

Commit Your Town to Climate Progress: Go for the Sustainable Jersey Gold Star in Energy

Sustainable Jersey Webinar June 28, 2017

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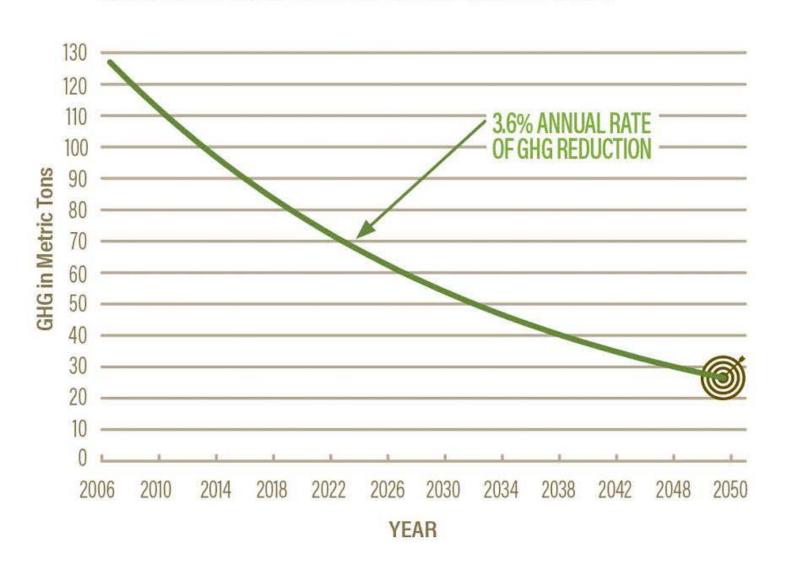


Sustainable Jersey Energy Goals

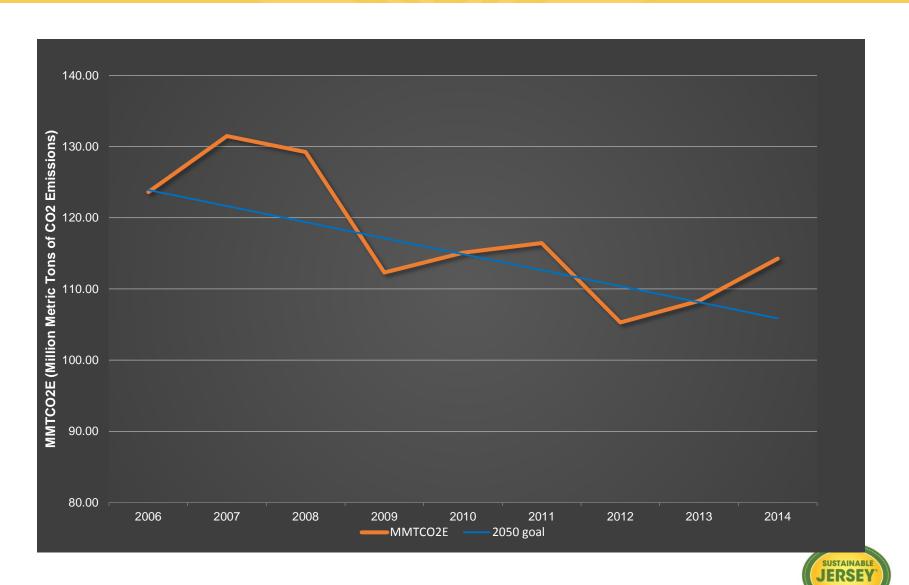
- 1. Decrease greenhouse gas emissions in time to avoid catastrophic climate impacts.
- 2. Increase the renewable energy fraction.
- 3. Increase resilience of energy system.
- 4. Increase affordability of energy.
- 5. Decrease risk to health from the energy system.



