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WOODBINE RENEWS SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has been certified, with a total of 160 points, as a Sustainable Jersey Bronze community, a certification that continues until December 31, 2018.

Woodbine met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification and is one of 57 that have attained certification in 2015. Sustainable Jersey's participating communities represent over half the state's municipalities and nearly 87 percent of its population.

Municipalities that earn this certification are considered by their peers, State government, experts, and civic organizations in New Jersey to be among the leading communities in the state.

The Borough will be honored at the eighth-annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon at the November 2016 New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference.

Woodbine was first certified by Sustainable Jersey in 2009.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Woodbine 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 2 out of 11 priority action options.

Woodbine's priority actions included: Community Outreach & Partnership (10 points) ;Municipal Energy Audits & Upgrades (50 points) ;Community Garden (10 points); Safe Routes to Schools --Health & Wellness (10 points);Complete Streets Program (20 points);Sustainable land Use Pledge (10 points); Clustering Ordinance (10 points); Environmental Assessment Ordinance (10 points);Habitat Conservation Ordinance (10 points); Community Forestry management Plan & Tree Cover Goal (20 points)

“Becoming Sustainable Jersey certified is a significant achievement,” said Randall Solomon, co-director of Sustainable Jersey. “The 196 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 432 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey,” said Donna Drewes, co-director of Sustainable Jersey.

“I wish to acknowledge our Green Team who are an important part of this certification,” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “This certification again places the Borough in a much stronger position in its competition for future grant funding and other such opportunities.”