



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Lambertville City, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

Lambertville City was certified on October 28, 2021 with 365 points. Listed below is information regarding Lambertville City'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 Lambertville City was approved for in 2021 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

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

10 Points

Program Summary: As part of Lambertville Goes Wild's (LGW) overarching goal for making Lambertville a Community Wildlife Habitat under the National Wildlife Foundation's Program, they have created programming to support residents in certifying their own gardens as a Garden for Wildlife. LGW is made up of volunteers in the community and supported by the municipality both through a City Council Resolution (July 2017) and through its partnership with the Environmental

Commission. For this action, the LGW project focused programming on educating community members on how they could support wildlife in the Delaware River Basin through making gardening and landscaping choices which supports wildlife's natural habitats. Specifically, LGW provided a two-part series, the Learn to Landscape Program, to help residents learn the basics of landscape design in order to support them in making their gardens into wildlife habitats. These classes were held on March 23, 2019 and May 4, 2019. This program not only teaches residents about the importance of habitat for local wildlife's well-being, but also provides them with the tools and knowledge to create and protect these habitats in their own backyards. These programs address the wildlife needs of Lambertville as an increasingly developed area which still values the natural world. By maintaining yards in ways that provide natural habitat for the fauna native to the region, wildlife can continue to inhabit Lambertville despite development. 13 community members attended these events.

PDF: [ANNOTATED LEARN TO LANDSCAPE DREAM 2019 WEB.PDF](#)

WORD: [FACEBOOK ADS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [COMPLETE NARRATIVE OF WILDLIFE COMPONENT OF LANDSCAPING/GARDEN HABITAT CLASSES](#)

Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan *Retired 12/31/22*

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville's City Council adopted a Resolution officially Adopting the NJ Wildlife Action Plan Pledge at the Council's August 21, 2018 meeting. It was then sent out in memo form on August 23, 2018 to Lambertville's Animal Control Officer, Environmental Commission, Recreation Commission, Construction Official, Zoning Official, Public Works Director, and Planning and Zoning Board Secretary. Please find the Resolution, as well as the electronic memo on this resolution, included in the supporting documentation section. Since the passing of the initial Resolution, Lambertville remains committed to the principles of the pledge and strive towards their achievement. For example, no herbicides nor pesticides are used on city-owned property in order to preserve the lands as much as possible as native habitat for wildlife, and promote healthy biodiversity. Along the same lines, all new plantings on city-owned property are limited to plantings of native species in order to preserve natural habitats for various wildlife. Furthermore, invasive species are removed from the new installments at Cherry Street and Cavallo parks, but done so again by hand and without pesticides in order to preserve the natural habitat of various wildlife, as necessary in achieving the goals of the Pledge. Since 2018 the City continues to not use herbicides nor pesticides on city-owned property and all new plantings on city-owned property are limited to plantings of native species in order to preserve natural habitats for various wildlife. To build on this, the Green Team and resident volunteers planted a wildlife garden at the Cherry st park in September of 2019 and the Green Team has done the following outreach and education: -promoting the importance of beneficial insects and discouraging residents from using pesticides. -encouraged residents to participate in the Watershed Institute River Friendly Resident Challenge. -encouraged residents to leave their leaves to benefit insect hibernation. -guidance and education about spotted lantern fly and emerald ash borer. As a result of our work in this area Lambertville was certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat in 2019.

<https://www.nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat/Communities/Community/339>

<https://www.newhopefreepress.com/2019/07/08/lambertville-certified-as-a-wildlife-friendly-city-by-national-wildlife-federation/>

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE'S WILDLIFE PLEDGE, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION](#)

IMAGE: [INSECTS ART DISPLAY.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [LEAVE THE LEAVES.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [RIVER FRIENDLY RESIDENT.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [THE NATURAL WEB EVENT.PNG](#)

Brownfields

Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization

10 Points

Program Summary: In completing this task, the first step we took was to download the NJDEP list of known and suspected sites report for Lambertville City, which generated a list of 23 potential sites. We then went through the verification process (sheet two of the attached Excel file), removing all sites granted RAO status as well as those still being fully utilized. This left us with an inventory of eight sites. Notably, four of these sites are residential and could be listed due to i.e. an old oil tank, thus making the site inventory even smaller.