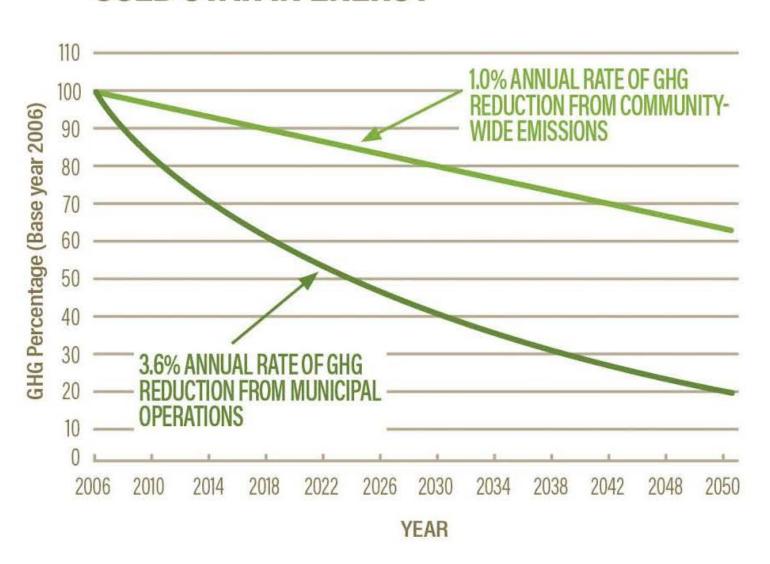
STATEWIDE REDUCTIONS REQUIRED BY GLOBAL WARMING RESPONSE ACT



NJ Performance 2006-2014: Actual vs. Target Emissions (MM Tons of CO₂)



REDUCTIONS REQUIRED FOR GOLD STAR IN ENERGY



The Gold Star in Energy

2 Municipal Roles, 2 Municipal Standards, 2 Gold Actions:

- 1. Municipal operations and facilities: Buildings, exterior lighting, fleets
- 2. Influencing the community: Taking effective action to lower community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions



Before you apply...

Currently Silver certified OR applying for Silver certification



Apply for the Gold
Star Standard in
Energy and/or
Waste





Sustainable Jersey is nonprofit organization JERSEY that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Learn More →

PROGRAM AREAS

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ->

SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ->

ENERGY PROGRAM --

RESILIENCY PROGRAM ->

PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT ->

PROGRAM FUNDERS



IMAGINE A BETTER NEW JERSEY UNDERWRITER

View the map of Sustainable Jersey communities. Search the completed actions database and sort by county, actions and certification status! View

Now \rightarrow

Or download the poster here.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

TOTAL PARTICIPATING

198 CURRENTLY CERTIFIED

153

BRONZE 7 SILVER



BECOME CERTIFIED -

GOLD STARS AWARDED



0 Gold Star Municipalities

0 Total Gold Stars Awarded



Commit Your Town to Climate Progress: Go for the Sustainable Jersey Gold Star in Energy ONLINE JUN 28, 2017 - 01:00 PM TO 02:00 PM



Monmouth County Green Team Esteem Monmouth County Ag Building JUN 29, 2017 - 06:30 PM TO 08:00 PM

NEW! GOLD STAR STANDARD

View the new Gold Star Standards in Energy and Waste - A new level of recognition for silver certified communities.

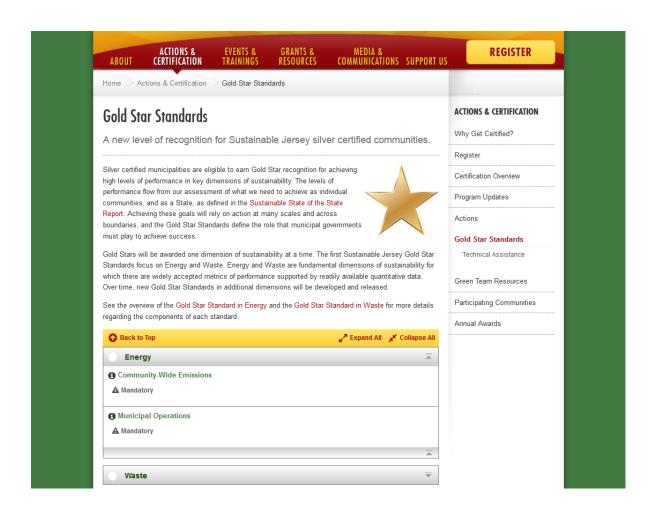
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Gold Star Standards

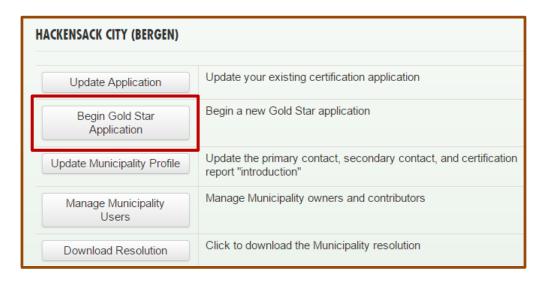


http://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions-certification/gold-star-standards/



