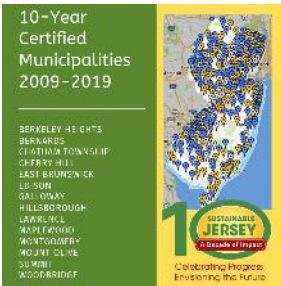


SUSTAINABILITY HEROES

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10-Year Certified Municipalities

Berkeley Heights, Bernards, Chatham Township, Cherry Hill, East Brunswick, Edison, Galloway, Hillsborough, Lawrence, Maplewood, Montgomery, Mount Olive, Summit and Woodbridge

Sustainable Jersey Celebrates a Decade of Impact

In October 2009, the first thirty-four towns achieved Sustainable Jersey certification at the bronze-level. Fourteen of these municipalities have continuously maintained their certification since 2009. Congratulations to the towns that have been certified with Sustainable Jersey for ten years; the fourteen sustainability heroes are: Berkeley Heights, Bernards, Chatham Township, Cherry Hill, East Brunswick, Edison, Galloway, Hillsborough, Lawrence, Maplewood, Montgomery, Mount Olive, Summit and Woodbridge. Sustainable Jersey recognizes the hard work and dedication that these towns and their sustainability program leaders have demonstrated. From the first thirty-four municipalities that registered to become certified in March 2009, to the 449 municipalities currently registered in 2019, Sustainable Jersey is inspired by the individuals at the local level who are contributing to a more sustainable New Jersey.

Galloway Township (Atlantic County)

Galloway Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2010. Galloway Township received the Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award in 2013 and the Creativity Award in 2010. Steve and Barbara Fiedler of [Go Green Galloway](#) said "Sustainability may be a built-in fine motor skill for some, or a learned appreciation along the way. Whatever the reasons that we have come together under the sturdy framework of Sustainable Jersey, it has been for that vision; a healthier and more equitable future for our communities, families and friends. For over ten years, here in Galloway Township, the sustained strivings, occasional failings and sweet successes have helped to define our paths as individuals, as team members and as community leaders!" The [Galloway Township Office of Sustainability](#) partners with area residents, businesses, non-profits, community leaders, local government and the council-appointed green team called Go Green Galloway, a Task Force for a Sustainable Galloway. Read the most recent Galloway Township [certification report](#).



Cherry Hill Township (Camden County)

[Cherry Hill Township](#) has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2011. Cherry Hill received the Sustainable Jersey Champion Award in 2014 and the Creativity and Innovation Award in 2009. The township has long been a leader in municipal sustainability in New Jersey and was among the first towns in the state to adopt a municipal sustainability plan—the [Roadmap to Our Future](#)--in 2016. Cherry Hill Mayor Chuck



Cahn is a member of the [Climate Mayors Network](#). Mayor Cahn explained, “For the last ten years, through the guidance and support of Sustainable Jersey, Cherry Hill has become a leader in sustainability. Sustainable Jersey has been a resource and a champion in our endeavors to become a more sustainable and resilient community. They have challenged us to implement programs and initiatives that have made sustainability a part of almost everything we do as a community. With their help, we have created, and will continue to create, a community that is and will remain vibrant, active, and healthy for generations to come. We look forward to ten more years of partnering with them to deliver progressive and innovative policies and programs that keep Cherry Hill at the forefront of sustainability.” Sustainability initiatives are pursued through a strong partnership between multiple stakeholders including the mayor and township council, green team, Cherry Hill Environmental Board, township departments, staff and boards, local businesses and home and property owners. Read the most recent Cherry Hill Township [certification report](#).

Maplewood Township (Essex County)

Maplewood Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2013. The township received the Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award in 2009 and the Collaboration Award in 2013 and 2016. The first prize team for Sustainable Jersey’s Coding for Community was supported by Maplewood Township; the Waste of Energy program addressed a chronic overheating problem in the South Orange and Maplewood School District. Mayor Victor DeLuca said, “We take great pride in Maplewood being certified with Sustainable Jersey. Although the effort initially focused on getting the points required to become certified, over ten years the work has taken on a life of its own. Our commitment to sustainable practices and innovative solutions will continue to yield meaningful benefits to Maplewood and the environment well beyond this milestone.” The [Maplewood Green Team](#) is a volunteer-based committee that works



with the Maplewood Township Sustainability Committee to coordinate the planning and implementation of municipal, community-based and intergovernmental sustainability projects. The Committee also works to ensure that sustainability principles and practices are integrated into policy, planning and development decisions of the Township and its boards and committees. Read the most recent Maplewood Township [certification report](#).