EXCEL: [BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY & PRIORITIZATION DOCUMENTATION](#)

Brownfields Reuse Planning

5 Points

Program Summary: Public participation in the 2013-2016 remediation of the Cavallo Park brownfield took a somewhat different form as compared to other brownfield remediation planning processes. With the City leasing the park since 1960, it is the public's investment and dedication to Cavallo Park as a space for families to gather and enjoy the outdoors which made remediation of the site so important for Lambertville. Furthermore, it was the public interest and continued use of the site as a park which led to the discovery of the contaminated soil, detected by routine tests as part of a project to maintain and update the equipment of the park. Thus, public participation focused mainly on keeping all stakeholders involved and aware of the process of redeveloping the site as a park as the municipality couldn't dream of using the site for anything but Cavallo Park. In terms of meetings open for stakeholder engagement, a 5/6/2014 news article regarding the park advertised the Recreation Committee's meeting the following week to discuss the Cavallo Park reconstruction project. The meeting included a representative from T&M consulting to answer questions and a public comment period, thus fostering multi-stakeholder cooperation. When the remediation was then set-back by permit processing, the municipality communicated this through a "Cavallo Park Overview and Schedule" article posted on the Municipal Website. Furthermore, once the project was set in motion, stakeholders could keep up with the progress of construction through updates on the Park's Facebook page. This included notification of the partial opening of the park in March 2016 so that residents could use the playground portion of the Park while other construction in the park continued until the official and complete June re-Opening. This partial opening also reflects the interests of residents in being able to use the park as soon as possible.

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE BROWNFIELDS REUSE PLANNING CAVALLO FACEBOOK FEED](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE BROWNFIELDS REUSE CAVALLO CONTAMINATION ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [5-14-13 RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE BROWNFIELDS REUSE CAVALLO PARK MUNICIPAL WEBSITE](#)

Community Partnership & Outreach

Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

Program Summary: The Green Team was re-established by a resolution of the governing body adopted on January 21, 202. Please find attached the resolution, as well as a brief summary of recent actions by the Green Team below. Since 2018, Lambertville has accomplished the following: - The single-use plastics ban went into effect January 2020. - Development and Implementation of the Ditching Disposables Initiative supported by a grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSEG (began 2019). - Leave the leaves campaign (ongoing) - Beneficial Insects Campaign (ongoing) - Growing partnerships with Community Forestry Management Plan, PennEast Pipeline Committee, and Lambertville Goes Wild (ongoing) - Earth Month 2021 including a community art event at the public library, virtual lectures with environmental experts, scavenger hunt and sustainable business awards ceremony. These partnerships and programs have had significant impact on the community and beyond. The Ditching Disposables Initiative alone has regional reach as municipalities throughout NJ and PA have sought guidance from Lambertville to implement similar programming in their communities.

PDF: [2019 GREEN TEAM RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [35-2021 GREEN TEAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [2018 GREEN TEAM RESOLUTION](#)

Community Education & Outreach

20 Points

Program Summary: POLLINATORS WEEK During Pollinators Week, in which Lambertville Environmental Commission (LEC) 'took over' its Facebook feed with educational information about the importance of pollinators and the role of local gardens in supporting these species through articles and tips, LEC coordinated a Facebook live video with local Naturalist Mary Anne Borge. In the ten minute video, she and Commissioner Liz Magill explore a fellow Commissioner's garden as Mary Anne Borge explains each plant and the different pollinators which rely on them, including pollinators in the video, such as bumble bees. We were unable to upload the MP4 video and will send it in an email to Samantha. SUSTAINABILITY LECTURE On December 16, 2019, LEC hosted sustainability author Mindy Mutterperl for a discussion on zero-waste living and the different lifestyle choices Lambertville's citizens can make to reduce their environmental footprint. This was promoted via Facebook and local online news sources. NATIVE PLANT SEED GIVEAWAY On January 25, 2020, Lambertville Goes Wild (LGW) and LEC co-hosted a native plant seed giveaway at the public library in order to both educate members about the importance of native plants and provide them with the tools to put what they learned into action. Naturalist Mary Anne Borge and Lambertville Goes Wild member Lauren Kovacs were on site to speak one on one with residents about the importance of planting native plants and answer attendees' questions about their own seeds and whether or not they were considered native to the area. Mary Anne Borge is a naturalist, photographer, author and educator. She is the editor of Butterfly Gardener magazine, a naturalist and instructor at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, and a Pennsylvania Master

