



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

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

Cape May City was certified on October 27, 2021 with 435 points. Listed below is information regarding Cape May 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 Cape May 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

Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: The City of Cape May supports the goals of the Atlantic Coast section of Fish and Wildlife's Action Plan. They protect piping plovers each year with roped off sections of the beach for their nesting areas and by putting up signs about the plover's nesting. Dune protection is also a huge concern for Cape May government and they are stabilizing and growing the dunes, even against complaints from some residents and businesses that claim they are losing their view. Through the Nature Center—that is technically a New Jersey Audubon-run facility, but the building is leased for \$1 by Cape May City through a public-private partnership—runs programs throughout the year for the protection of horseshoe crabs, birds, and wetland habitats. Goals of the state plan include: - Conduct surveys of migrating songbirds and raptors every five years at major stopover areas, primarily the Cape May Peninsula. EACH YEAR CAPE MAY IS THE SITE OF THE WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING. - Prioritize open space land acquisition with habitat connectivity as a primary focus. CAPE MAY HAS RECEIVED GREEN ACRES FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE PROJECTS. THEY ARE ALSO STILL WORKING ON BEING ABLE TO ATTAIN EAST CAPE MAY "SEWELL POINT" TO CREATE OPEN SPACE AND PREVENT FUTURE BUILDING THERE. - Design and implement protective measures at sites containing species most susceptible to disturbance from human activities. CAPE MAY ROPES OFF THE BEACH AND PUTS SIGNS UP AT BIRD NESTING SITES. - Educate the public about the impacts of feral and free-roaming house cats on New Jersey's native wildlife and encourage responsible cat ownership. CAPE MAY ORDINANCE: § 145-11. Care of feral cats. Notwithstanding the above, care of feral cats and feral cat colonies will be allowed only if such person has furnished a signed statement to the Animal Control Officer agreeing to comply with the following conditions: A. Annual registration with the Animal Control Officer as caring for feral cats; B. Assure responsibility and arrangements for feeding the cat or cat colony regularly throughout the year, including weekends, holidays and vacations of the person registered; C. Regular and frequent trapping of cats over the age of eight weeks to have them spayed or neutered; D. Arrange to have all trapped cats tested for feline leukemia and to have those who test positive humanely euthanized or isolated indoors; E. Identify all trapped cats by tipping their ears; and F. Arrange to have all trapped cats vaccinated for rabies in addition to any other vaccination or immunization requirement imposed by the state. Also, the Nature Center is working with adjoining lots and is investing \$75,000 on habitat restoration project. They are putting in native plants to attract wildlife and getting rid of invasive species. Since the City already supports all of these endeavors, the Green Team and City government learned of their ability to officially adopt the Pledge Supporting NJ's Wildlife Action Plan in 2017 and strongly wanted to do so. It makes perfect sense for the City to formally adopt their commitment to the environment and wildlife in particular. Because the City of Cape May is committed to habitat and species protection, they continue to support and be involved in projects that support the NJ Wildlife Action Plan.

WORD: [NATURE CENTER CM SUMMER PROGRAMS 2021.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [MARSH RESTORATION](#)

PDF: [DUNE GRASS PLANTING AMERICORPS](#)

WORD: [2018 SPRING CAPE MAY NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS.DOC](#)

Wildlife Interaction Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2008, the City of Cape May created the City of Cape May Beach Management Plan for the Protection of Federally & State-Listed Species. This plan was developed in concert with the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office. You will see attached that NJ Fish and Wildlife encourages communities to create a Beach Management Plan for the Protection of Federally and State-listed Threatened and Endangered Species, and Cape May City took the initiative to create a plan that they continue to follow. Since the plan was created beyond the 5.5 year timeframe from this current application, the City is submitting its 2016 Municipal Public Access Plan (MPAP)—the 5-year follow-up to the 2011 plan—that clearly states in many places that the City continues to follow the tenets of the 2008 Beach Management Plan. The public works department continuously manages the beach according to the Beach Management Plan, delineating areas for the protection of birds, their nests, and certain precious plant species. The Public Works department installs the signs May 15th each year. Please see highlighted areas of the 2016 MPAP to see how it is in fact a plan for wildlife interaction. The highlighted areas reference the protection of listed species of USFWS list 2008—that list is attached. Also, the planning board minutes where the plan was approved by the planning board is attached.

PDF: [PICS OF BIRD SIGNS - PEOPLE ADVISED - SEE HIGHLIGHTS](#)

PDF: [PLANNING BOARD MINUTES APPROVING MUNI PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN](#)

PDF: [2016 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN - WILDLIFE HIGHLIGHTED BLUE](#)

PDF: [USFWS LIST OF SPECIES - REFERENCED TO IN MPAP](#)

PDF: [STATE WILDLIFE GOALS - IN LINE WITH CAPE MAY'S GOALS](#)

