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**2022 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program
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Quotes from \$20,000 Grant Recipients (Listed alphabetically by county)

“Pleasantville is working hard to reduce energy cost throughout the City by completing energy audits on all public buildings and working towards converting all the streetlights to brighter LED technology. We thank Sustainable Jersey for supporting the City’s efforts through this generous grant.” - *July Ward, Mayor, Pleasantville City, Atlantic County*

“I want to thank Sustainable Jersey for helping to provide New Milford with the resources necessary to protect our environment and help achieve our sustainable goals. The New Milford Environmental and Energy Commission, The Borough and Mayor and Council will use the Environmental Resource Inventory as a first step in informing and determining future projects.” - *Michael Putrino, Ed.D., Mayor, New Milford Borough, Bergen County*

“The Borough of Pitman is pleased to be a 2022 PSEG Foundation grant recipient and thanks the Grants Committee for its recognition of the value in our proposal. Our community is also blessed to have such a dedicated group of volunteers working on this project. This grant will be used to install bike racks, a bicycle repair stand, high visibility crosswalks, and a flashing crossing beacon and represents the Borough’s continuing commitment to bicycle and pedestrian safety. It is our hope that these improvements will encourage residents to consider more sustainable modes of transportation which are healthier, environmentally friendly, and reduce the burden on parking. In addition to the obvious benefits of this project, we anticipate that our efforts will result in an additional 20 points from Sustainable Jersey as we progress towards silver certification.” - *Michael L. Razze, Jr., Mayor, Pitman Borough, Gloucester County*

“Lambertville is still recovering from the devastating effects of flash flooding that occurred in September of 2021 as a result of a nearly 10-inch rainfall from the remains of hurricane Ida. Storms like Ida area no longer a once in a 500- or 100-year event. Climate change is here and we are already experiencing its severe effects. Lambertville is committed to take every action we can to make our City more resistant to flooding, create resiliency, and mitigate the effects of climate change whenever and wherever possible. This grant gets us off to a great start. This project will transform a half-acre lot into a green oasis where residents can walk, sit, play games and walk their dogs. By planting approximately 20 native trees and over 2000 native herbaceous perennials, we will strengthen this neighborhood’s defenses against flooding, mitigate the City’s heat island effect, remove pollutants from air and stormwater, and increase habitat for birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife. In addition, this project will demonstrate actions homeowners can take on their own property to combat climate change. We couldn’t be more pleased to have been chosen as the recipient for this grant. We thank Sustainable Jersey for this wonderful opportunity and for their continued partnership.” - *Andrew J. Nowick, Mayor, Lambertville City, Hunterdon County*

“Stafford Township’s Green Team Advisory Committee has been hard at work since forming in 2019. In 2020, the Township became Bronze Level certified for the first time ever in the Sustainable Jersey program and has been working hard since, to get to that next level of certification. The Township recently completed a Coastal Vulnerability Assessment in 2021, along with obtaining Silver Level recognition in the Safe Routes to School program. Just recently, the Township’s Green Team just helped to update the Township’s Natural Resource Inventory. These are all needed actions and a lot of hard work goes into these actions. This Sustainable Jersey grant funding will go towards developing the Township’s first ever Climate Adaptation Action Plan that will tie into the short and long term projects that the Township is working on. The Township Council and I want to thank Sustainable Jersey for providing this grant and for the hard work of all our Green Team members to complete these sustainable initiatives for the Township.” - *Gregory E. Myhre, Mayor, Stafford Township, Ocean County*

"Thank you to Sustainable Jersey for this funding to help facilitate the expansion of safe bicycling in Westfield," said Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle. "I'm grateful to the Westfield Green Team for their work in identifying a suitable location for our first bike oasis, which will further promote bicycle access in our downtown while also advancing our sustainability efforts." - *Shelley Brindle, Mayor, Westfield Borough, Union County*

Quotes from \$10,000 Grant Recipients (Listed alphabetically by county)