Naturalist. She is the team leader for Lambertville Goes Wild, <https://lambertvillegoeswild.weebly.com/>, a volunteer organization that successfully led the City of Lambertville to certification as a community wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. At her blog, the-natural-web.org, Mary Anne writes about and illustrates with her photography the importance of native plants to all life. We offered several of the fact sheets in this link to participants at the seed giveaway: <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Resources/tips> The native plant seed giveaway was one in a series of events about the importance of native plants to all life. Events closely following the seed giveaway: Seeing the Sourlands with Jim Amon, 2/8/2020 Gardening is for the Birds with Mary Anne Borge, 2/2/2020 Events most closely preceding: Native Plant sale September 7, 2019 Participants: Lambertville Goes Wild with Mary Anne Borge, Lauren Kovacs, literature from NWF about gardening with native plants, see link above. Representatives of the New Jersey Native Plant Society, Representatives of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Wild Ridge Plants Toadshade Wildflower Farm. Planted native plant gardens: at Cavallo Park 9/21/2019 at N. Union/Cherry St Park 10/12/2019 CENSUS OUTREACH & EDUCATION In 2020 Lambertville was actively involved in Census outreach and education with Councilman Sanders taking the lead on this initiative. The City created a robust campaign that included, an educational video, posters, webpage, lawn signs, "Census Bowl," setting up an outreach table at the corner of Bridge St and Union St (as well as one at the local food pantry), social media outreach, and reminding residents about the importance of participating at council meetings. Video https://www.facebook.com/154541707963016/videos/574219323281072/?__so__=channel_tab&__rv__=all_videos_card 2.9K views. Lawn Signs English/Spanish lawn signs were placed at various homes, key intersections, and on all city owned property. Posters Posters were put up in City buildings. City Website The City had a page on its website devoted to the Census. "Census Bowl" An informal competition with New Hope, PA to see who could get the best participation in the Census. Outreach Tables The Bridge st outreach table was manned by volunteers on 8/15/21; 8/28/21; 9/4/21; 8/7/21. This location required minimal promotion as it is the busiest pedestrian location in our City. Informational materials were provided in English and Spanish from the NJ Department of State. In addition to the Bridge st location the City partnered with Fishermans Mark to host an outreach table at the local food pantry 7/27/20 most weekdays through 8/21/20. the FM outreach table was implemented in partnership with Indivisible Lambertville New Hope and manned by volunteers Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 12 noon; Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Informational materials in English and Spanish from the NJ Department of State were also provided at this site. At this site volunteers also had a computer available for people to complete the census. *please note that in order to have enough room in the uploads section for the Census checklist I had to delete "Native plant seed giveaway Facebook Post."

WORD: [AUTHOR LECTURE FACEBOOK EVENT AND ADS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [SUST AUTHOR LECTURE CHECKLIST.DOC](#)

PDF: [NATIVE PLANT SEED GIVEAWAY EMAIL BLAST.PDF](#)

WORD: [SEED GIVEAWAY CHECKLIST.DOC](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY EDUCATION ONLINE OR PRINT INITIATIVE CHECKLIST.DOC](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH CHECKLIST - CENSUS.PDF](#)

Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary: This year, in celebration of Earth Day (pandemic style), the Green Team set up an Earth Month in collaboration with the Lambertville Free Public Library, Lambertville Goes Wild, Parks and Rec Department, Lambertville Environmental Commission, and the Acme Screening Room, to celebrate our earth throughout the month of April. These activities were designed to engage a broad audience, targeting both adults and families with different earth

challenges, webinars, and screenings. Attached are a qualitative assessment as well as various flyers used to advertise the month and its events by the various coordinating agencies.

WORD: [QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE, NJ - CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE ANNOUNCES EARTH MONTH 2021! - WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [EARTH ART DISPLAY FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [EARTH-MONTH-2021 FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [SCREENINGS EARTH MONTH.PDF](#)

Emergency Management

Emergency Communications Planning

15 Points

Program Summary: The emergency communications in Lambertville are coordinated by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and more specifically the OEM Coordinator, although communications tasks can then be delegated to other members of the Emergency Management Council. Some of the most common emergencies occurring in Lambertville are flooding-related although, of course, the OEM and related EOP must be prepared for anything. We have based the communications plan mostly on the Alert, Warning, and Communications Annex (AWC), and to a lesser extent, the Emergency Public Information Annex (EPI) as this is more related to media and press releases rather than safety and notice alerts to the public in the immediate area of Lambertville. The bulk of Lambertville's communications plan comes from the City's utilization of the Hunterdon County's Communication Center, which is well-equipped to service the municipalities in the county, and serves the purpose of working offsite in case of flooding affecting the ability to run operations from within Lambertville. Furthermore, Lambertville has the capability of running emergency communications locally as well should the County site fail. Additionally, there are multiple communication systems in place for contacting members of the public, most notably the Swift911 system which can reach members by email, text, and voice mail in order to relay pertinent information in cases of emergency. Members of the green team, as well as the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator and the City Clerk worked on this action together.

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE SWIFT911 PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [ALERT, WARNING & COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX 2018.PDF](#)

WORD: [2021 APPLICATION CYCLE CHECKLIST.DOC](#)

PDF: [EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNEX 2018.PDF](#)

Energy

Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

15 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The City of Lambertville upgraded all facilities in 2011. The police station received new energy efficient windows and energy efficient lighting. The Library received an upgrade from electric to gas for their heating system. City Hall, located at 18 York Street upgraded the heating system from oil to gas and changed lighting fixtures where possible. The Justice Center received a new energy efficient HVAC system and new lighting fixtures. At the Public Works Department, they received new lighting fixtures and a new electric heating system.

