

## News Release

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### **Hillsborough Township Again Achieves Sustainable Jersey's® Highest Certification Level** *One of 25 Towns in 2016 to Achieve Silver*

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced on November 15, 2016 at the Sustainable Jersey Luncheon that Hillsborough Township has once again met the rigorous requirements to achieve its fifth Sustainable Jersey certification. Hillsborough Township is one of only 25 New Jersey municipalities to have attained certification at the silver-level in 2016. The first three certifications for Hillsborough have been at the bronze-level. This is the second year in a row that Hillsborough has been certified at the silver level, the highest available certification.

“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 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 this achievement,” stated Mayor Frank DeCore.

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.

Actions for which the Township received credits toward the 2017 recertification included: Support of Local Businesses, Hunting & Wildlife Management, Mayor's Wellness Campaign, NJ Smart Workplaces program, and Recycled Paper Purchasing. Previous actions taken by Hillsborough Township in recent years include Green Living & Wellness Fair, Shop Hillsborough, Smoke Free Parks, Community Paper Shredding Day, and supporting a Community Garden. “We are very proud of this achievement and look to the future for continued improvements and success of this program,” concluded Committeewoman McCauley.

**About Sustainable Jersey:** Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 78 percent or 440 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 218 school districts and 538 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program.

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