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Mount Laurel Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification

Mount Laurel, NJ — Sustainable Jersey representatives announced that Mount Laurel has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Mount Laurel is one of fifty-five towns that have attained certification in 2020 and will be honored at the Sustainable Jersey Virtual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

"Mount Laurel is honored to receive the Sustainable Jersey Certification. Our township and Green Team work tirelessly to make decisions that would, not only help our residents, but address environmental concerns. I couldn't be more proud of the achievement for our township" Mayor Stephen Steglik noted.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Mount Laurel Township submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points.



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In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least two out of 12 priority action options. Mount Laurel Township completed three priority actions for certification. The first action was recycling and waste reduction education and compliance. The Township assessed the quantity and quality of recycling materials collected from residents. The second priority was prescription drug safety and disposal. Mount Laurel residents may take their unused and expired medications to a drop box located in the Mount Laurel Police Department lobby at 100 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel. The third and final priority was diversity on boards and commissions. Diverse board membership on the Mount Laurel Green Team allows for different perspectives in problem solving initiatives.

Throughout the year, the Mount Laurel Green Team hosts many activities designed to increase environment awareness, including a community wide cleanup day and annual shredding event.



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About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Sustainable Jersey participants (municipalities and schools) have successfully implemented and documented over 18,500 sustainability actions. Over \$5.9 million in grants has been provided by Sustainable Jersey to towns, school districts and schools for community-based projects that create healthy and sustainable communities in New Jersey.

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