Arts & Creative Culture

Establish a Creative Team

10 Points

Program Summary: The purpose or role of the Cape May Creative Team is to make possible a comprehensive inventory and network of artistic, historic, cultural, social, environmental, educational, and recreational programs, services and activities that enhance the quality of life for visitors and citizens of Cape May City and sustainably pave the way for the City's future. The Plan will be used to create an intentional connection between the creative assets to better serve those who are members of the creative network and those who wish to enjoy it. To move sustainably into the future, it is critical to know the City's resources and have a plan for their best use to protect them and ensure they are utilized to enhance tourism and the quality of life and to economically sustain the City of Cape May. This Plan was initially incorporated into the Cape May City Master Plan as a Special Report (40:55D-28 B 11) by resolution of the Cape May City Planning Board in 2017. In February of 2021, the plan underwent an update. The Cape May Creative Team covers only the City of Cape May. In January 2021, the City passed Resolution RESOLUTION NO. 31-01-2021 which appointed members to Cape May's creative team. They are: • Zachary Mullock- Mayor • Rev. Jeff Elliot - Pastor, Cape May Lutheran Church • Sandy Sandmeyer-Bryant - Teacher/Librarian, Cape May Elementary • Jody Alessandrine- Cape May MAC • David Mackenzie - Center for Community Arts • Joe Salvatore - Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum • Gretchen Whitman - Nature Center of Cape May • Roy Bennett Steinberg/Mitchel Malnato - Cape May Stage • Brett Ewald - Cape May Bird Observatory • Gayle Stahlhuth - East Lynne Theater Company • Michael Kline - Exit O Jazz Festival • Jerry Tarrant - Cape May Maritime Museum and Education Center • Norris Clark - Cape May Forum • Anne Salvatore - Historic Cold Spring Village • Harry Bellangy - Greater Cape May Historical Society • Doreen Talley - Cape May City Chamber of Commerce • James M. Rutala - Rutala Associates • Brian Kempf - Rutala Associates • Cape May City Civic Affairs Representative • Robert Mullock - Harriet Tubman Museum • Bernadette Matthews, Stephen Smith House Cape May City has already completed one of the recommendations in the original Creative Placemaking Plan—the redesign of Rotary Park. A second project—Lafayette Park is nearing completion. Cape May City has been able to implement economic strategies of creative placemaking and hopes to continue doing so in the future. Cape Mays Creative Team completed an inventory by mapping assets and creating districts to either cluster the type of asset (Museum District), highlight a feature of a district (Rotary Park), or base a district on location (Harbor, East Beach, West Beach). Since Cape May has valuable natural resources, an Eco-Heritage Trail was also mapped. The "Cape May City Trail and Wayfinding System" result-ed from the inventory of assets and creation of districts. The wayfinding system color-coded the districts and identified intersections to locate signage that would point pedestrians or vehicles to the various assets (historical structure, museum, environmental feature, etc.). The city intends to continue working toward the implementation of the districts and wayfinding system. And with the new Creative Team focused on collaboration among the existing non-profits that fund themselves, many great events will continue to occur throughout the year.

PDF: [CREATIVE TEAM RESOLUTION](#)

WORD: [CREATIVE TEAM REPORT](#)

Creative Assets Inventory

10 Points

Program Summary: An inventory, which included input from the community via small group discussions and surveys, was packaged as a guide entitled “A District Guide to the City of Cape May.” This guide labeled significant assets as restaurant, lodging, shopping, bike rental, arts and entertainment, golf, park, house of worship, point of interest, sailing, kayaking, boat tour, fishing and tackle, bank, groceries, gas station, museum, or tennis. The guide also highlighted the history of Cape May and the architectural styles of many of the buildings that make Cape May a National Historic Landmark. Finally, the guide went into further detail on the ecology and birding opportunities of Cape May. Having this inventory categorized and divided into districts gives Cape May the ability to look at the great number of assets of the City and to further select those resources that make up the creative assets. “A District Guide to the City of Cape May” was accompanied by a “Cape May City Trail and Wayfinding System” report to visually identify the City’s assets to visitors and residents, an effort in line with the City’s Plan Endorsement and Community Visioning Statement. The Cape May Creative Team assessed the inventory created and added to it organizations that work to serve some of the individual assets, such as the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, individual businesses that serve artists or art enthusiasts, and events that are themselves part of the culture of Cape May, such as ongoing festivals highlighting the local environment, music, or history of the area. Identifying these additional assets is another economic strategy because they are sources of funds for collaborative projects that benefit the asset itself while improving the community. The assets in the inventory were mapped and districts were created to either cluster the type of asset (Museum District), highlight a feature of a district (Rotary Park), or base a district on location (Harbor, East Beach, West Beach). Since Cape May has valuable natural resources, an Eco-Heritage Trail was also mapped. The “Cape May City Trail and Wayfinding System” resulted from the inventory of assets and creation of districts. The wayfinding system color-coded the districts and identified intersections to locate signage that would point pedestrians or vehicles to the various assets (historical structure, museum, environmental feature, etc.). The Tourism Utility started executing and expanding the Plan by using the information in the “District Guide”; adding to that information by updating the Creative Assets Inventory; gathering pertinent City information for waste management, beach access, and police- and fire-safety issues; and consolidating the great variety of events offered by the City and its partners to create a new City tourism website and the Information Guide and Events Schedule. The collection and combination of all events scheduled in Cape May is evidence that developing a network of assets is leading the City in the right direction of making Cape May a year-round destination and great place to live. This Creative Placemaking Plan is a living document that has already built upon itself and will continue to grow and change as the City and its partners implement its strategies. To bring the plan beyond documents and individual events and to truly benefit from the network of individuals, businesses and organizations dedicated to culture and the arts, the plan suggests the following improvements to the City. A link to the visitors guide can be found at <https://www.capemaycity.com/view-information-guide>

PDF: [CREATIVE ASSETS INVENTORY](#)

IMAGE: [CAPE MAY WEBSITE SCREENSHOT. VISTIORS GUIDE LINK](#)

Creative Placemaking Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: The goal of the Creative Placemaking Plan is to identify and facilitate cooperation between organizations and individuals that serve, or are, the various creative assets of Cape May to best ensure there is something for everyone to enjoy in the City. The Creative Placemaking Plan should assist the City with ways to transfer the cooperation among creative assets into collaboration on projects that promote the arts, culture, and environment of Cape May.

Creative Placemaking Steps Step 1. Upon establishment, the Creative Team, with the assistance of the consultants from Rutala Associates, determined their first order of business was to update the Creative Assets Inventory by reaching out to local arts organizations and business groups while also gathering community events information. Cape May is fortunate to have an active arts community with various groups that focus on enhancing all aspects of the creative community including historical, cultural, fine arts, performing arts, environmental, and recreational. Since the Tourism Utility along with the Chamber of Commerce maintains a complete web site www.capemaychamber.com that that was a culmination of input of all departments and utilities of the City — as well as Cape May City's unique partners, the Washington Street Mall Management Company, individual businesses, and citizens — the Creative Team determined this would be a great tool to use to update the existing inventory. This way, the collective input of all groups that went into creating this web site will also transfer to the Creative Assets Inventory for 2021. The web site helped the Creative Team to locate other businesses, artists, and events that should be added to the existing inventory to make it a thorough Creative Assets Inventory. Step 2. The second step in the Creative Placemaking process was for the Creative Team to assess the "Cape May Coastal City: Planning and Designing a Cultural Landscape Network" report along with the updated Creative Assets Inventory and formally write this Creative Placemaking Plan. The Plan is a living document with the Creative Team working to establish short-term goals in line with the long-range plan that are achievable and work in the best interest of the community. Step 3. Now that the Creative Placemaking Plan has been written, the Creative Team will continue to work with the community and other arts, historical, cultural, and environmental organizations to update the Plan to keep the Creative Assets Inventory current and ensure the City is working toward the Plan's goals. The plan attached here is a draft and further revisions may occur as it makes its way through the Planning Board approval process.

