Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

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

Irvington Twp was certified on October 31, 2014 with 155 points. Listed below is information regarding Irvington 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 Irvington Twp was approved for in 2014 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: Education about animals, their habitats, and their connection to humans promotes and empowers responsible community stewardship of New Jersey's wild and domestic animals and of our shared environment. Humane education programs help to teach students, residents, and other stakeholders in the community about the interactions between humans and wildlife as well as about responsible pet ownership, which includes not only caring for pets, but

also how pets are allowed to interact with society and the natural environment. Through such education, municipalities can promote positive interactions between community members, both human and animal, and improve stewardship of the natural environment. Under N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16b Irvington Health Department have a full time certified Animal Control Officer ACO to enforce the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16. ACOs authorized by the municipal government to enforce the New Jersey animal cruelty laws (N.J.S.A 4:22) ACO always timely response to calls and complaints from the public concerning lost, stray, injured, or nuisance domestic animals; also concerning suspect rabid wild or domestic animals and vicious dogs. The response to animal-related emergency calls is rapid to control dangerous animals and minimize pain and suffering of sick and injured animals (N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16). He investigates of reports of animal bite and vicious dog incidents, seizure and impoundment of dogs meeting criteria under the State vicious dog law, and notifying health officers and municipal courts. (N.J.S.A. 4:19-19). He canvasses for unlicensed dogs (and cats as required by local ordinance) and take enforcement action when necessary (N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.15). He provides public education for schools, the media and other groups regarding topics such as responsible pet ownership, rabies prevention, and the need for spaying and neutering of pets. Canvass for unlicensed dogs & cats and take enforcement action when necessary (N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.15). Irvington Health Department organizes once a month a health fair under the health observance day calendar where ACO always provided the literature to the participants about animal care and responsible ownership. ACO also provided the educational literature regarding the animal care to the students at their career fair and other events. Animal Control Officers also provide literature to senior’s citizens and other community members during health fairs all year around. We also have a display racks at Health Department where we provide the public health educational literature including animal care literature. Please see the attached copies of the literature which ACO gives out to our community.

PDF: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER LITERATURE

PDF: ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Partnership & Outreach

Create Green Team

10 Points

Bronze Required

Program Summary: Since 2009, Irvington Township aadopted resolution to pursue local initiatives and actions to lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal certification (DPW 09-0811-14) however the Green Team was not established to organize our actions and acquire points. Learning about Sustainable Jersey at the Municipal League convention, Council President Charnette Frederic, the chair, made it a priority for Irvington to be a certified town. The Irvington Green Team's challenges were assessing each department, organize the actions and submit our application. Using the Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet and all the tools provided by Sustainable Jersey helped us overcome our challenges. The following are actions undertaken from the past 12 months:. 1. Established by ordinance the Irvington Green Team (attached) 2. Meeting monthly 3. Selected Irvington Green Team members, role, and term: Charnette Frederic, Irvington Council president Chair 03/2017, Dr. Atif Nazir, Irvington Health Officer Co-Chair 03/2017, Muriel Fenton, South ward district leader, Concern citizen Secretary 03/2017, Sandra Jones, Irvington Councilwoman Member 03/2016, Devy Narcisse, Concern citizen and Media Member 03/2016, Rashidah N. Hasan, Esp Irvington Research Officer Member 03/2015, Audrey Lyons, Concern citizen Member 03/2015 4. Assessed Irvington Township Green Activities 5. Created Irvington Green Website (https://irvington.net/irvington-green) to share green activities and engage our

community 6. Priorities and Focuses for the upcoming year: Green Challenges & Community Programs Hold a Green Fair Lead Education and Outreach Programs Lead-Safe Training Programs Create a Green Development Checklist Safe Routes to School Green Business Recognition Program Active Environmental Commission i-Tree Assessment of Municipal Trees Continue to sustain our present actions and more Irvington Green team received $9000 grant from sustainable Jersey to improve our 40th St park. We made 2 events, an aerobic in the park in partnership with local organization such as non profit Neighborhood Health organization, Florence Ave School PTA members, Alaris Health Center in Irvington, Irvington Senior, Irvington township and community cookout.