PDF: [DIRECT INSTALL CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [DIRECT INSTALL SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT](#)

WORD: [RESOLUTION FOR ENERGY AUDITS](#)

Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville municipal facilities converted to more energy efficient practices and equipment under the Direct Install program before and so had the ability to speak from experience in recommending and promoting the NJCEP Direct Install element to small businesses in town. The first step was to work with the mayor and city clerk to discuss the best people for being points of contact in the business, government, and energy sectors in order to support our outreach efforts. We then drafted a letter to go out to all small businesses in the city describing the Direct Install program, which included what the program was, how to become involved, and who to contact with questions/inquiries. This was emailed out by the Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce to promote the program through its community of local businesses to all of its Lambertville members on 5/21/21. Then, on 6/2/21, the City sent out a similar email to all small and local businesses on its list serve, providing the same information. This plan, by establishing two different avenues of similar information to reach Lambertville businesses, proscribes to the idea that a similar message should be dispersed through multiple channels in order to make an impression on an audience. Furthermore, the identified contacts provide points of contact for business owners to then follow-up on any questions or interest in the program, either through a contact with someone in the energy or business community (the Chamber) who could then direct them to the appropriate advisor regarding the program.

PDF: [EMAIL SENT BY CITY.PDF](#)

PDF: [EMAIL BLAST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [TOWN EMAIL LIST.XLSX](#)

Health & Wellness

Building Healthier Communities

5 Points

Program Summary: OVERALL COMMUNITY The City holds an annual free flu shot clinic that has occurred every year for the last three years. Last years clinic on September 26th was so popular that we ran out of flu shots! The City held a free COVID-19 clinic for our Latinx community that will become an ongoing program for residents of Lambertville.

<https://lambertvillenj.org/government/jobs/432-mayor-julia-fahl-leads-city-of-lambertville-covid-19-vaccination-clinic> <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/flemington-slash-raritan/sections/south-county-news/articles/city-of-lambertville-holds-successful-covid-19-vaccination-clinic> The Lambertville Free Public Library hosted a summer chair yoga series offered Monday and Friday throughout the Summer of 2019. Latinas En Lambertville, a group that focuses on mental, physical and financial health for women in the Latinx community (please see the flyer attached). This group meets on Mondays at 10:30am beginning in October 2020. This is a program hosted by the Lambertville Free Public Library. YOUTH The City hosts an annual FREE car seat safety check for all residents who have children in car seats. The Parks and Recreation Commission hosts an annual Summer Camp. In 2019 55 kids participated and the program was 7 weeks long. Each week they did a different field trip. Fishing on the canal 2 Movies at the ace screening room Ice cream sundaes Make pizza at liberty hall Library visit Nature Hike We also had the fire department come to spray water and slip and slides every Wednesday and we had free lunch everyday for kids to take home. The summer recreation program for 2020 and 2021 was canceled. MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES Last year the City expanded municipal employee health insurance to include dental and prescription benefits. This will be ongoing.

PDF: [LATINAS EN LAMBERTVILLE - FLYER.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [FLU SHOT CLINIC.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [CAR SEAT CHECK.PNG](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY SUBMISSION FORM](#)

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: The City is proud to share that the Landscape ordinance has been updated! It requires a minimum of 75% of all plantings for projects that go before the Planning Board to be native, declares non-native invasive plants to be a public nuisance, recommended plant list is all native. This was a significant achievement, since the old ordinance recommended non-native invasive plants and had no requirement for using native plants. Since the ordinance was passed relatively recently we do not have documentation about how it has been implemented.

PDF: [09-2021 LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

Innovative Community Project 2

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville City has a 'plastics ban' ordinance as an amendment to the City Code on Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Recycling. Not only does this ban address single-use plastic bags (see reusable bag action) but it also bans Lambertville businesses from using Styrofoam, and polystyrene foam containers, and plastic straws in food sales. Phase II of the Ordinance, in which the complete ban went into effect, began on January 1, 2020. In order to prepare businesses for this changeover, the Lambertville Environmental Commission hosted a

Green Business Forum on July 31, 2019 in which plastic-alternative vendors set up in the ACME justice center and were there to showcase their products and answer any and all questions merchants had about plastic-alternative to-go containers. Because this ordinance went further than the standard plastic bag ban, LEC wanted to ensure that businesses were not left to fend for themselves in finding alternatives to keep customers happy, the cost of products down, and protect Mother Earth. The event was covered by NJTV, getting the message out about the importance of Ditching Disposables to other communities, as well as providing information to businesses who might have missed the event.

