



# Community Energy Plan Resources

Community energy plans are short-range plans created by municipalities to identify energy initiatives to increase clean energy production, reduce energy use, and cut greenhouse gas emissions across an entire community.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities created the [Community Energy Plan Grant \(CEPG\)](#) program to help New Jersey municipalities in developing a community energy plan. Sustainable Jersey has an array of resources to support the creation of community energy plans.

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### [Community Energy Planning Guide with RFP Template for Energy Consultants](#)

This document provides an overview of the community energy planning process. The document also includes guidance and a template RFP for using consultants for community energy planning.

### [Community Energy Plan Workplan Template](#)

Workbook for selecting and prioritizing energy initiatives.

This document is available in two formats:

Writeable PDF - [click here](#)

Google sheet - [click here](#)

### [Guide for Sustainable Energy Communities](#)

Case studies, best practices, and descriptions of energy initiatives

### [Model Community Energy Plan](#)

Sample CEP for the fictional town of Gotham, NJ

For a Microsoft Word version, click [here](#)

### [Applying a Community Energy Plan Grant Webinar, 2024](#)

Slideshow presentation, click [here](#)

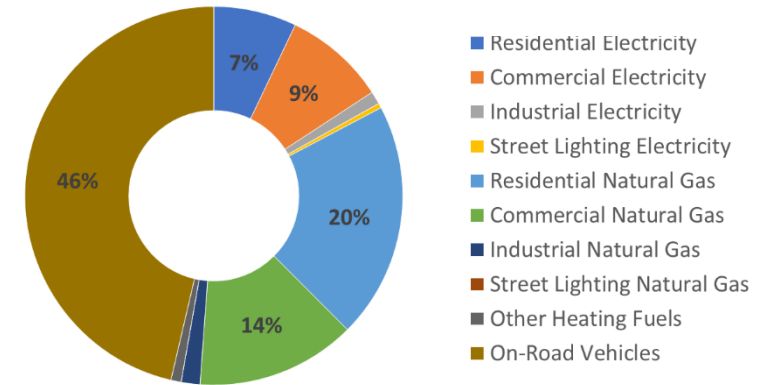
Webinar recording, click [here](#)

## Sustainable Jersey Data Center

### [Sustainable Jersey Data Center](#)

Comprehensive municipal data and interactive maps for all New Jersey municipalities, including transportation, energy usage, residential, and other data.

### 2020 Community Scale Energy Related GHG Emissions



Above is a community GHG emissions by sector chart created by compiling data from electric and natural gas utilities, and transportation planning authorities. Visit the data center to download this chart and additional data for your community.

## Grants and Free Technical Assistance

Visit the Sustainable Jersey [Community Energy Planning webpage](#) to learn about current funding opportunities from the New Jersey BPU, including:

**Community Energy Planning Grants** \$10K and \$25K grants to create plans

**Community Energy Planning Implementation Grants** Up to \$250K in funding for municipalities to implement measures included in their plans.

Your municipality is eligible for free technical assistance to develop grant applications and create a community energy plan. Complete [this form](#) to schedule a technical assistance consultation.

Need help? Email [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com).