PDF: **CREATE GREEN TEAM DOCUMENTATION**

IMAGE: **IRVINGTON GREEN IN ACTION**

IMAGE: **CREATE GREEN IN ACTION 2**

IMAGE: **IRVINGTON GREEN TEAM EVENT**

IMAGE: **IRVINGTON GREEN TEAM EVENT 2**

IMAGE: **IRVINGTON GREEN TEAM IN THE NEWS**

Diversity & Equity

Lead Education & Outreach Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: Irvington Health Department is a grantee for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) from NJDOH. We carry out a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) Program, provide nurse case management services and provide environmental investigations per N.J.A.C. 8:51 and protocols and procedures established by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) for all children in the Township of Irvington with confirmed blood lead levels 15 ug/dL or higher or two consecutive tests between 10 and 14 ug/dL that are at least between one month to three months apart. As of today Irvington CLPPP has about 129 active case load to follow up for nurse case management services and about 119 environmental investigations per N.J.A.C. 8:51. Build capacity and competency of environmental inspectors and nurse case managers to incorporate Healthy Homes approach when providing services to lead poisoned children. Our Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) Team members provide lead prevention literature to the families of the high lead levels as well as the other community members. In partnership with Irvington Family Development located at 50 Union Ave, Irvington, NJ we provided needed assistance to our residents. Please review some samples of the literature booklets, flyers, letters which our CLPPP staff members and Irvington Family Development are using to educate the community, businesses.

IMAGE: **LEAD EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS DOCUMENTATION**

PDF: **LEAD EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS HANDBOOK**

WORD: **LEAD EDUCATION ENGLISH SPANISH**

WORD: **IRVINGTON DAYCARE CENTER LEAD WEEK INVITATION**

WORD: **2014 NLPPW PARTICIPATION_ IRVINGTON LEAD**

Food

Community Gardens

10 Points

Program Summary: Over the past 2.5 years, the township - with guidance from current green team members - has helped to establish and subsequently support various community and school gardens throughout Irvington. The first of these gardens was established in our East Ward and is overseen by the East Ward Joint Block Association along with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Irvington Councilman Paul Inman, and the community. This particular garden runs a number of programs benefiting many residents in the East Ward. In addition to the gardens that have been functioning successfully for the past two years, the green team recently cut the ribbon on a brand new garden at the Florence Avenue School, to be overseen by the school principal, maintained by school maintenance staff, Student council and the Irvington Green Team volunteers, supported by the master gardener from Rutgers University to serve the community in the west ward of Irvington. We are continuously assessing new sites to encourage formation of new gardens.

PDF: VEGETABLE GARDEN

IMAGE: FLORENCE AVE SCHOOL GARDEN

IMAGE: FLORENCE AVE SCHOOL GARDEN 2

Green Design

Green Building Policy/Resolution

5 Points

Program Summary: Irvington Green Team understands the importance of adopting Green building resolution as it demonstrates the Township’s commitment to environmental, economic, and social stewardship practices. By adopting this resolution, we will reduce operating costs, provide healthy work environments for staff and residents, and demonstrate municipal leadership. Irvington Township is already taking steps toward these objectives by completing our energy efficiency audit of facilities owned and operated by our township, creating an active Green Team, and so forth. Once adopted, the Resolution was sent to Zoning and Planning Board, The Environmental commission, the Irvington Green Team, the township engineer, and construction code official to consider the green building practices during their decision making processes.

PDF: GREEN BUILDING POLICY/RESOLUTION DOCUMENTATION

Health & Wellness

Building Healthier Communities

20 Points

Program Summary: Members of the current green team and the Irvington Health Department established the Irvington Mayor's Wellness Campaign. The Campaign has extended through to the current day and includes numerous ongoing programs that facilitate and promote community health and wellness. These include the following: * Irvington Play Streets program...3-4 events per year engaging both the community and the township employees to participate in town-sponsored games and other physical activities * Local Bodegas Healthy Choices - healthy food racks established at local corner stores through public/private partnership * Irvington Schools Pedestrian Safety Study - planned study that will map walking routes for students at two local public schools * Irvington Walking Club - Hundreds of residents and township employees are gathering regularly to walk a number of routes laid out on and mapped thanks to township resources * Community Garden initiative - numerous school and community gardens established in numerous neighborhoods throughout the township. Township employees and the community worked together for successful gardens Over the course of the past several years, the township has solicited participation, technical assistance, and other resources from numerous entities to support these programs and more are added to the docket all the time. These sources include the NJ Department of Health (Shaping New Jersey), Sustainable Jersey, township employees, nonprofit organization such as neighborhood health, local businesses, Rutgers University, and the Irvington Board of Education.

PDF: BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES DOCUMENTATION

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IMAGE: COMMUNITIES IN ACTION

IMAGE: WORKPLACE WALK-OFF CHALLENGE

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: 100% Smokefree Parks: Irvington township adopts an ordinance making all public parks and recreation areas 100% smokefree. We put metal signs with the ordinance Number in the appropriate areas. Attached you will find the ordinance that was supported by all council members to encourage smokefree and cleaner environment.

