Bernards Township Achieves Sustainable Jersey 
Silver-Level Certification in 2019

Bernards Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Bernards Township is one of only 27 New Jersey municipalities that have attained certification at the silver-level in 2019. This is the fifth round of certification for Bernards Township. Bronze-Level Certification in 2009 was followed by Silver-Level Certification in 2011, 2014, 2016 and 2019.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified at the silver-level, Bernards Township submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 350 action points. In addition to reaching 350 points, each community had to create a green team and select at least three out of twelve priority action options. Bernards Township achieved 420 points by completing 33 actions in 10 categories. Bernards Township did five of the twelve priority actions by completing: 1) energy efficiency for municipal facilities 2) energy tracking & management, 3) natural resource inventory, 4) municipal carbon footprint and 5) prescription drug safety and disposal.

About Sustainable Jersey
Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 80 percent or 450 of New Jersey’s 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 339 school districts and 884 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program.

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