PDF: [CITY OF CAPE MAY CREATIVE PLACEMAKING PLAN](#)

PDF: [CREATIVE PLACEMAKING RESOLUTION](#)

Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture

5 Points

Program Summary: Cape May has recognized the power of arts, history and culture in transforming the landscape of the community. The City has adopted a program of public-private partnerships that have infused a progressive growth of Cape May's annual economy into a ten and a half month economy as opposed to the average 12 week season typical in most seashore resort communities. This program facilitates the leasing of City-owned property on a long term basis for \$1.00 per year with non-profit organizations being responsible for the renovations, operations, and maintenance of the properties. This ensures that the City maintains a nurturing environment by providing the essential physical infrastructure so that fledgling, local, nonprofit cultural, arts and historical organizations can flourish while benefiting the taxpayer by reducing costs associated with maintenance of the properties. Currently, the City has seven (7) such agreements involving City-owned property and they are listed as follows: • Emlen Physick Estate with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts • Washington Street Mall Information Booth with the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts • Franklin Street School with the Center for Community Arts • The former Welcome Center with Cape May Stage • The Nature Center with the New Jersey Audubon Society • The Marine Research Facility with Rutgers University • The Transportation Center/Welcome Center with the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May Through these public-private initiatives, tremendous opportunities have been presented and pursued to unify the business and residential segments of the City to achieve civic, social, cultural, arts, financial and tourism goals of the entire community. These partnerships have created employment opportunities that maintain the City's population base and solidify its economic viability. These non-profit organizations are staffed by a bank of volunteers who plan, develop and implement the vast array of programs, services and activities that are offered on a year round basis to residents and tourists alike. Without these partnerships, the comprehensive schedule of arts, history, cultural, social, environmental, educational, and recreational programs, services and activities could not be possibly funded and staffed by the City of Cape May without the dedication and commitment of these volunteers.

PDF: [CHECKLIST](#)

Utilizing Your Creative Assets

10 Points

Program Summary: Though it has a relatively small year-round population compared to the summer population, the City needs to be prepared with enough services and amenities for those who come to enjoy the seashore resort but might not call it home. Therefore, the City has cultivated nonprofit partnerships with organizations dedicated to preserving, enhancing, and enjoying Cape May's valuable resources — natural, cultural, historical, and creative. Partners include the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Center of Community Arts, Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum, Cape May Film Society, Nature Center of Cape May, Cape May Stage, Cape May Bird Observatory, East Lynne Theater Company, Exit 0 Jazz Festival, Cape May Maritime Museum and Education Center, Cape May Forum, Historic Cold Spring Village, Greater Cape May Historical Society, the City of Cape May, Cape May Elementary School and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May, among others. Cape May has recognized the power of arts, history, and culture in transforming the landscape of the community. The City has adopted a program of public-private partnerships that have infused a progressive growth of Cape May's annual economy into a ten-and-a-half-month economy as opposed to the average 12-week season typical in most seashore resort communities. This program facilitates the leasing of City-owned property on a long-term basis for \$1.00 per year with non-profit organizations being responsible for the renovations, operations, and maintenance of the properties. This ensures that the City maintains a nurturing environment by providing the essential physical infrastructure so that fledgling, local, non-profit cultural, arts and historical organizations can flourish while benefiting the taxpayer by reducing costs associated with maintenance of the properties. The City currently has nine (9) such agreements involving City-owned property and they are listed as follows: • Emlen Physick Estate with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities • Washington Street Mall Information Booth with the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities • Franklin Street School with the Center for Community Arts • The former Welcome Center with Cape May Stage • The Nature Center with the New Jersey Audubon Society • The Marine Research Facility with Rutgers University • The Transportation Center/Welcome Center with the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May • Colonial House with the Greater Cape May Historical Society • Cape Island Tennis Club with the Cape May Tennis Club, Inc. Through these public-private initiatives, tremendous opportunities have been presented and pursued to unify the business and residential segments of the City to achieve civic, social, cultural, arts, financial and tourism goals of the entire community. These partnerships have created employment opportunities that maintain the City's population base and solidify its economic viability. These non-profit organizations are staffed by a bank of volunteers who plan, develop, and implement the vast array of programs, services and activities that are offered on a year-round basis to residents and tourists alike. Without these partnerships, the comprehensive schedule of arts, history, cultural, social, environmental, educational, and recreational pro-grams, services, and activities could not be possibly funded and staffed by the City of Cape May without the dedication and commitment of these volunteers.

PDF: [HOW CAPE MAY UTILIZES ITS ASSETS](#)

Community Partnership & Outreach

Create Green Team

10 Points

 Bronze Required

Program Summary: On February 1, 2011 the City Council of the City of Cape May established the first Cape May City Green Team and appointed members. A new Green Team—with most of the original team members—was created in 2014 for the 2014 application. In the meantime—the City had a change of administration with a new mayor, new business administrator, new council person and more. A new Green Team was established in 2017 to work on the 2017 application. In 2019, the Green Team ramped up its efforts to maintain silver certification and achieve the Gold Star Standard for Energy. Many individual members of the Green Team have been very busy during the interim years planning and running festivals, working on managing natural resources, working on projects that have been part of the Creative Placemaking Plan, planting trees, etc. The newest resolution for the current team is attached.

WORD: [FINAL GREEN TEAM REPORT](#)

PDF: [2020 GT RESOLUTION](#)

Community Education and Outreach

5 Points

Program Summary: Exit Zero, the local Cape May newspaper, donated 4 weeks of free advertising in their paper during December 2020. The Cape May Environmental Commission, working with the green team, spearheaded the effort, which focused on sustainability & also included a PSA.