Berkeley Heights Township (Union)

Berkeley Heights Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009. The Berkeley Heights Green Team includes Environmental Commission representatives, members of the town council and the township administrator, a representative from the Board of Education, the League of Women Voters and a group of master gardeners. The environmental commission/green team organized energy audits of municipal buildings which led the township administration to install energy-efficient lighting. The group also created benchmarks for developing a municipal carbon footprint and installed signs to discourage idling in identified problem areas. Richard Leister of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission said, “Sustainable Jersey certification has helped raise awareness of best environmental and community practices that can benefit the township today, tomorrow and in the next ten years. Moreover, our Environmental Commission's ability to think out of the box and engage the public has been evident in certain of some of its most recent projects that have helped complete criteria for certain Sustainable Jersey actions. For instance, during this last year, Berkeley Heights has launched a thin film plastics program in which the entire community participates. In less than nine months, we have collected approximately 4,000 pounds of thin film plastics that otherwise would have been landfill-bound, and we have won a prestigious ANJEC award for these collection efforts. We have also partnered with other local groups as well as other township committees and commissions to support litter clean-ups that have resulted in community members gathering over 650 pounds of trash



and recyclables. We are spearheading the launch of a community garden. The Environmental Commission and green team will continue to engage the community in creating and advocating action plans for the well-being of the township.” A [community garden](#) was created with a 2016 Sustainable Jersey grant. Read the most recent Berkeley Heights Township [certification report](#).

Lawrence Township (Mercer County)

Lawrence Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and achieved certification at the silver-level in 2019. The Lawrence Township Environmental Resources and Sustainability Green Advisory Committee consists of ten members appointed by the Lawrence Township Council. The advisory committee works with [Sustainable Lawrence](#), which is a large group of residents, businesses, congregations and other organizations dedicated to creating a sustainable community in Lawrence Township. Former Lawrence Township Mayor Pam Mount is chair of the Lawrence Green Team and Sustainable Lawrence. Mayor David Maffei said, “I am incredibly proud of the work the green team, Sustainable Lawrence, our residents and township staff put into our sustainability efforts.” Read the most recent Lawrence Township [certification report](#).



Chatham Township (Morris County)

[Chatham Township](#) has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and received Sustainable Jersey’s Collaboration Award in 2009 and 2018. At the forefront of environmental awareness, they have pursued sustainable actions ranging from creating municipal energy audit and changing to energy efficient lighting systems in the municipal building to updating the natural resources inventory and participating in the sustainability fair. “Chatham Township is proud of our partnership with Sustainable Jersey,” said Mayor Tayfun Selen. “This is not just a plaque to hang on a wall, it’s measurable progress across many areas to make Chatham Township better for our residents as we work to be a more sustainable community. We would like to recognize long time green team chairman, Steve Carroll, for his tireless efforts to make this happen!” The all-volunteer [Chatham Township Green Team](#) is led by its co-chairs, Maureen Kelly and Jessica Romeo, who are in charge of working on programs and documentation. Read the most recent Chatham Township [certification report](#).



Mount Olive Township (Morris County)

[Mount Olive Township](#) has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009. Mount Olive has an active Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee, Pride Committee, Solid Waste Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Members of these committees work together to make sure that sustainability and environmental issues are addressed. Mayor Rob Greenbaum said, “Sustainability always has to be included as one of the primary concerns in every decision we make. The health and welfare of our community, both now and in the future requires us to take all steps we can to protect the community and our residents, both now and for future residents.” In 2015, Mount Olive used a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey grant to install a well and irrigation system for their community garden. The [community garden](#) is a partnership with Mount Olive and the New Jersey Land Conservancy. Produce is donated to the [Mount Olive Food Pantry](#). Read the most recent Mount Olive [certification report](#).



East Brunswick Township (Middlesex County)

East Brunswick Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009. The [East Brunswick Environmental Commission](#), the [Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission](#) and the East Brunswick Green Team work together on sustainable actions. Colleen McGurk said, “Sustainable Jersey has been an invaluable tool in highlighting the

multitude of actions that municipalities, with the help of its residents, can undertake. Actions such as municipal carbon footprint can bring awareness to townships about how they function, their negative impacts on the environment and how and where we can make necessary improvements.” She added, “There are so many actions that help us all rethink the way we live and function within society and the environs that we may never have thought of without Sustainable Jersey. The entire program forces us to look at these things and make concrete change instead of creating plans that are never implemented.” The Commission established the East Brunswick Butterfly Park, the annual Salamander and Other Small Amphibian and Reptile Protection Program and other environmental programs. In conjunction with the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission, the East Brunswick Community Garden was created in 2009. East Brunswick has a lecture series, commercial and residential solar forums and a 'Freecycle' recycling event. Read the most recent East Brunswick [certification report](#).