PDF: PROHIBITING SMOKING IN IRVINGTON PUBLIC PARKS

Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

Bronze Priority Silver Priority

Program Summary: An example of Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution was sent to Irvington township attorney Evans Anyanwu to create ours. Once he is done with the research and provide the resolution, council member Charnette Frederic, Irvington Green team chair, along with the Irvington Council members will sponsor and adopt the resolution by August 2014. The adopted resolution will distribute to Planing Board, Zoning Board, Irvington Environmental Commission, Irvington Green Team, and other relevant boards and commissions. The resolution was adopted and distributed to Irvingon boards and commissions.

PDF: **IRVINGTON SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE DOCUMENTATION**

Waste Management

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Irvington understands the importance of keeping our community clean. We have recycling depot to allow small businesses and Residents that don't generate a lot of recyclables to bring them to our drop off site located at 406 Coit St, Irvington NJ 07111 during the hours of 8am to 3pm Monday-Friday. Providing this location, the township was able to reduce the need for landfill and incineration, prevent pollution, help sustain the environment for future generations. As per attached, In addition to the Recycling Center normal hours, from 10/12/13 to 1/18/14, the Township allowed our residents to drop recycling items on Saturday from 9am-12pm and 1pm - 3 pm.

IMAGE: **RECYCLING DEPOT DOCUMENTATION**

IMAGE: **RECYCLING DEPOT EDUCATION**

IMAGE: **IRVINGTON RECYCLING CENTER**

PDF: **IRVINGTON TONNAGE REPORT**

Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: Attached, you will find Irvington township ordinance, educational and enforcement materials produced by our certified Recycling Professional, which were distributed to all residential, commercial, and institutional sectors. Through our Clean community program, our Recycling coordinator sent to our business Owners' letters to educate on the ordinance and enforcement in order to be effective.

PDF: CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE RECYCLING ORDINANCE DOCUMENTATION

PDF: IRVINGTON RECYCLING AND ENFORCEMENT

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

Bronze Priority Silver Priority

Program Summary: Irvington township received information below on having a permanent prescription drugs Dropbox at the police department located at 1 civic square in Irvington, NJ 07111. The Irvington green team is working with the Irvington administration, the Essex county and ADAPT to have this implemented in the near future. This sustainable priority action is needed and we are confident that we can implement it. In the meantime, we collaborate with UMDNJ University Hospital Environmental Services located at 150 Bergen St, Newark NJ 07103 and educate our Township residents to drop their medical syringes. Below is the information about the dropbox program that we do through our Municipal Alliances and ADAPT. Four towns in Essex (Millburn, Belleville, North Caldwell and Livingston) already have these boxes. If there are questions the township may have you should call Joel Torres at ADAPT 973-323-3907 and he will work with you to set up the program in Irvington. Prescription Medication Permanent Disposal Drop Boxes: ADAPT provides the funding to place permanent disposal boxes for unused, outdated, discontinued prescription medication within local police departments. The local police department is the only authorized location allowed by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Local students, along with their high school art teacher or a local art organization, design the box to give it a local feel. The box does not require anyone to physically monitor it 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. There just needs to be video surveillance in the area where it is kept. Millburn and Livingston have a process for storing and disposing of the RX meds. They put a cardboard box inside the dropbox compartment. When it fills up, they take it out and put it in their evidence locker and replace it with another cardboard box, etc. etc. When they see that the locker is reaching capacity, they weigh it (for reporting purposes) and go to dispose it. Based on the experiences of Millburn, it would only be once a quarter that the meds would need to be disposed. Millburn and Livingston use Covanta Energy for the disposal because this is the company that does all the disposal services for the town. Therefore, if a municipality uses another company, it would just require having a conversation with the company to allow disposal of the meds. There is no extra charge to the municipality for the service. The Police Chief would need to send a waiver request to the DEA to host the dropbox in their department. ADAPT has a draft letter already created for this purpose. The department would need to send ADAPT a report each time they disposed of the medication. It is nothing intricate, just a simple email. Millburn sends an email stating the date of disposal and the pounds of meds disposed. ADAPT collaborates with Municipal Alliances to do pre-surveys to assess the knowledge of the local community as it pertains to monitoring, securing and disposing of their prescription medication. ADAPT uses this data to help our environmental strategies in this area. ADAPT also shares this information with the local partners so they may adjust their programmatic approaches related to prescription abuse/misuse, heroin. Etc.

IMAGE: IRVINGTON RECYCLING INFORMATION