PDF: [CHECKLIST](#)

IMAGE: [EXIT ZERO.DEC.17.20](#)

IMAGE: [EXIT ZERO.DEC.10.20](#)

IMAGE: [EXIT ZERO.DEC.24.20](#)

IMAGE: [EXIT ZERO CHILL CHALLENGE](#)

IMAGE: [EXIT ZERO.DEC.31.20](#)

Emergency Management & Resiliency

Climate Adaptation: Flooding Risk

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Cape May City went through the Getting to Resilience (GTR) process with Sustainable Jersey in 2014. The city worked with the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve on a follow-up exercise in 2017 to help them prepare for CRS recertification (see attached doc). In 2021, the city is now undertaking the development of floodplain management strategies. The study will look at the causes and impacts of flooding on Cape May City. The ongoing study consists of the preparation of a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis for several areas in Cape May City and this information will be evaluated and used in the development of a floodplain management strategies. The City has used the Getting to Resilience tool to develop a revised All-Hazards Mitigation Plan and a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis which includes a full array of resiliency projects planned for Cape May City.

PDF: [HAZARD MITIGATION](#)

PDF: [CLIMATE ADAPTATION - J C NERR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE](#)

PDF: [CLIMATE ADAPTATION FLOODING RISK PROGRESS REPORT 2021.PDF](#)

Coastal Vulnerability Assessment

20 Points

Program Summary: In late 2016, the City completed a Coastal Vulnerability Assessment. The assessment was completed by a team that included then-Mayor Ed Mahaney, a number of City officials, Tom Heist of Heist Insurance, a representative from JCNERR, representatives from NJDEP, and representatives from Sustainable Jersey. The CVA resulted in the identification and inventory of a number of City assets at risk of sea level rise, the determination of flood risks, and a suite of recommendations to address future vulnerabilities. The document was referenced and discussed extensively in the City's 2019 Master Plan Re-examination. Documentation is attached.

PDF: [COASTAL VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION](#)

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PDF: [2021 COASTAL VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT](#)

Emergency Communications Planning

15 Points

Program Summary: Cape May City does have an Emergency Communications Section in their Emergency Operations Plan per state requirements. A new Emergency Management Coordinator was appointed in 2016 and he has been ensuring that all emergency plans are up to date. The current plan was just re-approved in February 2017. The City's main form of communication is through the Reverse 9-1-1 system. They call their system Code Red and any resident, homeowner, or even vacationer can sign up to receive emergency alerts through this system via the City's website—on the home page. The Reverse 9-1-1 system is used to make calls for any serious weather—coastal or snow storms—a few days prior to the event when sufficient warning is provided through the weather service. The system is also in place and would be used for other sudden emergency systems. The phone calling system is used throughout an event when necessary to update citizens and homeowners during a storm. In addition to Reverse 9-1-1, the City has an audible flood siren system that is used. The emergency management team can isolate areas where siren is going to blow if flooding is only expected in certain areas of the City. A new Communications Emergency Response Team was just established on May 2, 2017 by resolution in keeping with the recommendations and practices of FEMA. The resolution requires that members of the CERT team be trained so as to participate in emergency situations and help sustain lives. The municipal web site is found at www.capemaycity.com/departments/OfficeofEmergencyManagement <<http://www.capemaycity.com/departments/OfficeofEmergencyManagement>> The web site supplements the City's use of Nixle for email and text, plus social media networks Twitter and Facebook. The web site also includes access for "Register Ready". "Register Ready - New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters" allows New Jersey residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends, caregivers and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT CAPE MAY WEBSITE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGT](#)

WORD: [CHECKLIST REVISED](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT 2 CAPE MAY WEBSITE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGT](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY CITY EOP BASE PLAN.PDF](#)

Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies

10 Points

Program Summary: The Cape May Police Department offers the Reassurance Program to residents of Cape May, West Cape May and Cape May Point who are elderly, disabled, live alone, or face other challenges that put them at increased risk in their homes. Participation in the program is completely voluntary and there is no cost to residents. Members of the Reassurance Program call a designated telephone number at the Cape May Police Department on a daily basis, generally between 5:00 AM & 10:00AM and give their name to the police dispatcher. If the resident has not called in by 10:00AM a call is placed to his/her residence. If no contact is made by telephone, a police officer is sent to the residents' home to ensure that they are o.k. If the responding officer has reason to believe that the reassurance resident is home and for some reason unable to answer the telephone or unable to come to the door, the police officer will make entry into the home. Entry can be made either by a predetermined hidden location for the key to the residence or the use of a "Lock Box". A "Lock Box" is a piece of hardware, mounted to the exterior of the home, containing a spare key to the residence. The lock box is a heavy duty unit that can only be unlocked by Cape May Police and Fire personnel. Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/nj/cape-may/cape-may-pd/88056/content/operation-reassurance>

PDF: [VULNERABLE POPULATIONS REGISTER READY FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [WEBSITE CAPE MAY CITY REGISTRATION](#)

PDF: [REASSURANCE REGISTRATION](#)

PDF: [REGISTER READY BROCHURE.CITY OF CAPE MAY](#)

IMAGE: [CITY OF CAPE MAY POLICE DEPT WEBSITE SCREENSHOT OPERATION REASSURANCE](#)

PDF: [CITY OF CAPE MAY VULNERABLE POPULATION CHECKLIST](#)

Energy

Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

50 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The City of Cape May completed a Local Government Energy Audit in July 2011. The audit was funded by NJBPU and completed by Dome-Tech, Inc. To implement this Energy Audit, the City issued a Request for Proposals in accordance with the NJBPU guidelines for an Energy Savings Plan in 2014. On July 7, 2015, a resolution was passed by the governing body selecting John Controls to complete the Energy Savings Plan. Hatch Mott MacDonald, the City Engineer, completed the Third-Party Evaluation in February 2016 and the Energy Savings Plan was approved by the NJBPU in March 2016. The Energy Savings Plan included eleven buildings including City Hall and the Cape May Elementary School. Johnson Controls is in the process of implementing the project and completion is expected by the end of 2017. As noted on the Energy Use Intensity Table electric use is expected to be reduced 289,048 kWh and natural gas is projected to drop 8,536 Therms. The weighted change in Energy Use Intensity is estimate to be 33.68 percent. Given these findings that the energy efficiency upgrades will show at least a 30 percent decrease in energy consumption for the entire building portfolio the City of Cape May should earn 50 points.