"Hamilton is thrilled to receive this generous grant from Sustainable Jersey which will go a long way in helping our Environmental Commission achieve some of their goals for 2022. Hamilton is currently a Bronze level certified Township and this grant will assist us in completing projects to go for a higher certification level in the future." - *Jeff Martin, Mayor, Hamilton Township, Burlington County, Mercer County*

"I am delighted to hear that the Borough of Highland Park has been selected to receive a 2022 Sustainable Jersey grant, generously funded by PSE&G, for \$10,000," said Gayle Brill Mittler, Mayor of Highland Park. "The project, developed by our Asst to the Borough Administrator Emma Von Thun and our Sustainable Highland Park team, will enable us to create a rain garden at the Highland Park Public Library to address stormwater runoff at its side door. This initiative is a clever way to both address a gnawing problem at the library and to also raise awareness of best practices in green infrastructure management. I commend our grant authors on putting together a wonderful project and I look forward to seeing it implemented" - *Gayle Brill Mittler, Mayor, Highland Park Borough, Middlesex County*

"I want to thank Sustainable Jersey for providing our students with the tools, training, and financial support to create a better community here in Monroe. We are very proud of the students in the Environmental Action Club and are very impressed with their dedication to the community of Monroe Township High School. The support of Sustainable Jersey will go a long way to improving our infrastructure and creating a better environment for future generations." - *Dr. Kevin G. Higgins, Principal, Monroe Township High School, Monroe Township School District, Middlesex County*

"Ardena School is thrilled to accept this grant from Sustainable Jersey and the PSEG Foundation to put toward our natural playscape. An outdoor space for our school has been a dream for several years and this grant will bring this dream to life! We cannot wait to have this special area in our "backyard" for teachers to use for outdoor lessons and for our students to enjoy during recess." - *Katie Mignoli, Principal, Ardena Elementary School, Howell Township Public Schools, Monmouth County*

"The Colts Neck Township Green Team was pleased to be the recipient of a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by the PSE&G Foundation to update our Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). This updated ERI will be a valuable planning tool for the Township Committee as well as our other Boards and Commission. On behalf of Deputy Mayor/Green Team Liaison Sue Fitzpatrick and our entire Township Committee, I would like to thank Sustainable Jersey and the PSE&G Foundation for their generous support of this worthwhile project which will benefit our residents now and in the future." - *J.P. Bartolomeo, Mayor, Colts Neck Township, Monmouth County*

"Hazlet Middle School is honored to be the recipient of a 2022 PSEG Sustainable Jersey Schools School Grant. This generous endowment will enable the Hazlet Middle School to purchase a dishwasher and reusable plastic trays for our cafeteria and reduce our solid waste stream. The Hazlet Middle School would like to thank PSEG and Sustainable Jersey Schools for this wonderful opportunity." - *Mike Miller, Supervisor of Science and Engineering Grades K-12, Hazlet Middle School, Hazlet Township Public Schools, Monmouth County*

"Raritan High School would like to extend a special thank you to PSEG Foundation and Sustainable Schools for this generous grant. The Rocket Fit Trail will provide a physical training outlet for our students, staff and members of the Rocket community. Mr. Eric Pritchard, RHS team leader, proposed a fitness trail on campus so our community can invest in their health. I want to personally thank Eric for his time and energy in this detailed plan." - *Dr. Andrew Piotrowski, Principal, Raritan High School, Hazlet Township Public Schools, Monmouth County*

"The Bay Head School is so thankful to be chosen to receive the \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant. These funds are vitally important to help us to address some of the water infiltration issues we have been experiencing and regain the use of valuable classroom and office space. We want to give a special thank you to the PSEG Foundation for funding this grant and to everyone at Sustainable Jersey who has made this grant possible." - *Steven W. Corso , MAT, CPA, Superintendent, Bay Head Borough School District, Ocean County*

Select Quotes from Select \$2,000 Grant Recipients (Listed alphabetically by county)

