

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

Sustainable Jersey encompasses issues such as global warming, pollution, biodiversity, land use air and water quality, equity, buying local, local living economies, and sustainable agriculture.

Sustainable Jersey:

- Identifies concrete actions that municipalities can implement to become "certified" and be considered leaders on the path to sustainable community;
- Provides clear guidance and tools to enable communities to make progress on each action; and
- Provides access to grants, and identifies existing and new incentives for municipalities to make progress toward the actions.

The Sustainable Jersey Certification is a prestigious designation for municipalities.

In order to benefit from most of these incentives, communities must join the Sustainable NJ program and develop a Green Team . On June 2, 2016, the Township Committee of Elk Township adopted a resolution establishing a Green Team that is comprised of the 7 members of the Elk Township Environmental Commission and 2 Green Team Community members. The current Environmental Commission is listed below:

Name	Position
Donna Nicholson	Township Committee Liaison
Bob Clark	ETEC member
Barry Cohen	ETEC member
Clif Daniels	ETEC member
Frank Goss	ETEC member
Donna Weiss	ETEC member, Chair
Vacant	ETEC member
Vacant	ETEC member
William Lemmerman	Community Green Team Member
Vacant	Community Green Team Member

The establishment of the Green Team is the beginning of this journey toward certification. Input from the community is needed to identify projects that will be meaningful to the residents of Elk Township.

The following are the types of activities that can provide education, technical assistance, reduce green house gas emissions for residents in the community and earn points toward Sustainable NJ certification and financial rewards for the township. The following are just some of the actions that can increase the sustainability of our community:

- Community education and outreach initiatives
- Energy Outreach and Incentive programs such as home energy audits and upgrades
- School based energy conservation programs
- Education for sustainability programs
- Green challenges and community programs
- Green Fairs

For detailed information: <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/>