

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Lawrence Township Re-certified at Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level**

Lawrence Township has done it again! The township has been awarded Sustainable Jersey Bronze certification for the third year in a row. This year, the Lawrence Green Team and town partners including Sustainable Lawrence, the Nature Center, the Lawrence Public Schools, other town committees and hundreds of residents have accomplished 250 points worth of sustainable actions.

Lawrence community groups and residents are to be commended for all the great projects and events that happened this year to make this benchmark possible, from a rain garden workshop to our Green Expo, to Let's Move Lawrence walking and biking day, to a recycled art event, to an energy audit of all township buildings.

Lawrence calculated the community's carbon footprint, signed a sustainable land use pledge, passed our complete streets ordinance and began the program to create roads that are safe for walkers and bikers, as well as cars. We also created a community garden, a natural resources inventory, an environmental assessment ordinance, a tree protection ordinance, a forestry plan, and protected animals at our nature center, and all of our public schools now have solar roofs. Lawrence is one of 96 towns in the state out of 350 registered municipalities to be awarded Sustainable Jersey certification. Over 350 towns are registered with Sustainable Jersey.

Lawrence will be recognized at the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City at a special luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 15. Councilwoman Pam Mount will moderate the luncheon as the Sustainable Jersey Board chair. Governor Jim Florio will be the keynote speaker. Lawrence Green Team members, Councilman Mike Powers, and Town Engineer Jim Parvesse will attend the awards luncheon.