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Hillsborough Township Awarded Sustainable Jersey® Grants

\$18,500 in Total Grants Received

Committeewoman Gloria McCauley announced at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting that Hillsborough Township has been awarded a Sustainable Jersey Capacity-Building Grant. The \$2,000 grants are intended to assist community Green Teams as they lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of their community. The 2013 Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program funded by the Walmart is providing \$380,000 in grants to local governments for sustainability projects.

"Thank you to all those individuals responsible, including Planning & Zoning Deputy Director David Kois; these funds will be used to further our commitment to sustainability in Hillsborough", stated Mayor Frank DelCore.

"These funds will be used towards helping the Township reach Silver Certification in 2014 in the areas of the canopy goal, community gardens and the buy local campaign," stated Committeewoman Gloria McCauley.

The winners of the grants have projects that provide sustainable solutions to everyday challenges. Organic curbside waste recycling, storm water runoff solutions, innovative bioswales, water conservation, sustainable landscaping, wildlife interaction plan, community gardens and more have been added to the list of initiatives that the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants program is funding.

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In addition, Hillsborough Township on behalf of Somerset County applied for and was awarded a Sustainable Jersey Small Grant in the amount of \$16,500 out of a possible \$20,000. These funds will be utilized by the Somerset County Energy Council to continue advancing energy conservation opportunities at the local level and the establishment of a county Energy Savings Investment Program to aggregate energy conservation improvements.

A core element of the Sustainable Jersey program is to direct funding and resources to municipalities to aid them in making progress. Currently, 70 percent of New Jersey's towns and cities (398 towns across all 21 counties) have registered to become Sustainable Jersey certified.
