



What is the Sustainable Jersey Program?

Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.

Galloway Township is one of 68 towns that are certified...and part of an elite group of towns that have achieved SILVER Certification. We accomplished this through actions that are aimed at making Galloway more sustainable...such as the creation of a green team, having a carbon inventory of our Township done, creating our Community Garden, implementing a Community Forestry Management Plan, and many, many more.



BE PART OF THE TEAM!



For more information or to join our team,
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We are looking for knowledgeable volunteers to serve on the following committees:

The Reusable Bag / Bottle Committee

As part of this extremely successful long-standing committee, This group will be asked to man tables to distribute information about how important it is not to use single-use shopping bags and water bottles. The committee will also be asked to work on new community outreach programs to sustain the program.

Green Map Committee

Galloway's online GreenMap is under development. We need a group of people that are willing to be trained to post to our green map and continually add new sites to it.

Buy Local / Buy Fair

This group will: (1) Work closely with our Galloway Business Association to promote the idea of our businesses purchasing produce and other goods from local farmers & contractors; (2) Promote our local businesses to our residents to purchase goods locally; (3) Compile information for a "Eat Local, Buy Local" guide; and (4) Work to promote those businesses that sell Fair Trade goods and to raise awareness in the Township of what Fair Trade entails.

Green Business Recognition Committee

We want to reward our businesses that have taken steps toward sustainability. This group will visit our local businesses with a checklist of sustainable practices and will make recommendations for businesses to be recognized on our website, on G-TV, and through press releases. This committee will also work on occasional business sustainability forums.

Green Tips Committee

Those serving on this committee will be asked to assist the committee chair to continually research and develop ideas for our weekly "Go Green Galloway Green Tips" column that appears in the Current.



Sustainable Landscaping Committee

The mission of this committee is to educate our residents and businesses that they do not need to have vast lawn areas that require massive amounts of chemicals to stay "beautiful" and that it is better to replace some lawn areas with plants that are native to our community and therefore beneficial to our native wildlife. We recently received a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant that will allow us to fully develop this program. Included in this project: planning workshops for residents, businesses and landscapers.

Rain Garden Maintenance Committee

The Municipal Complex Rain Garden has recently been renovated as a Boy Scout Eagle Project. Committee members will work with the Boy Scout Troop to develop a regular maintenance schedule for the garden so that it can be used as a demonstration project for both residents and businesses.

Water Conservation Committee

We are hoping to pass a Water Conservation Ordinance in Galloway in the future. This committee will work to educate our residents and businesses about over-watering, water runoff, proper use of sprinkler systems and stormwater protection.

Kids Go Green in Galloway Committee

Committee members will work with the committee chair to research and develop ongoing projects and information to be distributed as part of the Kids Go Green in Galloway initiative which is promoted through our Galloway school district.

Direct Install/Energy Efficiency Committee

We held our first Energy Audit Workshop in September of 2010. Residents who attended received information about reducing their energy bills by taking steps to seal up their homes properly, purchase Energy Star appliances, etc. This committee will help organize the next workshop and continue the ongoing energy efficiency campaign. They will also distribute information to businesses about the NJ Clean Energy Direct Install program that offers incentives for energy efficiency upgrades to their buildings.

