

QUOTES FROM SELECT 2021 RESILIENCY GRANT RECIPIENTS (ALPHABETICAL BY NEW JERSEY COUNTY)

The Town of Hammonton is grateful to the Sustainable Jersey organization and to Atlantic City Electric for selecting our municipality to receive a \$5,000 grant funding the design of a new green infrastructure stormwater management area. Hammonton is committed to this new approach to stormwater management, and has already collaborated in the development of two demonstration rain gardens to show our residents how water from storms can be managed without the need for more costly traditional "hardscaping". This project features a collaboration between the County of Atlantic, local residents, and the Town, in addressing multiple issues at the project site. As part of the eventual remediation of this site, which will be contoured to slow the passage of stormwater via multiple gradients as well as vegetated basins (rain gardens), we intend to correct the adjacent stormwater system outfall, and replace the current non-native, invasive plant species on the site with native plants that promote and preserve our native pollinator and other species of insects, birds, and mammals. Further, the project will greatly benefit the quality of our Hammonton Lake, as the site drains into an important feeder to the Lake. Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric have long been good partners with the Town of Hammonton, and we thank them for their continuing vote of confidence in our town! – Steve DiDonato, Mayor, Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County

Laurel Springs Borough is densely treed and old growth trees can cause problems during and in the aftermath of storms. While Atlantic City Electric has always been a strong partner with the Borough in restoring full service, this grant will provide needed temporary emergency back-up power at key Borough facilities. – Thomas A. Barbera, Mayor, Laurel Springs Borough, Camden County

Elsinboro Township is extremely grateful to be the recipient of this funding. This will allow us to enhance our emergency response efforts, which we wouldn't be able to do without this funding source. – Sean M. Elwell, Mayor, Elsinboro Township, Salem County

QUOTES FROM SELECT 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS (ALPHABETICAL BY NEW JERSEY COUNTY)

The City of Brigantine is very appreciative to have been selected to receive a 2021 Sustainable Communities Environmental Stewardship grant funded by Atlantic City Electric in the amount of \$5,000.00. The grant will be used for our B.E.A.C.H. (Brigantine Educational and Cultural Hub) Observation Deck project which is currently being worked on by our Green Team. We are proudly working on transforming an underutilized observation deck on the north end of the island into what we believe will be an educational hub that will be used by local schools, environmental stewards, nature enthusiasts, and anyone else who our outreach entices for years to come! Our community has a track record of collaboration. With the B.E.A.C.H. Observation Deck project, the Department of Public Works, City Hall, the Green Team, the Cultural Arts Society, and Chamber of Commerce along with members of the community will come together. We will spruce up the observation deck, and we will be installing zoo quality signage we anticipate to last for 10+ years which will explain the flora and fauna seen from the

deck. The individual signage will be custom made, utilizing photography taken by area amateurs and professionals, thus increasing the interest in the project from the community, and expert information from various resources, including the Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program. We will be acknowledging Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric on our welcome sign and we thank both organizations for their continued support and partnership with Brigantine. – **Vince Sera, Mayor, Brigantine City, Atlantic County**

We would like to thank Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric for providing these funds that will help make Egg Harbor City a more sustainable place to enjoy. These funds will allow for more trees to be planted and help residents learn more about the trees in the City. – **Lisa Jiampetti, Mayor, Egg Harbor City, Atlantic County**

I'm thrilled that Evesham Township is a recipient of this amazing grant through the partnership between Sustainable NJ and ACE. These funds will allow our township to update our Open Space and Recreation Plan, which helps us manage the diverse, ecological richness of our community and helps us improve the quality of life for all our residents. – **Jaclyn Veasy, Mayor, Evesham Township, Burlington County**

The Township of Franklin is very grateful for the generosity of Atlantic City Electric and Sustainable New Jersey. The children of our community will all benefit and have their lives made brighter with an improved playground and park at Malaga Lake. – **John Bruno, Mayor, Franklin Township, Gloucester County**

As a participating community of Sustainable Jersey since the inaugural year, 2009, we are pleased to received funding for our Pollinator project. Strategic plantings at our new municipal facility will be the basis for education and through the species they attract we will take to the next level of connecting with people through the food influenced by these pollinator with a Pollinator Potluck dinner. Plants Food People! It's magic. --**Angela Andersen, Sustainability Director for Long Beach Township, Field Station Manager for the LBT Marine Education Field Station, Ocean County**

Elmer's Grant will go toward the construction of a twenty four by twenty four foot pavilion in our Green Acres Park. The pavilion will be a focal point of our "Park" giving us the ability to have outdoor events rain or shine. As we promote outdoor events due to the COVID pandemic the pavilion will give runners, bicycles riders and walkers a resting place in the "Park" large enough to accommodate groups to still gather while practicing social distancing. – **Joseph Stemberger, Mayor, Elmer Borough, Salem County**