

**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Roselle Park Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification**



**Roselle Park, NJ** – Sustainable Jersey representatives announced today that Roselle Park has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Roselle Park is one of is one of 64 towns that have attained certification in 2018. Sustainable Jersey's participating communities represent over half the state's municipalities and nearly 89 percent of its population.

Upon receiving the news, Roselle Park Mayor Carl Hokanson stated “Outstanding! It’s another first for Roselle Park. I’m looking forward to the day we get the gold!”

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Roselle Park submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least two out of 12 priority action options. Roselle Park did 2 of the 12 priority actions by completing the Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal action and the Sustainable Land Use Pledge. The Green Team completed 17 actions which were selected from nine of eighteen categories: Animals in the Community, Arts & Creative Culture, Community Partnerships and Outreach, Food, Health & Wellness, Land Use Transportation, Natural Resources, Public Information & Engagement, and Waste Management.

“Congratulations to the municipal staff, green team volunteers and community members who have worked hard to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification,” said Randy Solomon, the executive director of Sustainable Jersey. “The Sustainable Jersey certified towns demonstrate leadership and are a testament to how much we can accomplish toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey.” Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency and health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts. Collectively, the 448 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey.

The Borough of Roselle Park registered with Sustainable Jersey in February, 2018 and established the Green Team through Resolution on March 15, 2018. Roselle Park resident and Certified Clean Communities Coordinator Michele LoManto was appointed as the Agent for Sustainable Jersey and placed in the leadership position for the Green Team.

## About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 79 percent or 448 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 320 school districts and 825 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program.

Sustainable Jersey's partners include the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program. Program underwriters include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program, the Surdna Foundation, and the PSEG Foundation. The Sustainable Jersey Grants program for municipalities is funded by PSEG Foundation and the Gardinier Environmental Fund. Platinum sponsors are South Jersey Gas and New Jersey Natural Gas. Silver Sponsors are NJM Insurance Group, Bayshore Recycling, and Elizabethtown Gas. The Bronze Sponsors are Covanta, Greener by Design, Jersey Central Power and Light, New Jersey American Water, Good Energy, Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Cappelli LLC, and Ørsted.

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