Accessing Your Gold Star Application

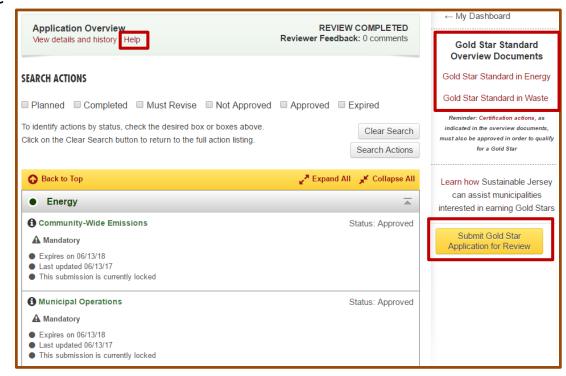
- Sign in to Sustainable Jersey website
- Access the Gold Star application via the Municipal Dashboard
- Click "Begin Gold Star Application"





Gold Star Application

- Same look and feel as the certification application
- Same action statuses
- "Help" area contains overview of Gold Star standards
- Overview documents available
- Submit button is yellow and always clickable



NOTE: All Gold Star actions within at least one Gold Star category (Energy/Waste) must be marked **completed** to submit



Gold Star Standard: Municipal Operations

What to submit:

- Describe municipal strategies What did you do to lower emissions from municipal operations by average 3.6% per year?
- 2. Prove that you did it. Upload:
 - Municipal carbon footprint for selected base year.
 - Municipal carbon footprint for the most recent calendar year for which data are available.



Strategies for Getting to Gold

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: GHG REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND GOAL

STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE GOLD	TIME TO IMPLEMENT	IMPACT ON MUNICIPAL GHG		
Renewable Energy Generation		4-38%		
On-Site Solar System	1-2 years	1-35%		
On-Site Wind System	3-5 years	<1%		
Geothermal System	2-3 years	3%		
Greening the Municipal Fleet	15-18%			
Purchase Alternative Fuel or Efficient Vehicles	hase Alternative Fuel or Efficient Vehicles 3-7 years			
Convert Vehicles to Alternative Fuel	1 year	2%		
Trip Optimization Software	1 Year	3-6%		
Proper Vehicle Maintenance	1 Year	6%		
Driver Training	1 year	3%		
Buildings and Street Lighting Efficiency		12-19%		
Implement Energy Efficiency Measures	2-4 years	10-17%		
Energy Tracking & Management	1 year	2%		
Estimated Impact from Reduction Strategies		31-75%		

Strategies for Getting to Gold

COMMUNITY-WIDE GHG EMISSIONS: REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND GOAL

STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE GOLD	TIME TO IMPLEMENT	IMPACT ON MUNICIPAL GHG		
Renewable Energy Generation		6-11%		
Community Purchase of Green Energy (Aggregation)	1-2 years	4-7%		
Community-led Solar Initiatives	1-2 years	2-4%		
Mobile Sources (vehicles)	10-18%			
Public Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Refueling Station	1 year	F 400/		
AFV Infrastructure Permitting and Zoning	1-2 years	5-10%		
Development Patterns/Intensity	5-10 years	5-8%		
Promoting Walking and Bicycling	2-10 years			
Building Energy Efficiency		3-4%		
Commercial Sector Outreach (Direct Install)	1-2 years	≈1%		
Outreach to Residents (Home Performance w/Energy Star)	1-2 years	≈1%		
Tree Canopy (Shading Effect)	1-10 years	1-2%		
Estimated Impact from Reduction Strategies		19-33%		

Gold Star Standard: Community Emissions

Lower community-wide GHG through six actions:

- Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly
- Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Make Your Town Solar Friendly
- Community-Led Solar Initiatives
- Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach
- Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach
- ALTERNATE PATH: meet 1% annual reduction by substituting pre-approved, effective actions (e.g., R-GEA)



Make Your Town Solar Friendly Action

Supportive Solar Zoning Ordinance

- Adopt Solar Zoning Ordinance
- Amend Permitting Fee Ordinance



 Note: <u>Solsmart</u> Silver designation qualifies for 30 points for this action

Streamlined Permitting

- Post requirements online
- TWO additional activities:
 - Train first responders
 - Cross-train codes and permitting staff
 - Expedited permitting
 - Offer narrow inspection timeframe
 - Expedite or eliminate zoning review

