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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS ACHIEVE CERTIFICATIONS FOR THEIR SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

Go Green Galloway is proud to announce that four more Galloway resident's properties have qualified for Sustainable Landscape Certification; and nine have achieved Silver Certification.

Twelve of the properties belong to residents and one is a church property. All participated in the Sustainable Landscape Mini-Grant program that was made possible through a grant from Sustainable Jersey. This program was open to all Galloway Township residential and business property owners.

Congratulations on certification to: Mary Crawford, Helene Gentile, Alice Gitchell and Lori Goldschmidt. Congratulations on Silver Certification to: Penny Klein, Daina Walters, Tina Hart, Jackie Sarnier, Jackie Wilson, Jean Riling, Pamela Hendrick, Angela Walters and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore.

All of the certified properties have undergone amazing transformations. The program specifies all the steps that need to be taken in order to qualify for basic certification; including: attending several workshops; identifying invasive plant species and beginning the process of eradication of those plants; adding beneficial trees, shrubs and perennials and reducing their lawn size. Additionally, they had to complete 2 initiatives from both a Wildlife Stewardship menu and a Stormwater management menu.

Those who went on to achieve Silver certification had to do more pro-active invasive plant removal, add more native plantings, complete additional items from the Wildlife Stewardship and Stormwater management menus, and begin to perform "sustainable landscape ambassador" duties by helping to spread the word about the importance of maintaining a sustainable property.

Although the mini-grant certification program ended with the conclusion of the grant, Sustainable Landscape workshops will continue; both through the Go Green Galloway program and the South Eastern Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey.

Announcements of upcoming workshops will be on the Galloway Township website: www.gtnj.org and the Native Plant Society site: www.npsnj.org

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