EXCEL: [ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PLAN](#)

Green Design

Green Building Policy/Resolution

5 Points

Program Summary: City Council adopted the resolution endorsing the adoption of green building practices for civic, commercial and residential building on May 17, 2011. The resolution was previously distributed to Department Heads and can be found posted of The City of Cape May's website under 'green initiatives. The Green Building Policy, Purchasing Policy and solar links are also located there. In the time since the resolution was adopted, Cape May continues to show leadership in the area of green building by incorporating green building measures into design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings and through energy audits and upgrades to buildings, for example.

PDF: [GREEN BUILDINGS RESOLUTION](#)

IMAGE: [GREEN BUILDING POLICY.WEBSITE.JPEG](#)

Site Plan Green Design Standards

20 Points

Program Summary: Due to its wealth of natural resources, Cape May City has had in place a site plan review that involves precautions to ensure sustainability in development. The attached documentation shows Site Plan Review requirements including Green Design Standards. This ordinance was most recently amended in 2007. The following is part of the Municipal Code, Chapter 434 Solid Waste; Recycling and specifies requirements for recycling and collection of recyclables. § 434-17. New developments of multifamily residential units or commercial, institutional or industrial properties. A. Any application to the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Cape May, for subdivision or site plan approval for the construction of multifamily dwellings of three or more units, single-family developments of three or more units or any commercial, institutional or industrial development of 1,000 square feet or more must include a recycling plan. This plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following: (1) A detailed analysis of the expected composition and amounts of solid waste and recyclables generated at the proposed development; and (2) Locations documented on the application's site plan that provide for convenient recycling opportunities for all owners, tenants, and occupants. The recycling area shall be of sufficient size, convenient location and contain other attributes (signage, lighting, fencing, etc.) as may be determined by the Municipal Recycling Coordinator. B. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the City of Cape May for any development approved by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Cape May pursuant to Subsection A, the owner thereof must supply a copy of a duly executed contract with a hauling company for the purposes of collection and recycling of source-separated recyclable materials for those locations or properties where the municipality does not otherwise provide this service.

PDF: [SITE PLAN GREEN DESIGN STANDARDS CODE](#)

Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program

10 Points

Program Summary: The City maintains monitoring and signage at targeted anti-idling locations. The City of Cape May City adopted by Ordinance No. 777 an Anti-Idling Ordinance that restricts idling in the City in 2012, see attachment. The two priority areas are the transportation center—which is close to the Washington Street Mall and commercial area of town—and the Wawa, which is on the way into and out of town. See sign and priority site map in the attachment. The sign is still there even though the picture has an older date. The anti-idling ordinance is continuously enforced and educational information provided via an educational brochure available at City locations including City Hall, the library, Transportation Center and the Nature Center. A copy of a custom brochure is attached. This is an active campaign - promoted on the website (see screen shot) and also through the signage. In 2017, there has been a renewed anti-idling campaign. The Nature Center—a Cape May City partner—and the Cape May Environmental Commission are working together on a Public Service Announcement regarding anti-idling. The Nature Center wants to work with the City to address anti-idling, especially with regards to school buses since so many of them visit the Nature Center throughout the year. Anti-idling signs remain at the transportation center as in past years.

PDF: [CAPE MAY ANTI-IDLING RESOLUTION 2021](#)

PDF: [ANTI-IDLING BROCHURE](#)

PDF: [SJ ANTI-IDLING SIGN AND PRIORITY LOCATION MAP.2021](#)

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: Inclusion of Conservation and Resiliency elements: Cape May has a long history of meaningful planning and the most recent reexamination represents a continuation of the city's efforts to protect and preserve all that makes Cape May City unique. As such, both Conservation and Resiliency elements were included in Cape May's most recent master plan examination. Given that the vast majority of undeveloped land in the city is environmentally sensitive and supports the wildlife that makes Cape May a desirable place to live and vacation, the city has prioritized protecting these environmentally sensitive resources. The Resiliency Element is a new element of the Master Plan. It describes existing conditions and vulnerabilities affecting the City of Cape May, provides strategies and recommendations for municipal resilience, and describes an Action Plan for implementing resiliency measures. Cape May is vulnerable to hazards that are both man-made and natural. Its location at the Cape has brought it prosperity, and the City has long reaped the benefits of tourism, beach and ecological resources and historical landmarks. However, those characteristics are a double-edged sword: The City's location renders it vulnerable to natural hazards that affect coastal communities, such as flooding and shifts in coastal geomorphology.

PDF: [CMC CONSERVATION ELEMENT 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [RESILIENCY ELEMENT.PART 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [RESILIENCY ELEMENT.PART 2.PDF](#)

Innovative Community Project 2

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2019, the City of Cape May completed a Neighborhood Preservation Plan (NPP). This Plan resulted in funding for the Tubman Museum and the Allen AME Church. The Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) Planning Area is the heart of Cape May's civic community. As the historic home of the City's African American neighborhood and current site of City Hall, Colonial House, Lafayette Street Park and Washington Street Commons, the Planning Area consists of 0.054 square miles (or 34.6 acres). It represents the busy nexus of the City's residential community and civic/commercial center, anchored at either end by the Acme and Washington Street Commons to the south and Lafayette Street Park to the north. The Lafayette Street Park and Franklin Street School are planned for major renovations in the next few years. The Franklin/Lafayette Neighborhood is brimming with activity and is an ideal setting for the State's Neighborhood Preservation Program. This Plan will provide a strategy for uplifting this neighborhood as a result of well planned, public and private sector lead initiatives. Sustainable neighborhoods are the building blocks of sustainable cities. Cape May's NPP has put a focus on some of its most historic neighborhoods. By revitalizing them, the city will reap economic development and cultural benefits. The Harriet Tubman Museum opened on June 19, 2021 and is located in the former Howell House. Built in the 1700s, the Howell House served as the rectory of the neighboring Macedonia Baptist Church. The Harriet Tubman Museum will educate visitors on Cape May's significance in American Black history. According to local historians, Harriet Tubman lived and worked in the city for at least a summer and possibly more to help fund her efforts with the Underground Railroad, the network of allies that helped slaves escape to freedom in the North during the early to mid-19th century.