Community Led Solar Initiatives Action

Group Purchasing Program

- Group purchasing models
 - Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge
 - Solarize campaign
 - Solarize campaign for businesses
- Performance based criteria
 - % of residents participating
 - % of businesses participating
 - Overall kW installed per capita

Activities and Incentives

- Awareness building and outreach
 - Financial institutions
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Realtors
- Incentives
 - 'Solar ready' checklist for builders
 - Waive permitting fees
 - Utilize local workforce trainees



Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly Action

National Drive Electric Week

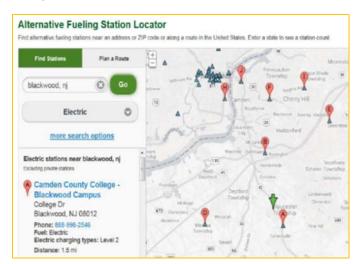
- Purpose: facilitate adoption of EV by consumers
- Required activities
 - Zoning ordinance -- EV charging stations as accessory use
 - Ordinance -- design standards for EVSE parking spaces
 - Training for local officials
- Outreach activities (must do ONE)
 - Incentive for pre-wiring for EV charging station
 - Awareness event
 - Commitment from 3 local partners for workplace chargers
 - Commitment from 3 local partners for multi-family chargers





Public EV Charging Infrastructure Action

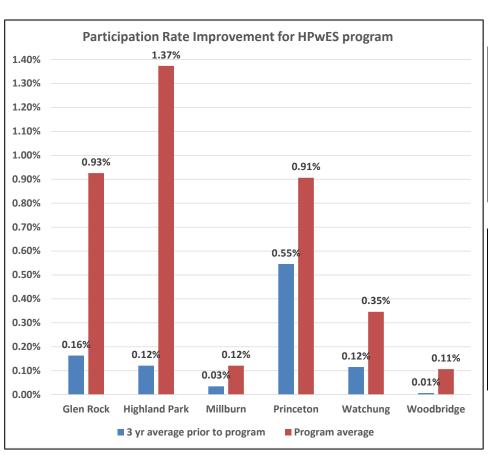
- Purpose: Helps address 'range anxiety'
- Required elements
 - Municipality instrumental in the project
 - Publicly available
 - Listed on "public directory"
 - Signage/Promotion of Charging Stations
- Charging station may be:
 - Located on private property
 - Owned and operated by a local nonprofit





Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach

 Green team partners with municipal officials to complete targeted outreach program for the Home Performance with Energy Star & Comfort Partners programs.



The average participation rate improvement for the six HPwES efforts that have been certified to date in Sustainable Jersey is a "6.8-fold" increase (range low of 1.7 to a high of 15.6)

		Participation Rates					
Municipality	Households	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total Completions
Glen Rock	3,672	0.16%	0.05%	0.27%	0.63%	1.23%	69
Highland Park	2,475	0.12%	0.93%	1.82%	0.53%	0.48%	114
Millburn	5,777	0.12%	0.02%	0.07%	0.02%	0.12%	24
Princeton	5,739	0.63%	0.51%	0.51%	1.10%	0.71%	301
Watchung	1,735	0.23%	0.06%	0.23%	0.06%	0.35%	19
Woodbridge	24,406	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.19%	1.72%	509
Statewide	2,102,465	0.13%	0.18%	0.23%	0.26%	0.30%	30,060



Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach

 Green team partners with municipal officials to complete targeted outreach program to local businesses for the Direct Install program.



Dear Pennington Borough Business Owner,

We are writing today to alert you to two programs that we encourage you to participate in.

The first is the "New Jersey Direct Install" (NJDI) program that provides extensive funding for local businesses to improve and/or update their facilities for greater energy efficiency. The process is completely turnkey, and can result in dramatic improvements in your physical plant, with minimal cost to you.

The second opportunity is the "Hopewell Valley Green Business Recognition Program" which has been established to recognize and highlight the efforts of local businesses to help the environment by participating in this environmental awareness program. Participants in this program will be recognized throughout the Valley in various ways.

