

Cranford Among 38 Towns to Achieve Sustainable Jersey™ 2010 Certification

Trenton, NJ On November 8, 2010, [Sustainable Jersey](#) released the list of 38 towns that achieved Sustainable Jersey certification in 2010 by meeting the rigorous certification requirements. Four communities raised the bar by meeting the new [Silver Level](#) of certification that requires the completion of more sustainable actions in the program. Currently 315 or 56% of New Jersey towns have registered with the program and are pursuing the certification.

Union County towns that qualified include Cranford, Elizabeth, and Rahway.

Randall Solomon, Sustainable Jersey program partner and Co-Director at the Institute for Sustainability Planning and Governance at The Municipal Land Use Center at The College of New Jersey, congratulated the certified towns. "These towns are municipal leaders that are making extraordinary contributions toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey and world."

The newly certified towns join the inaugural 34 municipalities that were certified in 2009, bringing the total to 67 Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities. The program is voluntary and each town has to meet and document their achievement of the required actions in a range of areas that include a commitment to environmental stewardship, conservation of energy and water and waste reduction and recycling.

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Nelson Dittmar and Mary Reilly played key roles in leading the Green Team volunteers who worked on a variety of projects that help qualify Cranford for certification. 26 Green Team members completed 17 projects resulting in accumulating 195 points, exceeding the required minimum of 150 points.

Cranford's Green Team was established in June of 2009 to develop and implement programs that promote sustainable living. As we celebrate our accomplishments, there is more work to be done. The Green Team is open to anyone who has an idea that can improve the quality of life in Cranford and will help improve the environment for everyone.