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Readington Township, Hunterdon County, Receives Sustainable Jersey Gold Star Recognition And Silver Level Certification

Readington Township, NJ – Sustainable Jersey representatives announced that Readington Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification at the silver-level and was one of three municipalities to achieve Gold Star recognition. Readington is only the second municipality to achieve a Gold Star in Water. Currently, Sustainable Jersey awards Gold Stars in [Energy](#), [Water](#) and [Health](#) for reaching high levels of achievement. The award was announced at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon on November 15, 2022, in Atlantic City at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference. Sustainable Jersey's participating communities represent over 82% of the state's municipalities.

Readington Mayor Juergen Huelsebusch Comments: **“On behalf of all our great volunteers, we are pleased to receive the Gold Star in Water and Silver Level Certification. These awards reflect our community's ongoing stewardship efforts to protect and improve the water quality of all our streams and watersheds. We will continue our efforts to preserve land and farms, and to protect water and forest resources for our current and future residents. As a township strategically located in the Raritan River basin, we will continue to monitor and improve the critical water resources we oversee in the State of NJ.”**

To become Sustainable Jersey certified at the silver-level, Readington 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 fourteen priority action options. Readington did four of the fourteen priority actions by completing 1) municipal water story, 2) natural resource inventory, 3) prescription drug safety and disposal, and 4) sustainable land use pledge. To achieve a Sustainable Jersey Gold Star in Water additional action items 1) Green Infrastructure Planning, 2) Green Infrastructure Implementation, 3) Enhanced Stormwater Management Control, 4) Removing lead from drinking water, 5) Private Well Outreach and Testing, 6) Open Space Plan, and 7) Community Forestry Management Plan were completed.

“The municipalities that achieve a Sustainable Jersey Gold Star are performing at the highest level. The annual awards event is a celebration of their accomplishments,” said Randall Solomon, director of Sustainable Jersey. “As New Jersey faces issues such as the climate crisis, a growing equity divide and environmental pollution, the Gold Star recipients exemplify the commitment we need to accelerate the transition to a sustainable New Jersey.”

About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Sustainable Jersey participants (municipalities and schools) have successfully implemented and documented over 23,467 sustainability actions. Sustainable Jersey has provided over \$7.2 million in grants to municipalities, school districts and schools for community-based projects that create healthy and sustainable communities in New Jersey.

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