PDF: [ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE SPREADS THE WORD ABOUT NEW SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ORDINANCE VIDEO NJ SPOTLIGHT NEWS.PDF](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE HOSTS SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FORUM ON JULY 31 HUNTERDON DEM.PDF](#)

WORD: [BUSINESS FORUM.DOCX](#)

Innovative Community Project 3

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville Recreation Commission and Lambertville Goes Wild organization partnered to create a native and wildlife-friendly riparian buffer in Cavallo Park at the south end of town. The riparian buffer was put in through volunteer work of all ages, and protects both the canal butting up to the park from pollution which might leach from the park, as well as protecting the park from erosion which might be caused by the canal, especially when it floods. This project also improved green space in the community by focusing on an area that Lambertvillians of all ages enjoy. Lambertville Goes Wild recommended the mix of perennials and shrubs ultimately used to make up the buffer. The list of these species is attached. The work day was held on Sep. 21, 2019 from 9am - 3pm and resulted in a great garden that serves the wildlife and people of Lambertville.

WORD: [BUFFER PLANT SPECIES.DOCX](#)

WORD: [RIPARIAN BUFFER FACEBOOK.DOCX](#)

WORD: [RIPARIAN BUFFER PHOTO ALBUM.DOCX](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Heat Island Assessment & Mitigation Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: This Heat Island Assessment was first circulated around to the Green Team for initial remarks before being submitted for review and comments at the May 23rd Environmental Commission Meeting and is additionally on the agenda for a similar review on the City Council's June 19th Agenda. The final draft of the Heat Island Assessment was then forwarded to the Green Team again via an email on August 9th (see attached). It was also reforwarded to the City Council on August 21st (see attached) via email, in order to further create a record of this distribution. The Heat Island Assessment was completed in Lambertville even though there were

no dark red hotspots because the city felt the analysis still beneficial in the picture it painted regarding heat islands and development in the city. More specifically, the area with the most significant heat effect is also the area of Lambertville most recently developed. Thus, the action plan focuses on prevention so that future developments' heat island effects can be minimized as well. These include both the increase in lighter surfaces and tree canopy coverage.

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE HEAT ISLAND ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MAY 23 AGENDA](#)

PDF: [EMAIL SHARING HEAT ISLAND ASSESSMENT WITH LAMBERTVILLE GREEN TEAM MEMBERS](#)

PDF: [EMAIL DEMONSTRATING SHARING OF HEAT ISLAND ASSESSMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS AT MEETING](#)

PDF: [EMAIL SHARING HEAT ISLAND ASSESSMENT WITH LAMBERTVILLE GOVERNING BODY](#)

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: On August 1, 2012, Mayor and Council adopted Resolution Number 121-2012, which is the Sustainable Land Use Pledge. This was re-adopted through Resolution No. 77-2021 by the City Council on May 20, 2021, and has since been re-distributed to the relevant officials (see attached verification) on 5/24/2021. Over the last Sustainable Jersey renewal period, Lambertville has been working on a variety of projects related to the sustainable use of land. Recent activities to support the Sustainable Land Use Pledge include the work by Lambertville Goes Wild, the Lambertville Environmental Commission, the Shade Tree Commission, and the Planning Board to edit the Landscaping Ordinance by recommending the use of at least 75% native plants in new developments. This will provide a stronger and more resilient habitat for wildlife, as well as be more resilient to pests in the area .

PDF: [77-2021 SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [GMAIL - LAND USE PLEDGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [09-2021 LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

Build-Out Analysis *Retired 12/31/24*

10 Points

Program Summary: Green Team member and Lambertville's City Planner, Emily Goldman, completed a vacant land analysis in 2016. Because Lambertville is a small town with limited resources, this scope of a build out analysis made the most sense for the town. The vacant land analysis was made to support the town's efforts to improve affordable housing opportunities throughout the municipality and continues to be a guiding document in this planning process. Public commenting of the vacant land analysis is usually done through greater discussions on affordable housing as this is the main focus of development in the municipality. The vacant land analysis has been included in various court filings and settlements related to fair housing responsibilities.

PDF: [2018.05.22_VLA.PDF](#)

PDF: [EXISTING DENSITIES MAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [EXISTING LAND USE.PDF](#)

PDF: [COMBINED FILE OF MEETING MINTUES.PDF](#)

Enhanced Stormwater Management Control Ordinance

15 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville Updated the Stormwater Management Control Ordinance beyond the minimum required by the DEP/model ordinance released by the Watershed Institute. Specifically, it added the language to reduce the threshold for 'major' development to ensure that more stormwater in the town is managed by the ordinance. These changes are highlighted in the attached ordinance, which was passed at the May 20, 2021 City Council Meeting (at the time of its Second Reading). The agenda for this meeting is also attached, as well as the agenda for the May 5, 2021 Planning Board Meeting which agreed on the element to be forwarded to the Council.