PDF: [CAPE MAY NPP PLAN](#)

IMAGE: [TUBMAN MUSEUM](#)

IMAGE: [FRANKLIN LAFAYETTE DISTRICT](#)

IMAGE: [FRANKLIN STREET SCHOOL](#)

IMAGE: [CAPE MAY ADDING CHURCH TO ITS CENTRAL CORE OF BLACK HERITAGE SITES REIMAGINED AS COMMUNITY HUB](#)

IMAGE: [CAPE MAY HARRIET TUBMAN MUSEUM GETS IN-PERSON GRAND OPENING ON JUNETEENTH](#)

Innovative Community Project 3

10 Points

Program Summary: After years of effort and litigation, a 96-acre tract of undeveloped land in Cape May has been purchased by the State. The undeveloped land, known as the Sewell Tract, is located near the Coast Guard training center. The purchase price was \$19 million. This acquisition is significant for a few reasons. It is the largest undeveloped area in Cape May and the land plays an important role in flooding and drainage. The site is also important to migrating birds and wildlife. This sale was a joint effort by the City, the Concerned Citizens for Sewell Tract Preservation, the American Littoral Society and many community members who pushed for the sale. Given the size of the tract and its importance to Cape May, as well as Cape May's efforts to have the land preserved, this was a historic settlement for the City and only enhances the resiliency measures Cape May has in place.

PDF: [SEWELL TRACT PRESS OF AC](#)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Audits

5 Points

Program Summary: In 2016, Parsons Brinkerhoff started the Bicycle and Pedestrian Audit and resulting plan. The recommendations in the plan are based on the analysis in the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum and input from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The Bike Walk Cape May draft plan was presented for public input at a community meeting held June 3, 2017. Cape May City requested a copy of the actual audit results and they will be provided to Sustainable Jersey as soon as they are received. From Parsons Brinkerhoff, "Looking through the Sustainable Jersey requirements for a bicycle/pedestrian audit - I would think the Master Plan we just finished should provide nearly all of the necessary content. The only missing piece may be the audit itself (p4 of the guidelines) - it's not clear if this audit has to be a complete audit of all roads within a municipality or if a targeted audit of conditions (as we did) is sufficient." By looking through the attached Master Plan Reexamination, you can see it has been edited to be the most up to date.

PDF: [BICYCLE AND OR PEDESTRIAN AUDIT DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY BIKE PEDESTRIAN PLAN](#)

Bicycle and or Pedestrian Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2016, Parsons Brinkerhoff started the Bicycle and Pedestrian Audit and resulting plan. The recommendations in the plan are based on the analysis in the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum and input from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The Bike Walk Cape May draft plan was presented for public input at a community meeting held June 3, 2017. Official Adoption of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to come. The approval of the plan by the planning board on June 3, 2017 is attached. Additionally, the current version of the Master Plan from 2009 has incorporated bicycle and pedestrian facilities (see Master Plan - pertinent highlights in green). PLEASE NOTE: THE 10/2 COMMENT SAID THAT YOU NEEDED THE SIGNED RESOLUTION ADOPTING BIKE PLAN INTO MASTER PLAN, BUT THAT WAS SUBMITTED JULY 31, 2017. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

PDF: [BIKE WALK CAPE MAY PLAN](#)

IMAGE: [PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE - CITY PARTNER FB PAGE](#)

IMAGE: [BIKE WALK PUBLIC MEETING CITY HOME PAGE](#)

PDF: [SIGNED BIKE AND PED PLAN RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY START BIKE SAFETY COMMITTEE ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION WITH BIKE/PED HIGHLIGHTED](#)

Complete and Green Streets for All Policy

10 Points

Program Summary: Cape May City has been committed to complete streets for many years. City government made a new commitment by resolution in 2017 and it is attached. The Traffic Maintenance Department installs and maintains all informational and regulatory municipal signs as well as pedestrian and vehicular traffic lines for cross-walks, parking stalls, driveways, loading zones, corners, and intersections. The City of Cape May Public Works Department—of which Traffic Maintenance is a part—is responsible for the care and maintenance of streets, public buildings, lands, parks, playgrounds, beaches, a pedestrian walking mall, a promenade and boardwalk, storm sewer systems, motor vehicles, and all similar items related to the physical plant and infrastructure within our jurisdiction.

PDF: [COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION 2017](#)

WORD: [ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [MEMO TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ENGINEER RE POLICY](#)

PDF: [COMPLETE STREETS POLICY NARRATIVE](#)

WORD: [ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS KICK-OFF MEETING](#)

Institute Complete Streets

15 Points

Program Summary: The adopted Complete Streets Resolution for 2017 is the checklist as it is very specific about the requirements of the policy. The memo shows that it has been distributed to the appropriate city officials. The City of Cape May has had a Complete Streets policy for many years. The policy was also re-adopted in 2017. Since they have had a policy in place for awhile, projects in the City have followed the guidance of the policy. A project was completed along Washington Street Mall and including Rotary Park. The attached documentation explains the project and provides photos. Additionally, the City has been working on a project to make a safe path from the Coast Guard community to the rest of the City, specifically the elementary school. The plan followed the guidance of the complete streets policy and will be coming to fruition since the City received an NJDOT Grant to complete the project. Complete Streets Team Members attended meeting with NJDOT and Parsons Brinkerhoff on June 28, 2016, October 24, 2016—NJ Complete Streets Summit—and June 3, 2017. All meetings were held at 10 am. City Engineer Tom Thornton, City Manager Neil Young and City Planner Jim Rutala attended.

PDF: [INSTITUTE COMPLETE STREETS - DESCRIPTION, NARRATIVE, PHOTOS, CHECKLIST](#)

WORD: [INSTITUTE COMPLETE STREETS - MINUTES FROM MEETING](#)

PDF: [NJDOT GRANT ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [MEMO TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ENGINEER RE POLICY](#)

PDF: [COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION 2017](#)

Local Economies

Support Local Businesses

10 Points

Program Summary: Coastal New Jersey businesses operate on tight margins during a good season. The pandemic, which began in March 2020, has decimated many small businesses. Wanting to help and support their businesses, In June 2020, City Council approved allowing the consumption of alcohol in several areas of town, including the beach, the Washington Street Mall and several parks. Other support the City of Cape May has shown its businesses is by closing a road to allow three restaurants to have outdoor seating. The city also allowed one restaurant to use a parking lot owned by the city so that they could have outdoor dining. Additional measures the City of Cape May has taken to help its businesses is by updating its tent ordinance to streamline the process and the permits needed. This was an especially important measure since outdoor seating areas needed to be protected from the elements.

