tabling events, we held a green pledge for township residents - one of the actions on the pledge is to use reusable bags. Community members that signed the pledge were eligible to receive a reusable bag. Those who signed the pledge also took home the postcard to remind them about the actions they agreed on to be more sustainable. At our tabling event in the summer of 2018 we participated in Plastic Free July and gave out handouts and had people sign a pledge.
https://pressofatlanticcity.com/currents_gazettes/hamilton_township/hamilton-green-team-urges-use-of-reusable-bags/article_5bd8c997-7825-5831-a37b-ba4723f45ea1.html

PDF: [GROCERY BAG FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [OUR BEAUTIFUL CANVAS BAG!](#)

PDF: [PRESS RELEASE FALL 2019](#)

PDF: [IN PERSON EVENT CHECK LIST FOR EVENT AT THE FAIRWAYS](#)

PDF: [PHOTOS FROM AUDREY AND HER NEIGHBOR, PHOTOS OF OUR HOME TOWN CELEBRATION TABLING AND EDUCATION EVENT JULY 2018](#)

PDF: [GREEN PLEDGE FORM](#)

Waste Audit of Municipal Buildings or Schools

10 Points

Program Summary: Ingrid Perez our Green Team Liason as well as Audrey Polumbo, green team member participated in the William Davies Middle School Waste Audit on April 5, 2019.

PDF: [WASTE AUDIT FOR WILLIAM DAVIES MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)