



# 2022 Sustainable Jersey Annual Award Recipients

## AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND QUOTES FROM RECIPIENTS

### 2022 SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION AWARD

The Sustainability Champion award recognizes municipalities that have scored the most points in the Sustainable Jersey certification program in three population categories: large (over 40,000), medium (5,000 to 40,000) and small (under 5,000).

**Woodbridge Township (Middlesex County)** LARGE CATEGORY with 1,245 points. This is the 13th time that Woodbridge Township has achieved this honor since the awards began in 2009; the Township received the award from 2009-2013 and 2015-2022.

*"Woodbridge Township is pleased to once again accept the prestigious Sustainable Jersey silver-level recertification and Sustainability Champion Award for large-size municipalities for the 13th year. Sustainable Jersey serves as a benchmark for our sustainable initiatives, while providing the Township with additional resources as we continue to lead the state in sustainable and green initiatives. In the quest for our 13th Sustainability Champion Award, Woodbridge Township competed against participating municipalities, including Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities and silver-Level certified towns in the Sustainable Jersey competition, earning sustainable points with 101 actions in 18 separate categories – scoring 1,245 points, and the achievement of Sustainable Jersey's Gold Star in Health and Gold Star in Water. And throughout, Greenable Woodbridge continued to advance many more sustainable initiatives and programs that serve to better manage the ways we use energy and other natural resources at work and home. The Sustainable Jersey program is an important vehicle by which our Township will continue to move into the future as a sustainable and environmentally conscious community."* – **The Honorable John E. McCormac, Mayor, Woodbridge Township**

**Madison Borough (Morris County)** MEDIUM CATEGORY with 835 points. This is the fourth time that Madison Borough has achieved this honor since the awards began in 2009; Madison received the award in 2013 and 2020-2022.

*"The Borough of Madison is once again ecstatic to have received the silver certification, as well as the Sustainability Championship Award. The hard work of all members of our Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee does not go un-recognized, as they work diligently throughout the year to ensure that we are working towards a greener, more sustainable Madison. I also want to thank the professionals and volunteers from Sustainable Jersey for pushing municipalities to achieve a sustainable New Jersey."* – **The Honorable Robert H. Conley, Mayor, Madison Borough**

**Bordentown City (Burlington County)** SMALL CATEGORY with 615 points. This is the fifth time Bordentown City has achieved this honor. Bordentown City received the award in 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022.

*"I want to thank the City administration and our remarkable volunteers who strive day in and day out to create not just a sustainable future, but a more livable here and now for the residents of Bordentown City. Sustainable Jersey serves as a continual reminder to strive for good governance in everything we do and it's a proud distinction that we're honored to receive once again."* – **The Honorable Jennifer Sciortino, Mayor and Director of Revenue & Finance, Bordentown City**

### 2022 MAYOR ONDISH LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given annually in memory of Mayor Art Ondish of Mount Arlington to recognize a leader who provides the green team with ideas, policy support and the necessary resources to achieve significant success towards sustainability.

**The Honorable Lisa Jiampetti, Mayor of Egg Harbor City**

*“I am honored to receive this prestigious award that honors the visionary leadership of Mayor Art Ondish and the contributions he made to Sustainable Jersey. However, I would not be receiving this award if I did not have a motivated, committed, and innovative Green Team that is committed to making Egg Harbor City clean, green and healthy! I am proud to say that Egg Harbor City was one of the first municipalities to join Sustainable Jersey in 2009. The team and I have continued to work hard since then to maintain our certifications and develop initiatives that reduce energy consumption and create a more sustainable future for our residents. As a small, economically challenged community, it has been challenging. We rely heavily on volunteers, partnerships, and grants to make our projects happen. That said, I thank PSE&G, Atlantic Electric, and the New Jersey Forrest Service for the generous grants they have provided the city. Also, I thank our partners, Rick Dovey, president of ACUA, and his staff, CFO Jodi Kahn, and the Egg Harbor City Council for supporting our efforts. Last but certainly not least, I thank Nanette Galloway, chairperson of Sustainable EHC, for volunteering her time, talents, and expertise to Egg Harbor City. Nanette is a longtime resident who has always been wholeheartedly committed to a maintaining a clean environment through green initiatives. Under her direction, we have been able to complete many projects. One of the most innovative projects that we have attempted is an ongoing effort to replace 102 trees lost in a devastating derecho, Superstorm Sandy, and as a result of road construction projects. In fact, beginning this week, 67 street trees will be planted in residential locations throughout the city. The green team is currently working on creating a grant-funded Community Energy Plan that will include installing EV chargers, purchasing electric vehicles, and creating a community solar project in our transit hub area. As in the past, Egg Harbor City will continue to work hard towards sustainability and develop new innovative projects. Without the support of Sustainable Jersey and its funders none of them would be possible.” – The Honorable Lisa Jiampetti, Mayor, Egg Harbor City*

## **2022 CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD**

This award recognizes forward-thinking municipalities that support a culture of creativity and innovation as they implement new approaches to solving problems.