PDF: [HIGHLIGHTED FOR 15 PTS 08-2021 LAMBERTVILLE REVISED SWM ORDINANCE FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [05-20-2021 VOTING SESSION AGENDA OF THE GOVERNING BODY AMENDED 05-18-2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [5-5-2021 PLANNING BOARD AGENDA.PDF](#)

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE STORMWATER WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

Natural Resources

Environmental Commission

10 Points

Program Summary: The Lambertville Environmental Commission was established by ordinance in 2010. As the Environmental Commission makes up the core of the Lambertville Green team, some of its activities are repetitions of other parts of this application, although of course it has also been involved in further actions beyond the Green Team work. Specifically, work has included the extensive Ditching Disposables campaign, bringing the Trex Initiative - in which residents can recycle their plastic bags at designated locations - in the community, and encouraging volunteers to join the 2nd annual Delaware River Cleanup. Because of the programming limitations under COVID-19 restrictions, we have included the 2019 Annual Report as it is more representative of Commission's normal activities and community involvement, and listed under the Actions with Adjusted Lookback Dates Listed by Sustainable Jersey.

PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [LEC-2019-ANNUAL-REPORT-FINAL.PDF](#)

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

10 Points

Program Summary: As per the city ordinance, one member of the Environmental Commission is also a member of the Planning Board. At each EC meeting that member reports to the commission about current projects in front of the PB and will share site plans as needed. If the EC has questions, comments or recommendations for the planning board they will most often be brought to the PB directly by the EC commissioner who sits on the board. We have found this process to be very productive. In March of 2019 we did a training with ANJEC specifically on doing Site plan reviews to ensure we would be prepared should a formal review be needed. Formal site plan reviews are done at the request of the planning board, if the site is near an environmentally sensitive area or there are additional environmental concerns (ie: soil contamination). One such instance occurred in the Spring of 2019 (please see minutes attached). In this case we felt there were environmental concerns since the site was located next to the canal (an environmentally sensitive area). 14 Lambert Lane was being reviewed by the Planning Board as a site for possible development. The EC did a site visit, reviewed the site plans and sent a formal memo to the planning board (please accept the memo to the planning board as our Findings of Fact and Recommendation Report).

WORD: [MEMO TO THE PLANNING BOARD 4.3.19 FINAL.DOCX](#)

WORD: [03-27-19 MINUTES.DOCX](#)

Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

Program Summary: On March 9, 2019, the Lambertville Environmental Commission (LEC) hosted a rain barrel building event in the Lambertville Public School gymnasium. The event was co-run with the Central Delaware AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador (WA); the barrels were 55 gallon re-purposed juice concentrate containers provided by Americorps NJ. The LEC pre-drilled the barrels, the WA provided the hardware and tools, and participants assembled the barrels with the help of the LEC and WA. Participation in the event cost \$55; the proceeds covered the cost of the hardware and the remaining amount went to the LEC. More recently, LEC is sponsoring a series of water conservation articles in Lambertville's weekly newsletter "Lambertville Matters" as spring turns to summer, a season in which local water resources tend to be under increasing competing pressures. These articles have been/will be published on May 27, 2021; June 2, 2021; June 16, 2021; and June 30, 2021.

WORD: [RAIN BARREL FACEBOOK.DOCX](#)

WORD: [NEWSLETTER CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK POST.DOCX](#)

WORD: [RAIN BARREL WS .DOC](#)

WORD: [NEWSLETTER CAMPAIGN WS.DOC](#)

PDF: [GMAIL - FWD_ LAMBERTVILLE MATTERS NEWSLETTER, 5-27-21, WATER TIPS 1.PDF](#)

WORD: [CONTENT OF NEWSLETTER ARTICLES.DOCX](#)

Tree Protection Ordinance *Retires 12/31/25*

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville's tree protection ordinance can be found under the land use ordinances part of the City's Legislative Code, under the Landscaping Requirements of Zoning Regulation and is titled 'Tree Protection Standards', covering both the protection of trees from removal during the development process and their potential damage through various

precautionary measures that must be taken during construction. A more detailed description of the compliance of Lambertville's ordinance with Sustainable Jersey's standards can be found in the attached documentation, along with the Landscaping Ordinance, of which the Tree Protection Standards are found at 510.12 (covering almost three pages). Additionally, as the compliance mechanisms are more general for the zoning and land use ordinances over all, this is attached as a separate file.

