



Making It Better, Together.



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Camden County Office of Sustainability and Shared Services

- ❖ First County Office of its kind in the State
- ❖ Five year County Sustainability Plan (Plan 2018)
- ❖ Assist municipalities with their sustainability programs, including Sustainable Jersey certification/grant writing
- ❖ Coordinate environmental programs out of our office in Gloucester Township (Tool Lending Library, Hydroponic and Ornamental Greenhouses, Rutgers Master Gardeners programs, County Bike Share)

County Sustainability Plan

❖ Energy

- ❖ Reduction/Increase use of renewables

❖ Water

- ❖ Reduce use/implement water conservation initiatives

❖ Waste

- ❖ Increase recycling rates/introduce food waste composting

❖ Transportation

- ❖ Reduce and improve vehicle fleet/invest in alternative fuel vehicles

❖ Green Practices

- ❖ Green buildings/construction
- ❖ Sustainable purchasing
- ❖ Green infrastructure
- ❖ Increase environmental education/awareness and programming



The Sustainability Plan for Camden County, NJ



Sustainability in the City of Camden

- ❖ Registered in 2009
- ❖ Certified Bronze in 2012 and Silver in 2013 and again in 2016
- ❖ Won Collaboration Award in 2012
- ❖ Received two \$2,000 Capacity Building Grants (2012 and 2013) and a \$1,000 Twitter Grant in 2014
- ❖ In 2014, received a \$20,000 Grant (Environmental Resource Inventory)
- ❖ First municipality in the State to pass a Sustainability Ordinance (to address cumulative air quality impacts and provide a development toolkit for businesses coming into the City)
- ❖ Camden SMART and Camden Collaborative Initiative



Camden Green Team – A Model of Collaboration

- ❖ City of Camden
- ❖ Camden County
- ❖ Camden Redevelopment Agency
- ❖ Cooper's Ferry Partnership
- ❖ Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority
- ❖ NJ Tree Foundation
- ❖ Cooper University Hospital
- ❖ The Citizens' Campaign
- ❖ Eco Charter School
- ❖ NJ Partnership for Healthy Kids
- ❖ NJ Conservation Foundation
- ❖ NJ DEP
- ❖ Cooper Grant Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Tri-State Transportation Campaign
- ❖ Parkside Business and Community Partnership
- ❖ Save our Waterfront
- ❖ Camden Children's Garden
- ❖ LAEDA
- ❖ Camden Center for Environmental Transformation
- ❖ The Neighborhood Center
- ❖ The Food Trust
- ❖ US EPA Region 2
- ❖ And many Camden residents

Innovative Municipal Initiatives

- ❖ Gloucester Township – School composting programs
- ❖ Collingswood – BikeShare, Farmer’s Market, ZipCar
- ❖ Winslow – Resiliency and Flood Mapping
- ❖ Voorhees – Buy Local initiative
- ❖ Cherry Hill – First municipal sustainability plan in the County
- ❖ Pennsauken – Community Gardens/Municipal On-Site Solar
- ❖ Runnemede – Monarch Butterfly Waystations/Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places



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County Achievements

- ❖ First County in the United States to mandate recycling
- ❖ Over 2,400 acres of open space and farmland preserved through the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund
- ❖ Four-phase Bikeway and Multi-Use Trail Master Plan underway
- ❖ CCMUA 1.8 MW solar array - plans to produce as much energy through its operations as it consumes, resulting in net zero energy consumption by 2020.
- ❖ Electric Vehicle Infrastructure project
- ❖ LEED certified facilities
 - ❖ Environmental Center, Cherry Hill
 - ❖ Sciences Building, Camden County College



County Food Waste Pilot Program

- ❖ Who's Currently Separating Food Waste in Camden County?
 - ❖ Supermarkets
 - ❖ Hospitals
 - ❖ Restaurants
 - ❖ Corporate Cafeterias
 - ❖ Food Pantry
 - ❖ Food Processors
 - ❖ Schools
- ❖ County Pilot Program
 - ❖ 'Behind the Counter' program for Camden County College, Vocational Technical Schools and Camden County Jail
 - ❖ Will launch an RFP in July 2018 – program implementation in August

Lakeland Sustainability Site Plan



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❖ Highlights

- ❖ Viticulture program (partnership with Camden County College)
- ❖ Hydroponics greenhouses
- ❖ CSA/Healthy Food Programming – Full Kitchen
- ❖ Greenhouses - Rain garden plants/County Parks Department support
- ❖ Green Infrastructure projects
- ❖ Renewable Energy Demonstration sites
- ❖ Composting/Food Waste Collection
- ❖ Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom
- ❖ Christmas Tree Rental Program
- ❖ Monarch Butterfly Waystation
- ❖ Beekeeping
- ❖ 4H/Camden County Fair support services
 - ❖ Amphitheater/Multi-purpose building





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Best practices for residents, municipalities,
businesses and schools