### **City of Trenton (Mercer County)**

The City of Trenton is receiving this award in recognition of the North Trenton/Battle Monument Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan represents more than 24 months of intensive engagement and collaboration amongst residents and a host of community stakeholders. It is spearheaded by the Trenton Housing Authority (THA) in partnership with the City of Trenton Department of Housing and Economic Development and local community organization Isles Inc., along with a host of residents, city leaders, neighboring townships and more. The CHOICE Plan includes a substantial number of sustainability measures, including green buildings, complete streets, green infrastructure, parks improvements and public safety measures to improve walkability. The Plan is designed to meet the requirements of LEED-ND certification and takes a holistic approach to creating a sustainable community in the heart of Trenton.

*“The innovation and creativity in the CHOICE Neighborhood plan is the result of our partnership with the Trenton Housing Authority and the deep engagement of community members in every step of the process. We are thankful for the recognition this plan has received as we move forward with implementing this vision for North Trenton.” – The Honorable Reed Gusciora, Mayor, City of Trenton*

## **2022 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award recognizes a newly certified municipality that effectively leveraged a wide range of resources to achieve success.

### **Borough of Wildwood Crest (Cape May County)**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest achieved certification for the first time this year and effectively leveraged a wide range of resources to achieve success.

*“The Borough of Wildwood Crest is deeply humbled and honored to receive this award from the Sustainable Jersey program. This was truly a collective effort from all of our department heads, employees and elected officials to take the necessary steps to achieve this status. A special mention*

*needs to go to the Wildwood Crest Green Team, a volunteer group whose mission is to develop plans and implement various initiatives that support a healthy, sustainable community through effective governmental practices. This honor from Sustainable Jersey would not have come to fruition without the tireless efforts of all of the past and present members of the borough's Green Team.” – The Honorable Don Cabrera, Mayor, Borough of Wildwood Crest*

## **2022 COLLABORATION AWARD**

This award recognizes green teams that have advanced sustainability by building strong partnerships.

### **Howell Township, (Monmouth County)**

This award recognizes the important collaboration between Howell Township, Howell Township Green Team and Environmental Commission and the Township's schools. The collaboration includes a formal Resolution of Support approved by the mayor and township council for the work between the green team, environmental commission and the local public school system.

*“The Howell Green Team has been committed to developing and expanding a program which has established and continues to expand to include a number of environmentally focused activities which mutually benefit the Howell Green Team, Howell Environmental Commission and local public K-8 teachers and students. Howell Green Team and partner participants have enthusiastically supported and engaged in an array of environmental and sustainable projects including educational and green initiatives. Over time, numbers and types of activities increased as did the recognition, support and involvement throughout the community regarding public awareness of green initiatives.” – Lisa Doud, Chair, Howell Green Team*

## **2022 GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS**

Municipalities receive Gold Star recognition for reaching high levels of achievement in key dimensions of sustainability. Currently, Sustainable Jersey awards Gold Stars in [Energy](#), [Water](#) and [Health](#).

### **Woodbridge Township (Middlesex County): Gold Star in Water and Gold Star in Health**

*See Woodbridge Township Quote under Sustainable Champion Award section on page 1.*

### **Readington Township (Hunterdon County): Gold Star in Water**

*“Readington Township, on behalf of all our great volunteers, is pleased to receive the Gold Star in Water. This award reflects our community's ongoing stewardship efforts to protect and improve the water quality of all our streams and watersheds. We will continue our efforts to preserve land and farms, and to protect water and forest resources for our current and future residents. As a township strategically located in the Raritan River basin, we will continue to monitor and improve the critical water resources we oversee in the State of New Jersey.” – The Honorable Juergen Huelsebusch, Mayor, Readington Township*

### **Princeton (Mercer County): Gold Star in Health**

*“Princeton is honored to be recognized as an inaugural Gold Star Sustainable Jersey recipient. Our commitment to improving the well-being of our community drives us to continuously work towards a healthier Princeton. The Gold Star health action items directly address resident-identified health gaps which include mental health, transportation, language barriers, access to health services, housing, and COVID-19. By addressing these challenges through various initiatives, we are better able to serve populations experiencing health inequities. We are grateful to Sustainable Jersey for providing a framework local communities can use to improve the health of all residents.” -- The Honorable Mark Freda, Mayor, Princeton*