The enclosed flyer explains NJDI in greater detail. We urge you to seriously consider taking advantage of this amazing program. Join us for a presentation by an NJDI representative at the June 11th meeting of the Hopewell Valley Green Team at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

Also at this meeting, the Hopewell Valley Green Team will launch our Valley-wide Green Business Recognition Program. The program is designed to highlight the good work that so many of you are doing to reduce your company's impact on the environment and to provide you with the information and resources to do more. Read more about Green Business Recognition on the reverse side of this page, and then come to the meeting to find out how to participate.

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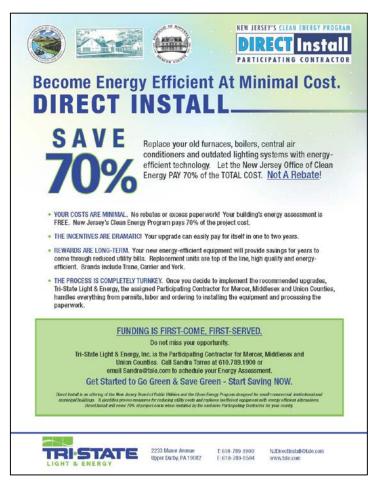
Anthony Persichilli

Joann Held Co-chair, HV Green Team

SAVE THE DATE FOR A MEETING TO LEARN ABOUT BOTH PROGRAMS JUNE 11 at 7:30 pm Hopewell Township Municipal Building

Hopewell Township Municipal Building 201 Washington Crossing – Pennington Rd, Titusville Open to all Property Owners and Tenants

> 30 North Main Steet * Pennington, New Jersey 68534 609-737-0276 * Jan: 609-737-0780 www.perningtonboro.org





Pathways to Gold Star in Energy

Sample Town A

- Municipal Carbon Footprint
- Plus six required actions
 - Make Your Town Solar Friendly
 - Community Led Solar Initiatives
 - Make Your Town Electric
 Vehicle Friendly
 - Public Electric Vehicle
 Charging Infrastructure
 - Residential Energy Efficiency
 - Commercial Energy Efficiency

Sample Town B

- Municipal Carbon Footprint
- Provides robust data to demonstrate GHG reductions of 1% per year for 3 years
- Substitute preapproved activities, for example:
 - Renewable Government
 Energy Aggregation
 - EV Challenge

Community Choice Aggregation

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a municipal energy procurement model that replaces the utility as the default supplier of electricity for virtually all homes and small businesses within a community.

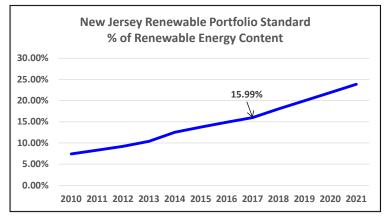
It offers the following benefits:

- Secure lower energy prices locally
- Exercise more local control over energy resources
- Increase the percentage of renewables in the fuel mix
- In New Jersey, this model is known as Government Energy Aggregation (GEA)



Renewable Government Energy Aggregation

- RGEA is a Sustainable Jersey action that utilizes the CCA model to spur adoption of cleaner energy in New Jersey.
 - Action gives points on a sliding scale depending on the percentage of energy from renewable sources in the default package
 - Law currently requires 15.985% of NJ energy from renewable content
 - Our research is based on an RGEA with 40% renewable content



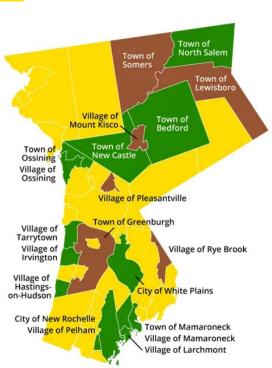
To date, no NJ municipality has adopted a CCA that has a renewable content above the existing renewable portfolio standard *as its default package*



Renewable Government Energy Aggregation

 However, a successful example exists just to our north in Westchester County, NY (2016).