Edison Township (Middlesex County)

Edison Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009. The Edison Sustainable Jersey Green Team (ESJGT), Edison Clean Communities, Edison Greenways Group, [Edison Township Environmental Commission](#) and other green and sustainable organizations have worked together on sustainable actions. Chris Mazauskas, in addition to co-founding the Edison Sustainable Jersey Green Team with Jay Elliot (Edison Clean Communities Coordinator), is the Resource Development Officer for the Township of Edison and ESJGT Coordinator. He explained, “Sustainable Jersey was particularly supportive in providing technical assistance to help Edison obtain a \$999,700 United States Department of Energy-Energy Efficiency Block Grant in 2009. Sustainable Jersey’s continuing support enabled Edison to plan, develop and execute a number of green and sustainable projects with grant funding from this same agency. Sustainable Jersey also provided technical support for the development of Edison’s first Master Energy Conservation Plan, as well as the requisite Energy Efficiency Conservation Strategy.” He added, “Since 2011, the Township of Edison has planned, marketed and presented eight consecutive Edison Earth Day Celebrations, attracting 16,500 participants and visitors, to date. As a result of on-going Energy and Resource Conservation initiatives, efforts, activities, projects and programs during 2009-2017 the Township of Edison achieved the following sustainable results: Total Electric Energy/Cost Savings of 3,511,411 kWh/\$526,711.65; Total Fuel Oil Energy/Cost Savings: 1,729.6 Gallons Fuel Oil/\$6,572.48; Total Natural Gas Energy/Cost Savings of 27,121.8 Therms/\$30,941.80; Total Potable Water/Cost Savings of 784,000 Gallons/\$3,136; and Total Energy/Resource Project Subsidies of \$1,526,521. The completed projects have also helped to reduce Edison’s Municipal Carbon Footprint. ESJGT greatly values its continuing partnership with and support from, Sustainable Jersey.” Read the most recent Edison Township [certification report](#).



Woodbridge Township (Middlesex County)

Woodbridge Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2010. The Township received the Sustainable Jersey Champion award nine times from 2009-2014 and 2015-2018. Woodbridge was the first town to be awarded a [Gold Star in Energy](#). Caroline Ehrlich, who is the Chief of Staff to Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac and Executive Director of the Woodbridge Township Redevelopment Agency, received the 2016 Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award. Ehrlich spearheaded efforts to designate Woodbridge Township as a Sustainable Jersey community and was instrumental in creating the [Greenable Woodbridge](#) program. Mayor John E. McCormac said, “After ten years of participation, I have seen a huge benefit to our township from Sustainable Jersey that is tough to measure. We have quite



simply become branded as the top environmentally friendly town in New Jersey. That matters to our residents. Sustainability is good government and good government is good politics. I am now the environmental mayor and very proud of it. Sustainable Jersey is an important vehicle by which our township will continue to move into the future as a sustainable and environmentally-conscious community.” Woodbridge implemented sustainable initiatives including: a \$7 million project to install energy-producing solar panels at the Woodbridge Community Center, Main Library, four municipal buildings, fire departments and related business complexes; a solar panel project that resulted in significant savings of long-term energy costs by putting in place a self-sustaining source of energy that provides a portion of the Township’s power needs for years to come; the creation of a green business recognition program; the purchase of energy-saving, fuel efficient hybrid vehicles to supplement the municipal fleet with a biodiesel fuel program to power Township vehicles; reclamation of 106 acres in the Keasbey Brownfield Development Area as the Woodbridge Waterfront Park; development of educational and instructional programs promoting green technology and sustainable programs for schools, community associations and local businesses; the opening a modern and efficient recycling and bulk waste Convenience Center at the Public Works facility in Keasbey; the installation of solar-powered, decorative street lights and trash compactors along primary thoroughfares and solar-powered pedestrian crosswalks at high-traffic intersections; the promotion of energy-efficient building and construction by municipal government and the private sector; the expansion of the Public Works recycling program to include the disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs, electronics and computers, waste oil and recyclable materials; replacement of standard light bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent lighting at municipal buildings and facilities; the promotion of Buy Local initiatives and creation of a downtown Farmer’s Market for Jersey Fresh produce; the creation of a tree replacement program in parks and municipal properties; and designation of Woodbridge Township as a Mayor’s Wellness community. Read the most recent Woodbridge Township [certification report](#).



