# RESOLUTION NO. 2016 -

# A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, City of Vineland strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, City of Vineland hereby acknowledges that the residents of City of Vineland desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, City of Vineland wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path City of Vineland is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of City of Vineland, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of City of Vineland that to focus attention and effort within City of Vineland on matters of sustainability, the City of Vineland wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to a Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of City of Vineland hereby authorizes the Business Administration Office to serve as City of Vineland's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorizes the Business Administration Office to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf City of Vineland.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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# Why Get Certified?

We all want a more sustainable New Jersey. Few contest the benefits of clean air, fresh water, waterways filled with fish, garbage in its proper place, clean energy options, parks and open space and a healthy place to work and live. The big question is how do we achieve this as a state? Our program provides a framework for municipalities to follow to become more sustainable.

# RESOURCES

### **GRANTS & RESOURCES**

Check available grants and read about funded grant projects; learn about the program incentives and resources.  $\rightarrow$ 

# **EVENTS & TRAININGS**

See the upcoming event calendar and attend one of our networking events or a workshop.  $\rightarrow$ 

# GREEN TEAM RESOURCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Review the list of on-line resources available to help Green Teams.  $\rightarrow$ 

# ACTIONS & CERTIFICATION

### Why Get Certified?

Register

Certification Overview

**Program Updates** 

Actions

Green Team Resources

Participating Communities

Annual Awards

Registration is free and grants are available. But the bragging rights from the two certifications, bronze or silver, are priceless. With over 420 communities in New Jersey registered, the Sustainable Jersey scene is bigger than ever. Don't miss your chance to:

### Save money. Get money.

Sustainable Jersey towns and cities implement practices that lead to cost savings in energy, water and garbage bills. The program helps communities improve efficiency, cut waste and stimulate their local economies. Registered towns get special priority access and notification of incentives and grants, and are eligible for the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program which has funded \$1,407,000 worth of sustainable projects since 2009 across New Jersey.

# Gain access to training, tools and expert guidance.

Sustainable Jersey towns have access to clear "how to" guidance and New Jersey specific tools and resources for developing a comprehensive sustainable community program. Regular training workshops, webinars and leadership meetings provide your town with connections to the leading experts in important municipal sustainability issues.

# Get recognized. Promote your town.

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Sustainable Jersey towns are promoted on this website, in our publications, in the media and at promotional events. Towns that achieve certification are provided a customized Sustainable Jersey logo that can be used on the town's promotional materials. Municipalities are honored at an annual Sustainable Jersey luncheon at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Annual Sustainable Jersey awards are bestowed to the top point getters and those towns that excel in leadership, innovation and collaboration.

### Conserve valuable resources. Protect the environment.

Residents increasingly want to live in towns that are doing their part for the environment. The Sustainable Jersey actions cover a wide range of topic areas focusing on people, prosperity and the planet. By becoming a Sustainable Jersey certified town, you align your municipality with your community's values while saving your resources as well as nature's.