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE DESCRIPTION](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT](#)

Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation

20 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville's Shade Tree Commission, working closely with a Consulting Forester, to have Lambertville's second Community Forestry Management Plan put in place, with support from New Jersey's Green Communities Grant Program. The final approval for the CFMP was granted on March 2, 2018 and is valid through 2022. Additionally, the last time that Lambertville was able to complete the NJUCF recertification process by completing the CEUs was in 2019 due to COVID-19 concerns. The page showing 2019 NJUCF Accreditation Status Report is attached below.

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE CFMP APPROVAL CERTIFICATE 2018-2022](#)

PDF: [2019 NJUCF ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN 2018-2022](#)

Tree Maintenance Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: The Lambertville Shade Tree Commission's Tree Maintenance Program is carried out through a combination of property-owner responsibility, Public Works maintenance on municipal land, and public utility maintenance. This is all coordinated through the Shade Tree Commission and its Ordinance requiring the Commission's approval for any pruning or tree removal to public/street trees prior to the pruning. The program and a report on current activities is further elaborated on in the attached document.

WORD: [MAINTENANCE REPORT.DOCX](#)

PDF: [TREE MAINTENANCE 2019-2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [AAR_2020 .PDF](#)

Tree Planting Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: The Shade Tree Commission orchestrated the planting of 18 new street

trees on Dec. 2-3, 2019, funded in large part by a generous citizen donation to the municipal tree fund. The main goal of this planting was to improve the canopy of Church St, one of the few streets in the city without an extensive canopy. Additionally, trees were planted to replace municipal trees affected by EAB and other diseases in order to maintain the city's STC canopy.

WORD: [TREE PLANTING PROJECT REPORT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [TREE PLANTING ON CHERRY ST.JPG](#)

Public Information & Engagement

Municipal Communications Strategy

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville is currently exploring new ways to communicate with residents after deleting its social media accounts at the end of last year. One method it has added are more interactive communication platforms directly accessible from the municipal website, such as the "ask the mayor" feature. Other additions include a weekly e-letter with updates which many residents have signed up for. Additionally, individual municipal entities such as the Lambertville Environmental Commission still maintain an active presence on Facebook. The Green Team as well as communications staff are involved in the carrying out of the municipal communications strategy and the completion of this action.

WORD: [NON-EMERGENCY MUNICIPAL COMM.DOC](#)

Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government

15 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville has been improving public participation in its city government in a variety of ways and continues to ensure that these carried over to when everything went virtual in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The website has the option of registering for a list-serve which gives reminders and notifications for government body meetings. The website is updated in case of any last minute changes due to inclement weather or the like. This helps members of the public in planning their schedules as they can plan ahead and feel confident that the meeting will happen unless they are notified otherwise. Attached are the required completed checklist, guidelines for participation, and example agenda for this action.

WORD: [CHECKLIST](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION](#)

PDF: [03-18-2021 VOTING SESSION AGENDA OF THE GOVERNING BODY AMENDED 03-17-2021.PDF](#)

Online Municipal Public Service Systems

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville now uses its municipal website as the main platform for resident-government interaction online. This has resulted in a variety of changes, in part reflected in the opportunities for residents to submit service requests, report issues, and request to keep informed about various activities and changes in Lambertville's Public Services. Additionally, systems such as permits and licenses are increasingly added to our online platform, as well as the option for residents to pay property taxes and tickets online.

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE 2021 PUBLIC SERVICES.DOC](#)

Digitizing Public Information

10 Points

Program Summary: Completion of this action was largely helped by the process of redesigning the City of Lambertville's website so as to better serve the community as a platform for cooperation between the City government and community members and the need to digitize much of the town's services during the pandemic. The Green Team reviewed the current status of public information digitization to ensure consistency since the last certification period, updating links, and changing narrative to reflect a new web design.

WORD: [LAMBERTVILLE DIGITALIZING CHECKLIST.DOC](#)

Sustainability & Climate Planning

Municipal Carbon Footprint

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The city completed its second municipal carbon footprint study in May 2019 for covering city operations for 2018. This is actually the second municipal carbon footprint done for Lambertville, allowing the city to compare its progress from the baseline covering municipal operations over 2014. As previously communicated to Sustainable Jersey, this study and report did not use the Sustainable Jersey methodology per se, but did use a comparable methodology which is described in full in the report attached as evidence, as well as a copy of this communication.

