



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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PRESS RELEASE

On October 28, 2019, Sustainable Jersey notified the Borough of Hawthorne that the organization has once again awarded Borough its Silver Level certification, matching the level reached previously in both 2013 and 2016.

The Sustainable Jersey certification program recognizes community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, as they seek to build a better world for future generations. Participating municipalities are re-evaluated every three years based on documentation provided by the municipalities. Certification makes a municipality eligible for Sustainable Jersey grants, which in recent years have funded such projects in Hawthorne as a community garden, a native plant project, a Green Map, and a “buy local” campaign.

Rayna Laiosa, who spearheads Hawthorne’s local Sustainable Jersey program as Chairperson of the Borough’s Environmental Commission and its Green Team, commented, “I am proud of the team effort that produced a score of 500 points this year, the highest score we have ever achieved. This is a great reflection on our entire community.”

Mayor Richard S. Goldberg said this of the achievement, “I want to thank Rayna and her team for this result, helping to make Hawthorne truly a sustainable community.”

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