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UPPER SADDLE RIVER EARNS RE-CERTIFICATION BY SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

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It was recently announced that Upper Saddle River has been re-certified as a Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level municipality.

Upper Saddle River was named a Sustainable Jersey certified community—one of only 108 in the state in 2011. Upper Saddle River achieved its initial 2011 bronze level certification after completing a rigorous program of sustainable initiatives. Municipalities that earn the certification are considered by their peers, by state government, and by the experts and civic organizations in New Jersey to be among the leading municipalities in the state, for implementing sustainable practices within their community.

The Borough successfully earned recertification in December of 2013 as well. Upper Saddle River is now one of 200 municipalities out of 565 to be certified through Sustainable Jersey.

Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. By supporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey is empowering communities to build a better world for future generations.

To achieve its three successful rounds of certification, Upper Saddle River completed a wide variety of actions including the following: More information can be found at

www.SustainableJersey.com

1. Mayor's Wellness Campaign
2. Community Visioning – Vision 20/20
3. Energy Audits for municipal buildings
4. Energy Tracking and Management
5. Green Voices Community Education Film Series and Book Discussions
6. Anti Idling Education Campaign
7. Shade Tree Commission Community Forestry Plan

8. Green Team Community Challenge
9. Education for Sustainability with Cavallini School
10. Metal, Textile, E-Waste Collection Added to Recycling Depot
11. Recycled Organic Products –logs/wood chips/mulch
12. Annual Boy Scout Bicycle collection and reuse
13. USR Community Paper Shredding Day
14. Cut it and Leave it Lawn Program
15. Cavallini Solar installation
16. Borough Wide Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy – Organic
17. USR Make It Count Outreach Program

“Thank you to the Upper Saddle River Environmental Committee and Green Team for their commitment to our environment and sustainability. I also extend a special thank you to Sofia Hermo and Ellen Ling, who chaired the latest recertification process and Dr. Joanne Florio, Council Liaison. The work required to achieve SJ designation is extensive and quite detailed. The fact that USR has been certified in three consecutive rounds shows the dedication of our volunteers and the collaboration between proactive residents and the Governing Body and Borough staff,” said Mayor Joanne Minichetti.

Minichetti added, “This has been a huge effort spearheaded by the Environmental Committee but also involved our Recreation Commission, the Girl and Boy Scouts, DPW, Shade Tree Commission, Board of Health, Police Department, our residents and the school administration. Without such widespread outreach on the part of the Environmental Committee and the community’s willingness to participate, the impact would be greatly minimized.”

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