PDF: [THE CITY OF CAPE MAY SAYS YES TO OPEN CONTAINERS.PDF](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY ASSESSMENT](#)

Natural Resources

Environmental Commission

10 Points

Program Summary: The Environmental Commission was very busy in 2019, as well as 2020, meeting monthly throughout the year and being deeply embedded with Cape May's various projects and community activities. It devoted significant time to working with City Council on a comprehensive plastic ordinance, an effort that entailed significant outreach and engagement with residents and businesses. The Commission has also supported various City initiatives, including the Seawall/Promenade Committee and Master Plan Committee. The Commission provided critical environmental perspectives to these committees. It has been successful in publicizing environmental information and implementing projects that enhance the City's environment and environmental knowledge of the City's residents and visitors. The attached annual report details the Commission's involvement.

WORD: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CODE](#)

PDF: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ORDIN](#)

WORD: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 2020 REPORT](#)

WORD: [ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION DOCUMENTATION](#)

Open Space Plans

10 Points

Program Summary: The 2003 Master Plan represents a continuation of the City's planning efforts. This Plan sets the goal to preserve and enhance the City's open space system and upgrade recreational land use to protect Cape May's environmental resources and meet the needs of residents and visitors. A copy of this work is provided. To implement its Open Space Plan the City established the Cape May City Open Space Fund in 2002 by adopting Ordinance No. 1259-2002. The City worked with Temple's Department of Landscaping Architecture and Horticulture to design the improvement of several of the City parks, creating a nature reserve in the eastern end of town and preparing a "Pedestrian City Trail". The Plan is to integrate the parks more fully and sustainably into a walkable and vibrant destination City. In 2019, the City completed its master plan re-examination and comprehensively updated its Community Facilities/Recreation and Conservation Elements. This included a new slate of recommendations and updates on various projects completed in the interim, including Lafayette Street Park- the recipient of millions in grant funds. Cape May City continues to expand and enhance its open space, recreation, and bike path system.

PDF: [INVENTORY & MAPS](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE SECTION OF 2009 PLA](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLAN 2003](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLANS DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [MASTER PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [2021 OPEN SPACE MAP](#)

Water Conservation Education Program

10 Points

Program Summary: The City has and maintains a Water Conservation Demonstration Garden at Madison and Cape May Avenues to help to educate the community on the importance of water conservation and to illustrate xeriscaping for responsible water use. The ongoing Garden project hosts a variety of low-water use and wildlife-friendly plants. Water conservation is such a mission in Cape May City that the City staff have a water conservation message on their business cards, a unique way to encourage water conservation. Water Conservation Reminders are also posted on the City website. A screenshot of that page is in the documents. These have been ongoing projects. In 2016, the City worked on an innovative project to retrofit one of the Comfort Stations (restrooms) near the newly renovated Rotary Park—a major attraction in town. The Lyle Lane comfort station was renovated with energy-saving equipment and water-saving fixtures—Kohler provided the fixtures. And to enhance the education and make the public aware that it was a water-conserving facility, the City worked with Cape May Elementary students to have a mural installed on the outside of the comfort station to educate about water conservation. The water/sewer office has seen reports showing savings from the improvements. In addition to the murals, the school took a field trip to the comfort station in the Spring of 2017 to see water conservation in action. The public works director worked with DEP on the project. The results are in and the facility is really saving money while at the same time educating the public.

PDF: [WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE](#)

IMAGE: [CM ONLINE WATER CONSERVATION REMINDERS](#)

PDF: [CITY WEB GREEN PAGES WATER CONSERVATION](#)

PDF: [WATER CONSERVATION OUTREACH](#)

PDF: [WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM WORKSHEET](#)

IMAGE: [SCHOOL MURAL FACEBOOK POST](#)

Clustering Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: The City of Cape May has a Cluster Provision in its Zoning Ordinance. This provision is designed to preserved open space. When clustering is used, at least 75 percent of the tract shall be preserved open space and conveyed to a state, county or local governmental entity for conservation purposes, subject to the ability to utilize the open space for passive recreation, including informational buildings, walkways, trails, observation decks. A copy of the Ordinance is provided below.

PDF: [CLUSTERING ORDINANCE](#)

Habitat Conservation Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: The Habitat Conservation Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Cape May by Ordinance No. 600; amended in its entirety 12-2-2004 by Ordinance No. 10-2004 (Ch. XXXII of the 1997 Revised General Ordinances). These regulations can be found on the City's web site. The regulations are very progressive. In addition to requiring the replacement of removed trees, the applicant is required to replace any trees located within the footprint of the proposed structure if said trees have a trunk at least three inches in diameter measured at three feet above the ground. Therefore, in addition to the requirement to replace removed trees outside the proposed footprint, plus six feet, the applicant shall plant one tree along the side yard and rear yard, which tree shall be of the same size as the replacement tree except that the applicant is permitted to plant two bushes in lieu of a tree if said bushes are a minimum of two feet in diameter and are classified by the Backyard Habitat for Birds, a Guide for Landowners and Communities in New Jersey, published by the New Jersey Audubon Society. This requirement is to make up for the replacement of shrubs and is in addition to the requirement for replacement trees where said trees are to replace removed trees from outside the building envelope. The replacement trees need not be of the same species as the trees removed; however, they shall be of the same height classifications as the tree removed. The guide to height classifications contained in the Backyard Habitat for Birds shall be considered as sufficient evidence of compliance.

PDF: [HABITAT CONSERVATION ORDINANCE](#)

Tree Protection Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: Cape May City has a strong Shade Tree Commission and the City has worked diligently to maintain health trees in the community. Protecting trees within the City has many benefits for the environment as well as for the health and safety of residents. Trees help to prevent flooding and improve water quality. They also contribute to climate control and reduce soil erosion and sedimentation. Indiscriminate, uncontrolled and excessive destruction, removal, and cutting of trees upon lots and tracts of land within the City can cause increased drainage control costs, increased soil erosion and sedimentation, decreased fertility of the soil, degradation of water resources, and decreased groundwater recharge. The City adopted a Tree Protection Ordinance in 2006 which remains in effect and is provide in File 1.