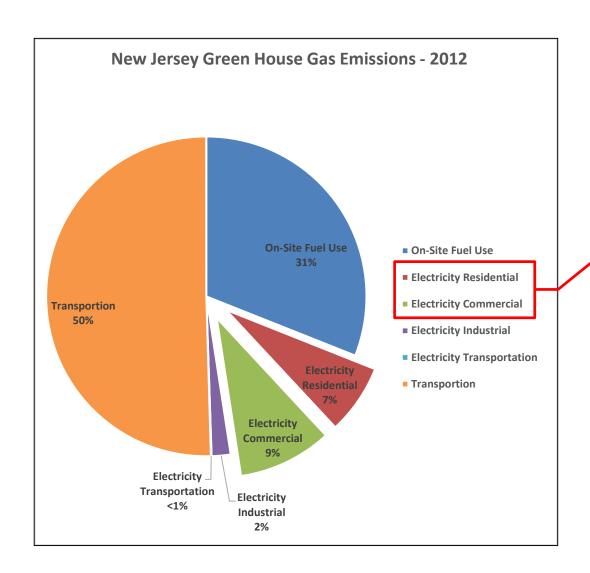




- ➤ 20 municipalities representing 40% of the county's population are participating
- CCA Basic Supply package saves 9.1% on electricity over basic tariff rate
- CCA Renewable Package saves 5.7% on electricity over basic tariff rate
- > 70,000 of the 110,000 residential customers in Westchester County chose the 100% renewable energy option
- > 15% GHG reduction as a result of this program



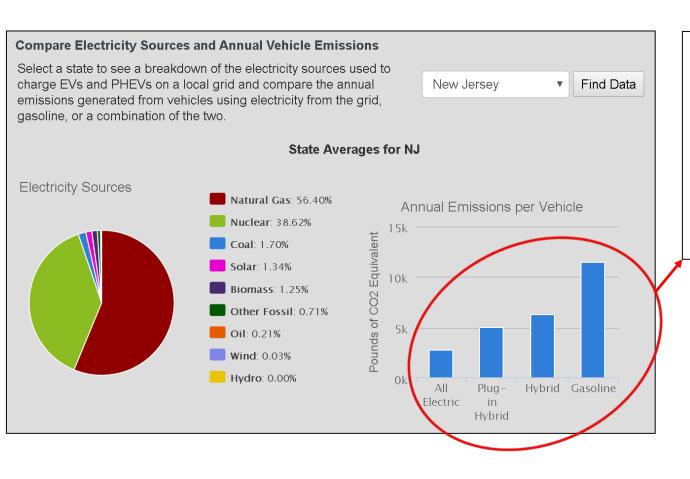
RGEA - Potential for Emissions Reductions



Based on a historic participation rate of 90+%, we estimate that a municipality in New Jersey could reduce their carbon emissions profile by 6 – 9% by implementing the RGEA action



Electric Vehicles - Potential for Emissions Reductions



GHG Emissions Savings from Gasoline to:

> Hybrid 45%

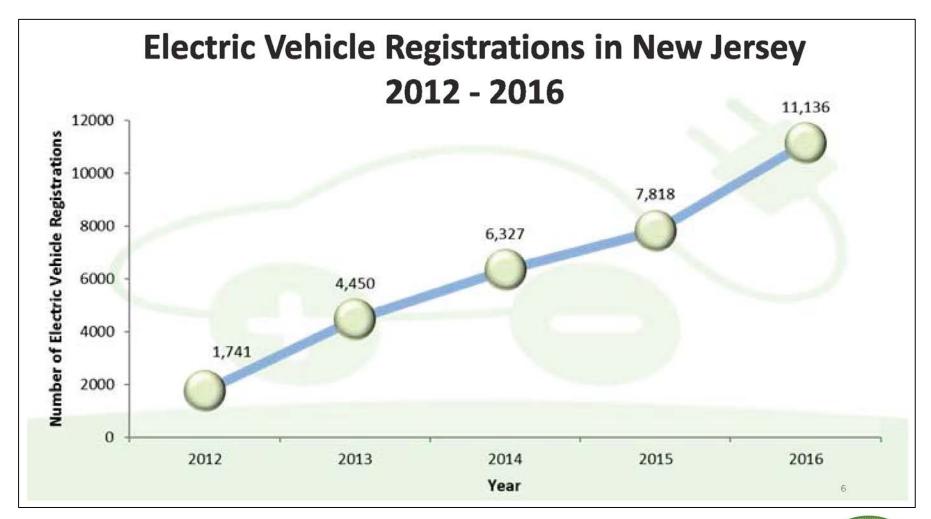
Plug-in hybrid 56%

> All electric 76%

Source: https://www.afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/electric_emissions.php