WORD: [2018-2019 MUNICIPAL CARBON FOOTPRINT REPORT.DOCX](#)

PDF: [GMAIL - RE_ MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY.PDF](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The drop box is located at the Police Department which is located at 349 North Main Street in the City of Lambertville. The medicine drop box can be accessed 24/7 through the Department. The drop box is run jointly by the City of Lambertville and the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. Our permanent drop box is one of only 14 locations listed in Hunterdon County under New Jersey's Project Medicine Drop (for more information, please see <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx#Hunterdon>). We are also listed on the Safe Coalition's website for Hunterdon and Somerset County as a permanent location for prescription drug drop off (please follow this link: <https://safecoalition.org/safemeddisposal/>). When the drop box was first installed in 2012, we ran a press release and the Hunterdon Democrat ran a story on the event, however this was a while ago. Thus we recently (May 2021) hung up "reminder" flyers/literature in key community centers in both Spanish and English, including the Lambertville Free Public Library, City Hall, and Police Station, and the Justice Center. You can also find information on the Lambertville medicine drop on the Lambertville website, and we have attached a screenshot of this posting. We have attached the flyers used to this action for your convenience. Lastly, in 2019, Lambertville collected 232.20lbs of drugs through the drop box, in 2020, 174lbs, and 121.80lbs so far in 2021. Medications collected cannot be syringe-type medications, but other than this, can be either prescribed or over-the-counter, and Lambertville collects a broad range of both. Lambertville's Medicine Drop page: <https://lambertvillenj.org/public-works-page-list/228-medicine-drop>

WORD: [EDUCATIONAL FLYER \(SPANISH\)](#)

WORD: [EDUCATIONAL FLYER \(ENGLISH\)](#)

IMAGE: [POSTING ON MUNICIPAL WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [MEDICINE DROP BOX](#)

Commercial & Institutional Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville passed an ordinance in 2013 (Ordinance No. 16- 2013, para. 12-3.5) requiring commercial, industrial, and institutional establishments to recycle the same curbside recyclables as the residential program in Lambertville, as well as "commercial, industrial and institutional recyclables" such as waste oil, tires, and potentially construction materials depending on the construction permit granted. This ordinance currently makes up section 12-4.5 of Lambertville's City Code. Per this regulation, commercial, industrial, and institutional establishments must deliver their recyclables to the appropriate State-approved recycling facility monthly (at least) and hand in a weight slip with the date, weight, and type of recyclables to the City Clerk no later than the 15th of the month for the preceding month. Furthermore, if a party fails to comply with these regulations, they can be fined up to \$250/month of noncompliance. The recycling program for institutions and commercial establishments in Lambertville is promoted the same way that the residential program is with the attached flyer. Additionally, the Lambertville Environmental Commission frequently posts on their Facebook page guides for recycling and waste reduction.

PDF: [INDUSTRIAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE IN MUNICIPAL CODE](#)

PDF: [RECYCLING FLYER](#)

Food Waste

10 Points

Program Summary: Lambertville started a pilot food waste program in 2014 which has since become a full food waste collection program since February 29, 2016 (153 residents) that, after a 2017 Ordinance, is now obligatory for all commercial and institutional entities taking part in the municipal general waste pick-up program, as well as optional for any residence interested in participating. The food waste program is now about 4x the size of when it first started, with 241 pickup locations (see attached spreadsheet for pick up information since 2014 up through May 2021). Additionally, we have attached the general educational and promotional flyer used for both residences and commercial/institutional entities explaining what goes in the 'third bin' aka food waste. The program is further described in the attached narrative.

EXCEL: [2014-TO DATE ORGANIC WEEKLY PICK UP.XLS](#)

WORD: [NARRATIVE.DOCX](#)

WORD: [2017 RESTAURANT ORDINANCE .DOCX](#)

PDF: [AG CHOICE CONTRACT.PDF](#)

PDF: [NEW RECYCLING FLYER.PDF](#)

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

5 Points

Program Summary: As part of the "Ditching Disposables" public awareness campaign, the Green Team focused on promoting the use of reusable bags in place of single use plastic bags. This campaign was part of the town's efforts to get ready for the new ordinance banning the use of single-use plastics such as Styrofoam, straws, and plastic bags by merchants in the city on January 1, 2020. For the reusable bag awareness campaign, Green Team members went door to door throughout town to answer any questions that community members might have about the program, and then gave each household a reusable bag made out of recycled materials. This was a canvassing event focused on answering residents' questions and raising awareness about the Ditching Disposables program. Additionally, the Green Team held a Sustainable Business Forum where it answered any questions regarding the new ordinance limiting single-use plastics, as well as brought in vendors who offered substitutes to the single-use plastics which restaurants and other businesses had been using. Attached is information on both the canvassing and business forum, as well as the original ordinance.

WORD: [CANVASSING FACEBOOK POST.DOCX](#)

PDF: [LAMBERTVILLE'S DITCHING DISPOSABLES DAY IS ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE READY FOR THE COMING PLASTICS BAN - NJ.COM.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [CANVASSING VOLUNTEERS](#)

PDF: [BUSINESS FORUM RE SINGLE USE PLASTIC.PDF](#)

PDF: [PLASTICS ORDINANCE.PDF](#)