

Bronze Certification

2011 - by Jackie Bay

Under the Sustainable Jersey program, the first level of certification is Bronze. It requires the establishment of a mandatory Green Team, implementation of 2 out of 7 PRIORITY ACTIONS, and a total of 150 points. Actions must be completed in 6 of the 16 categories to be eligible for certification.

Rather than initiate the projects, the Green Team was fortunate enough to be able to pull from the work of a great number of dedicated Committees, Commissions, residents and Borough employees. This submission is something the entire Borough can be proud. Special thanks to Chief Tovo who stepped in at a late hour to bring this to closure.

The following actions were submitted for Bronze certification.

Mountain Lakes Sustainable Jersey Action Items

Create Green Team 10 points Environmental Commission
Created active team, under the EC, with regular meetings

Anti-Idling Program 10 points Wildwood
Posted signs at numerous locations and conducted education about harmful effects of idling

Energy Municipal Inventory and Upgrade 50 points Borough Hall
Conducted an energy audit of municipal facilities and upgraded buildings as recommended

Municipal Carbon Footprint 10 points Borough Hall
Calculated energy use and environmental impact of all municipal vehicles, buildings, street, traffic lights and wells

Active Environmental Commission 10 points Borough Hall and EC
Active EC already in place.

Environmental Resource Inventory 20 points Environmental Commission
Updated old ERI to include new information, a flora and fauna inventory and GIS maps. Put entire report on new website.

Community Forestry Plan & Canopy Goal 20 points Shade Tree Commission
Received approval of a new Forestry Plan with the DEP. Calculated current canopy and passed a resolution to maintain it

Tree Planting Program 10 points Shade Tree Commission
Obtained a grant to plant shade trees in public spaces; Hosted Centennial Challenge to plant on residential property.

Tree Protection Ordinances 10 points STC and Borough Hall
Restrict removal of trees in right of ways and setbacks; limit trees that can be removed on private property.

Tree Maintenance Programs 10 points Shade Tree Commission
Detailed tree inventory and maintenance program

Recycling Depot 10 points DPW
Maintain active depot and educate residents how to use it.

Community Paper Shredding Day 5 points Fire Department
Hold 2 shredding events/year.

Pay as you Throw Program 10 points Borough Hall
Maintain a “Green bag” disposal program in which residents pay according to usage.

Solar Demonstration Project 10 points Bd of Education
Put solar panels on two schools and educated students via interactive kiosks

195 points total!

The Team is expecting to receive notice of successful certification in March. The certification lasts for three years after which time we will have hopefully, pulled together a new Green Team and earned Silver certification. For a list of potential actions to make that possible, please see the “What’s Next? Silver” tab.