Electric Vehicles in NJ

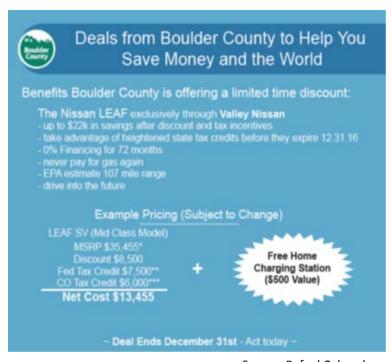




Source: NJDEP Presentation at 2017 Sustainability Summit

EV Group Purchase Program

- Community-Led Outreach Campaign
- Engage local auto dealerships for:
 - Discount pricing
 - Limited duration
- Increase support for EV Friendly policies and Public EV Charging Infrastructure
- Can be paired with Solar Group
 Purchase Program

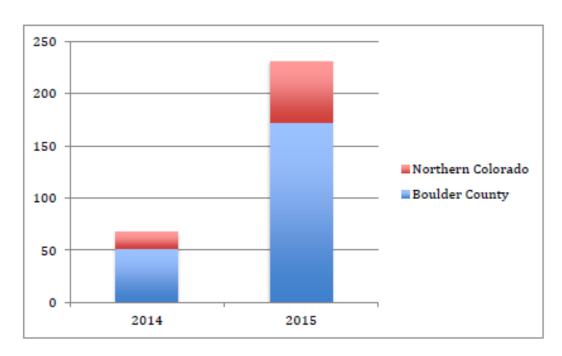


Source: Refuel Colorado. www.refuelcolorado.com/sites/default/files/poster-december-leaf-sv.pdf





EV Group Purchase Program Outcomes



Source: Southwest Energy Efficiency Project. The Electric Vehicle and Solar Photovoltaic Power Purchase Handbook: A Toolkit for Developing EV and Rooftop Solar Group Purchase Programs. http://refuelcolorado.com/Power Purchase Handbook.pdf

- Northern Colorado
 - 300% increase in EV sales
 - o 15 EVs sold in 2014
 - o 59 EVs sold in 2015
- Boulder, Colorado
 - 230% increase in EV sales
 - o 52 EVs sold in 2014
 - o 173 EVs sold in 2015
- Price break offered:
 - \$8,500 dealer discount
- Plus tax credits:
 - \$7,500 federal tax credit
 - Colorado tax credit

Going for Gold!

- It's needed!
 - Gold Star in Energy demonstrates commitment to reducing GHG emissions in time to stabilize climate
- It's feasible!
 - Meeting 2 Gold Star Standards gets needed reductions using known strategies:
 - For municipal operations
 - For community-wide emissions
- Sustainable Jersey staff are here to help!
 - Contact us (soon!)



Thank You!

If your town is contemplating going for a Gold Star in Energy, or for further information, contact:

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Upcoming Partner Events



NJ ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS WORKSHOP

18 JULY 2017

FROM 9 AM - 2 PM

NJPSA FEA Conference Center 12 Centre Drive Monroe Township, NJ 08831

> This free one-day workshop will present lessons from the field to educate decision makers on electric school bus technology, funding, procurement & best practices for deployment. Registration is free and includes lunch.

> > RSVP ONLINE
> > HTTP://BIT.LY/EBUSNJ







Event co-hosted by Sustainable Jersey, NJ Clean Cities Coalition, & the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation. Funding provided by the NY Community Trust



Upcoming Events

The Art of Sustainability: Creative Placemaking and Your Community JULY 26, 2017 - 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM ONLINE

REGISTER

This webinar will provide an overview of all of the arts and creative culture actions in the Sustainable Jersey program, and will focus on the newest action, Municipal Commitments to Arts and Creative Culture. This action rewards municipalities for building a more welcoming environment for artistic and cultural activity through land use ordinances and other regulations, contractual relationships with cultural organizations, municipal ownership of spaces reserved for cultural and creative activities, tax abatements that help creative people to live or work in the community, and art-specific strategies in the municipality's Master Plan.

Speakers will talk about how they have utilized their creative assets to make their communities more vibrant, both economically and artistically.



Upcoming Events

Helping Your Local Businesses Be More Sustainable (Webinar) September 13, 2017 – 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM REGISTER

Community efforts toward sustainability cannot be successful without the active engagement of the private sector. The NJ Sustainable Business Registry Program, developed by the NJ Small Business Development Centers in partnership with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, is an online registry where businesses can receive tips and resources to become more sustainable.

Learn about Sustainable Jersey's Green Business Recognition Program action that awards points to municipalities that promote and encourage the adoption of this program by its businesses. Hear about the Registry and what Sustainable Jersey communities have done to promote sustainability to their local businesses



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