Bernards Township (Somerset County)

Bernards Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2011. The [Bernards Township Green Team](#) continuously evaluates current municipal operations, makes recommendations for improvement and most importantly, implements initiatives that will benefit Bernards Township in the present and future. “Since beginning our journey with Sustainable Jersey, Bernards Township has implemented many green initiatives. Among them are hybrid vehicles, solar power, building efficiencies, integrated pest management and water conservation measures. These initiatives have enabled Bernards Township to reduce our carbon footprint by over 22 percent. While these green initiatives are good for the environment, they have also well served the taxpayers of Bernards Township by way of grants and lower utility costs. Working with Sustainable Jersey provided the blueprint, motivation and recognition for Bernards Township to continually strive to be a greener community,” said Pat Monaco, Bernards Township Administrator. The green team identified areas that could be improved in a cost-effective fashion. Traffic lights and exit signs in municipal buildings were changed to LED (which uses 90 percent less energy than incandescent lights) and several new hybrid vehicles were purchased. Since then, strategies and best practices for going green have been determined in the areas of energy, transportation, municipal planning and design, resource protection and operations. In 2015, the township used a \$30,000 Sustainable Jersey grant for a project that improved the energy efficiency of the township snow and ice control operations. Bernards Township believes that municipal government and residents can work together to enhance and retain the high quality of life in the community through education and awareness spread by projects such as the Community Wildlife Habitat Project. Read the most recent Bernards Township [certification report](#).

Hillsborough Township (Somerset County)

Hillsborough Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2011. The Hillsborough Township Committee established the [Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee](#) in 2007 to provide guidance on green and sustainability-related issues as the Township pursues a path towards a sustainable future. “Thanks to the efforts of our Business Advocate/Sustainability Director, David Kois, who once again spearheaded the submission along with the volunteers of the Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee and employees from our municipal departments. We are extremely proud of our municipal employees’ involvement and the expansion of sustainable initiatives throughout the community,” stated Mayor Frank DelCore. Hillsborough Township completed many sustainability actions including the Support Local Businesses, Buy Fresh Buy Local Programs (Shop Hillsborough), Raingardens (located at the municipal complex), Emergency Communications Planning, Hold a Green Fair (Green Living and Wellness Fair), Building Healthier Communities (Mayor’s Wellness Campaign), Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal and Recycled Paper actions. Previous actions taken by Hillsborough Township in recent years include the Municipal On-Site Solar System, Wildlife Interaction Plan, Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places, Tree Protection Ordinance, Smart Workplaces and Farmers Market actions. Hillsborough Township developed the [Sustainable Hillsborough Strategic Plan](#). Read the most recent Hillsborough Township [certification report](#).



Montgomery Township (Somerset County)

Montgomery Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009. The volunteer-led Montgomery Township Green Team, or Sustainable Montgomery, leads the sustainability initiatives. Lauren Wasilauski, the Open Space Coordinator for Montgomery Township said, “The Environmental Commission/Sustainable Montgomery considers the three pillars of sustainability as: people, planet and prosperity. Sustainable Jersey has helped to hone our mission, and to look at all issues in our community through the lens of sustainability, including making recommendations on our new municipal complex, being involved in the early stages of creating the Montgomery Business Association and in providing resources to our community such as bike helmets and lights (funded by a Sustainable Jersey grant!). The dedicated service of our green team volunteers helps to make all this possible!” Read the most recent Montgomery Township [certification report](#).



Summit City (Union County)

Summit City has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2010. Summit earned the Sustainability Champion award in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2017. The Summit City Green Team includes [Environmental Commission](#) members, Summit resident volunteers and city officials including Mayor Nora Radest, Director of Community Services Paul Cascais and Chief Communications Officer Amy Cairns. Mayor Nora Radest explained, “Summit is proud to be a participating Sustainable Jersey community and we are extremely thankful for the important tools and support it provides us in pursuing sustainability programs in our municipality. I appreciate tremendous effort that staff and volunteers undertake during the certification process, and for the work they do every day to make Summit a better and healthier place for all of us.” Read the most recent Summit City [certification report](#).