"Evesham Township is grateful to have received this grant through the partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the PSEG Foundation," Evesham Mayor Jaclyn Veasy said. "It's thanks to programs such as Sustainable Jersey that Evesham Township can continue to work so diligently to protect the ecological resources of our community. By keeping our environment safe and healthy for our residents, we also improve the overall quality of life for those who chose to make their home here in the natural beauty of Evesham." - *Jaclyn Veasy, Mayor, Evesham Township, Burlington County*

"On behalf of the Township of North Bergen, I'd like to thank Sustainable Jersey and the PSE&G Foundation for this \$2,000 grant, which will allow us to rejuvenate an old, disused property and establish a brand-new community garden in conjunction with the North Bergen Board of Education. We are pleased and proud to partner with Sustainable Jersey on ecologically conscious projects and to continue making North Bergen a greener, more environmentally friendly community." - *Nicholas J. Sacco, Mayor, North Bergen Township, Hudson County*

"This grant will allow our students to learn about green spaces, the impacts of climate change, and sustainability. It will empower them to think differently and become agents of change in their community." - *Janeen Maniscalco, Principal, Number 33 Elementary School, Jersey City Public Schools, Hudson County*

"The Clinton Township Green Team embodies the Township's commitment to raising awareness of environmental issues and encouraging sustainable lifestyle choices within our community. We are excited to receive this grant, as it will be instrumental in enabling the first Clinton Township Green Fair and Electric Vehicle Car Show to be held on July 9th, 2022. The Green Fair and Electric Vehicle Car Show will demonstrate how community members can reduce their impact on the environment and will help make our commitment to sustainability outreach a reality." - *Brian Mullay, Mayor, Clinton Township, Hunterdon County*

"East Amwell Township prides itself on its rural beauty located within an environmentally sensitive area which has seen die-off due to the emerald ash borer. We are thankful for the Environmental Commission's dedication to providing opportunities to our residents to replenish the tree canopy within the township, and for dedicating their efforts to ensuring East Amwell remains the rural and scenic locale it is known to be." - *Mark Castellano, Mayor, East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County*

"Raritan Township is delighted to be a recipient of a Sustainable Jersey Grant to help fund the Environmental Commission's Wild and Wonderful Garden project. Not only will the garden help spruce up the grounds of the Township Municipal Building, it will also showcase native pollinator plants that will be labeled with plant identification markers. Local residents can visit the garden to learn which plants they can use to make their own gardens "pollinator friendly." And local schools will be encouraged to use this as a learning garden to teach children about local plants and how they help sustain the environment. Our thanks to the members of the Raritan Township Environmental Commission and the Green Team for their work in preparing the submission for the grant, and to Sustainable Jersey and the PSEG Foundation for selecting Raritan Township as a recipient." - *Scott MacDade, Mayor, Raritan Township, Hunterdon County*

"Brick Township is proud to be Silver certified by Sustainable Jersey for our ongoing effort to implement programs, policies and actions that contribute to a more sustainable society. We value the financial support from Sustainable Jersey and the PSEG Foundation which will allow us to establish a pollinator garden at our Cultural Arts Center." - *John G. Ducey, Mayor, Brick Township, Ocean County*

"The Borough of Mantoloking is thrilled to be a recipient of a 2022 Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSE&G Foundation in the amount of \$2,000. This year as a result of this generous funding – made possible by our Bronze Certification in 2020 with Sustainable Jersey – the Mantoloking Green Team and Environmental Commission will be performing Environmental Community Outreach as a part of a series of four initiatives. Two educational speakers will be hosted to discuss how the environmental effects our health both from a climate change perspective and relative to our treatment of lawns/gardens and its respective effect on the Barnegat Bay Watershed and our drinking water. Additionally, native pollinating plants will be purchased and planted in the back dunes of three of our beach entrances and pollinating seeds will be distributed during our annual July 4th Townwide Event. Both of these initiatives will be coupled with education as to the benefits of native plants to our dunes and wildlife overall, especially insects and butterflies. Surrounded by the Barnegat Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, the Borough of Mantoloking has a longstanding tradition of environmental mindedness and we are thankful for Sustainable Jersey and the PSE&G foundation and their confidence in our town." - *Lance White, Mayor, Mantoloking Borough, Ocean County*