

Mountain Lakes Green Team Goes Silver!

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It's official – Mountain Lakes has become one of only 27 Silver certified municipalities in New Jersey! A big congratulations to everyone on the team and to the Mountain Lakes Council for their support and participation. The official recognition luncheon will be held in November in Atlantic City and the Borough will receive a plaque soon thereafter.



The last time Mountain Lakes submitted with Sustainable Jersey, we earned a Bronze award with 170 points. [Sustainable energy](#) isn't just a convenience, it's a necessity. The Silver award required 350 points so was significantly more difficult although 110 points carried over from the Bronze. Each certification lasts for three

years and if Sustainable Jersey adds a Gold level by 2018 – we'll hopefully be on track to achieve that as well!

The Green Team would like to especially recognize the contribution of the schools under the direction of Mr. Frank Sanchez. The schools contributions were truly a deciding factor in achieving the higher level certification. Examples of projects completed by our schools include:

- Quilting project featuring the animals of Mountain Lakes, inspired by the Environmental Commission's ERI (Environmental Resource Inventory)
- Integration of sustainability principles in the District's curriculum.
- MLHS waste audit – benchmark and follow up registering a significant increase in recyclables over a one year period.
- Anti-idling education at Wildwood
- School garden at Briarcliff