

Borough of Closter Earns Sustainable Jersey Certification

The Borough of Closter has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey <u>certification</u> at the bronze-level. Certified towns were announced at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon on November 14, 2023, in Atlantic City at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference. Sustainable Jersey's <u>participating communities</u> represent over 83% of the state's municipalities.

Mayor John Glidden stated, "Closter is delighted to be recognized with the Sustainable Jersey Certification at the Bronze level. We are proud to do our part in this important effort". The Closter team, led by Councilman Scott Devlin, was diligent in the pursuit and commitment to infuse sustainability in Closter.

For the 2023 Sustainable Jersey application cycle, 40 towns achieved certification at the bronze-level to make a total of 136 towns that are bronze-certified in the program. Bronze-level certification requires that a town meet a minimum of 150 points.

"We're proud to recognize the 2023 award winners and certified towns who have made sustainability an integral part of their municipality," said Randall Solomon, director of Sustainable Jersey. "Thank you for your leadership, hard work and vision. You exemplify the commitment we need to achieve a sustainable New Jersey." Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency, health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts.

About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. As New Jersey faces issues such as the climate crisis, a growing equity divide and environmental pollution, municipalities want to be a part of the solution to these challenges. Sustainable Jersey participants (municipalities and schools) have successfully implemented and documented over 25,569 sustainability actions. Sustainable Jersey has provided over \$7.6 million in grants to municipalities, school districts and schools for community-based projects that create healthy and sustainable communities in New Jersey. www.SustainableJersey.com