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Hillsborough Township Achieves Sustainable Jersey's® Highest Certification Level: Silver

One of 10 Towns in 2015 & One of 33 Towns Overall to Achieve Silver

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced earlier this month that Hillsborough Township has once again met the rigorous requirements to achieve its fourth Sustainable Jersey certification. Hillsborough Township is one of only 10 New Jersey municipalities to have attained certification at the silver-level in 2015 and 33 overall. The three previous certifications for Hillsborough have been at the bronze-level.

“Hillsborough Township began sustainable initiatives in 2006. Sustainability and planning has been ongoing with the focus being to plan for the future to ensure our community has balanced economic, environmental and social objectives, developed with public input,” stated Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Liaison to Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee.

“Thanks to the efforts of our Deputy Planning Director / Zoning Official, 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 this achievement,” stated Mayor Doug Tomson.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified at the silver-level, Hillsborough Township submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required Sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 350 action points.

Committeewoman McCauley reviewed some of the highlights of recent years including the Green Living & Wellness Fair, Shop Hillsborough, Smoke Free Parks, Community Paper Shredding Day, and supporting a Community Garden.

Other items for which the Township received credits toward recertification included partnering with Somerset County on a feasibility study to create a county-wide Energy Savings and Improvement Program, which was made possible by a Sustainable Jersey Grant and the Township being awarded for second year in a row at the Platinum level in the New Jersey Smart Workplaces program.

“We are very proud of this achievement and look to the future for continued improvements and success of this program,” concluded Committeewoman McCauley.

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