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Hillsborough Township Again Achieves Sustainable Jersey's® Highest Certification Level *One of 14 Towns in 2017 to Achieve Silver*

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced on November 14, 2017 at the Sustainable Jersey Luncheon that Hillsborough Township has once again met the rigorous requirements to achieve its sixth Sustainable Jersey certification. Hillsborough Township is one of only 14 New Jersey municipalities to have attained certification at the silver-level in 2017. The first three certifications for Hillsborough have been at the bronze-level. This is the third 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 Deputy Mayor 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 Carl Suraci.

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, Shop Hillsborough, Green Living and Wellness Fair, Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal, Mayor's Wellness Campaign, NJ Smart Workplaces program, and Recycled Paper Purchasing. Previous actions taken by Hillsborough Township in recent years include Hunting and Wildlife Management, 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 Deputy Mayor 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, nearly 80 percent or 445 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program.

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