PDF: [TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE](#)

Community Forestry Management Plan and NJUCF Accreditation

20 Points

Program Summary: Cape May's Shade Tree Commission is extremely active and this is reflected in their Community Forestry Management Plan. Cape May City completed their Community Forestry Management Plan in January 2017. The plan was authored by the city's Shade Tree Commission with the intent of increasing the community's understanding of the urban forest and increasing the public's appreciation of trees on public and private land that benefit the entire community. Each year the City officially proclaims Arbor Day and has a celebration combining Earth Day festivities at Cape May Elementary School each year. Due to COVID, however, these activities did not occur in 2020 or 2021. Although the Shade Tree Commission had no trouble accruing the required CEU's to maintain their accreditation status during COVID, they were unable to file their 2020 accomplishment report. The most recent accomplishment report from 2019 is attached below. Please note that the annual accomplishment report was received by NJDEP NJUCF and the City did earn accreditation status in 2019.

PDF: [CFMP CEUS](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN](#)

PDF: [2019 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY CITY 2019 COMMUNITY FORESTRY ACCREDITATION REPORT 2019.PDF](#)

Tree Planting Programs

10 Points

Program Summary: The Shade Tree Commission's vigorous efforts have resulted in Cape May continually being designated as a "Tree City USA Community". In 2016 and 2017, Cape May planted 15 trees. The trees were planted in Spring and Fall. Nancy Mohan, secretary to Shade Tree Commission keeps track of trees orders. Jay Schatz, Shade Tree Commissioner handles the request and another member works with him to arrange ordering and scheduling plantings. They typically purchase all trees at the size of 2-2.5 inches wide and 5-8 feet tall. The trees that were purchased and planted in 2016/17 were: (9) Elm (1) Sweet Gum (1) Crape Myrtle Lavender (1) Kwanzan Cherry (3) Bald Cypress

PDF: [TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS REPORT](#)

Operations & Maintenance

Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution

5 Points

Program Summary: When the City Council approved the Purchasing Policy by Ordinance (adopted Nov 4 2020, and effective 12/1/2020), they included the Green Purchasing Policy to be a part of the main Purchasing Policy. On Dec 11, 2020, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (Dan) sent an email to all Department Heads, advising them of the newly approved policy (which included the Green Purchasing Policy). The goal of this policy is to encourage and increase the use of environmentally preferable products and services in the City of Cape May. By including environmental considerations in purchasing decisions, City of Cape May can promote practices that improve public and worker health, conserve natural resources, and reward environmentally conscious manufacturers, while remaining fiscally responsible.

PDF: [GREEN PURCHASING RESOLUTION](#)

IMAGE: [GREEN PURCHASING MEMO TO DEPARTMENTS](#)

IMAGE: [GREEN PURCHASING POLICY WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [GREEN PURCHASING POLICY](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Since 2012, Cape May Police Department has been an authorized drop off location for expired or unused prescription medication. The secure container is located in the lobby of the Cape May Police Department, located at 643 Washington Street in Cape May. Project Medicine Drop allows the public to dispose of unused and expired prescription medications safely, securely, and anonymously. The opportunity is available seven days a week, 365 days a year. Since January 2020, 178 pounds have been collected. The police department does an excellent job of updating its website with information on the program, as well as its Facebook page. Reminders about the collection box are periodically posted the department's Facebook page, which has 7,400 followers.

IMAGE: [FACEBOOK POPST](#)

PDF: [PROJECT MED COLLECTION INFORMATION](#)

PDF: [RX COLLECTION OUTREACH - GRAPHICS WERE ALSO POSTERS IN TOWN](#)

PDF: [PROJECT MEDICINE COLLECTION BOX PHOTO](#)

IMAGE: [CITY OF CAPE MAY RX TAKE BACK PROGRAM.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT CAPE MAY WEBSITE PROJECT MEDICINE INFO](#)

Non-Mandated Materials Recycling

10 Points

Program Summary: The City of Cape May accepts non-mandated materials rigid plastic and fluorescent light bulbs. These items can be dropped off at Cape May's Recycling Depot. The city maintains a central recycling facility at 830 Canning House Lane. This facility is a much-appreciated convenience by the residents as they can drop off recyclable material without having to wait for their collection day, especially vacationers who may be leaving town before their recycling is collected. Hours of operation are from 7:30am to 3:15pm May 1 thru October 31. The winter schedule is November 1 thru April 30. The center is closed on Wednesdays during the winter. Saturday hours are from 8:00am to Noon. The drop-off is closed Sundays and holidays. Bulky Rigid Plastic Tonnage List on Page 72. I also deleted all pages except Cape May plastic information and attached below.

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT HOURS](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT. MATERIALS COLLECTED PART 1](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT. MATERIALS COLLECTED PART 2](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY 2019 BULKY RIGID PLASTIC TONNAGE](#)

PDF: [CAPE MAY INFO ONLY](#)

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: The Recycling and Solid Waste Element of the Master Plan was updated during the 2009 Reexamination and it is consistent with the State Plan goals. Recycling in Cape May is presented on the City's website—including a specific page under Public Works for the Central Recycling Station. The City strives to comply with the New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Separation and Recycling Act. The recycling plan is also compliant with the County recycling plan. The City maintains a central recycling facility at 830 Canning House Lane to encourage recycling and facilitate higher recycling rates. The Central Recycling Depot is an integral part of the city's solid waste and recycling management plan as it allows vacationers who may be leaving before the next recycling day to drop their materials at the city recycling depot. The Central Recycling Station accepts paper products, glass food and beverage containers, plastic bottles and jugs, Christmas trees, leaves, grass clippings, fluorescent bulbs, yard waste, electronic waste, rigid plastic, and scrap metal. The central recycling facility is located at the Public Works yard.

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT LOCATION AND HOURS](#)

PDF: [RECYCLING DEPOT PHOTO](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT. MATERIALS COLLECTED PART 1](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT WEBSITE INFO 1](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT. MATERIALS COLLECTED PART 2](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLING DEPOT WEBSITE INFO 2](#)