



# **Borough of Hawthorne**

**Sustainable Jersey  
Silver Level – 2025 to 2028**

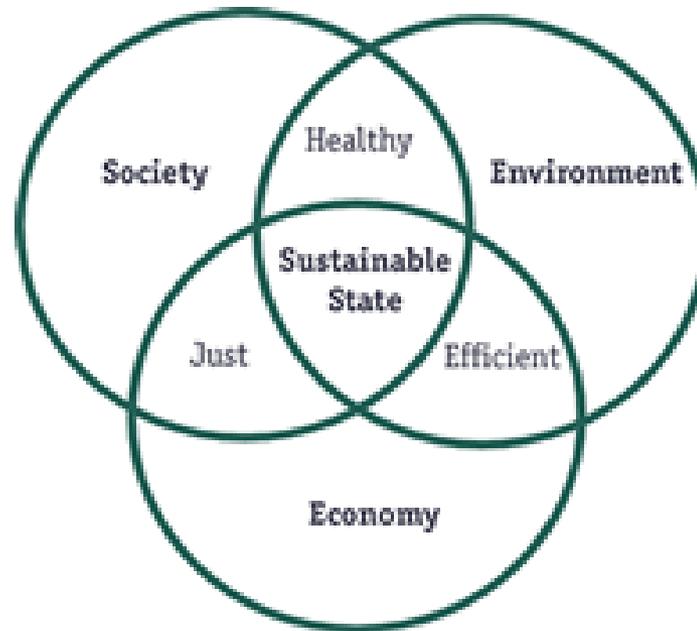
**January 2026**

# Agenda

- Sustainable Jersey Overview
- Hawthorne's Sustainable Projects
- 2026 Projects

# What is Sustainability?

Preserving our Quality of Life for Us and Future Generations



# Hawthorne's Sustainability Vision

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

# Sustainable Jersey Certification Benefits

- Save Money. Get Money. –
  - *Since 2011, Hawthorne has been awarded \$35,800*
- Gain access to training, tools, and expert guidance.
- Get recognized. Promote your town.
- Create a Better Future. Conserve valuable resources.

# Sustainable Jersey Levels

## **Bronze (150 points)**

- 2 out of 13 priority actions.
- 6 out of 17 sustainable categories
- Municipality has made a commitment to sustainability and succeeded in implementing significant first steps

## **Silver (350 points)**

- 3 out of 13 priority actions.
- 8 out of 17 sustainable categories
- Municipality has made significant progress in a number of categories toward sustainability and is a ***state-wide and national leader***

# Borough of Hawthorne

## **Silver (350 points)**

- 3 out of 15 priority actions.
- 8 out of 17 sustainable categories

## **2025 Silver (440 points)**

- ***4 out of 15 priority actions***
- ***13 out of 17 sustainable categories***

**Completed/Approved 34 SJ Action Plans**

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

**Prosperity**-support local *Economy* and use community resources

## – Food

- **Farmers' Market and Making Farmers Markets Accessible**
- **Community Garden** – 24 garden beds, 31 lbs. of produce to Hawthorne's Food Pantry; From 2016 to 2024, the gardeners have donated over 358 lbs to the food pantry
- **Community Food Pantry** – Promote Hawthorne Food Pantry, St. Anthony's Church and St. Clement's Church – Martha's Pantry

# Sustainable Jersey Categories



## **– Local Economies**

- **Buy Local Campaign** – Partnership with Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce
- Find the Hawthorne BEE, Restaurant Week, Spring Fling, and Holiday Program

**Shop Smart, Shop Local, and Shop Hawthorne First!**

# **Sustainable Jersey** **Categories**

- Local Economies**
- Support Local Businesses** – Established partnerships between the Borough and Local Businesses via Environmental Commission, Green Team, NPP Stakeholder committee, and Council Liaison with the Chamber of Commerce
  - Grand Openings
  - Neighborhood Preservation Program

**Hawthorne strives to improve and increase the support and events that we offer to our businesses.**

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

## – Operations and Maintenance

- **Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy** – Council Re Pledge Resolution
- Encourage Best Management Practices in an environmentally sound and efficient way to maintain & design Boro owned properties
- **Recycled Materials and Composting** – promote compost material at the recycling center for residents and boro usage

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

## Planet-practice responsible *Environmental* management and conservation

- **Brownfields** (Any former or current commercial or industrial site that is currently Vacant or Underutilized and on which there has been, or there is suspected to have been, a discharge of contaminant)
  - **Inventory & Prioritization** – Updated and Distributed to Zoning Board of Adjustment & Planning Board
  - **Assessment & Investigation** – Former 55 Schoon Avenue

# **Sustainable Jersey** **Categories**

- **Land Use & Transportation**
  - **Sustainable Land Use Pledge**
- **Natural Resources**
  - **Environmental Resource Inventory – Updated and Incorporated in Hawthorne's Master Plan**
  - **Hawthorne Environmental Commission**

# **Sustainable Jersey** **Categories**

- **Natural Resources – Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission**
  - **Tree Protection Ordinance**
  - **Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation**
  - **Tree Maintenance Programs**
  - **Tree Planting Programs**

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

- **Innovative Community Project**
  - **Girl Scout Silver project** – Created a butterfly garden, stone pathway through the garden, and installed a Little Free Library (donated by Daughters of the American Revolution) at the 8 Acre Woods entrance sign

# **Sustainable Jersey** **Categories**

## **– Waste Management**

- **Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal**
- **Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance**
- **Community Paper Shredding Day**
- **Hawthorne Recycling Center**
- **Household Hazardous Waste – Car Batteries & Consumer Electronics – Hawthorne Recycling Center**

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

## – Waste Management

- **Non-Mandated Materials Recycling**

- Non Ferrous Metal
- DVDs, CDs, Video Tapes
- Oil Contaminated Soil
- Food Waste – Cooking Oil
- Textiles
- Polystyrene – Permanent Container since May 2024

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

**People-** Contribute to a strong civil society that provides opportunity for all

– **Community Partnership & Outreach**

- **Create Green Team – Mandatory**
- **Community Education & Outreach Programs**
  - Green Lecture Matthew Hoogmoed, beekeeper and making of honey in Hawthorne
  - Spring and Fall Bird Walks
  - Annual June Environmental Program

# **Sustainable Jersey** **Categories**

- Community Partnership & Outreach**
  - Green Fair**
  
- Emergency Management**
  - Emergency Communications Planning - Hawthorne Office of Emergency Management (OEM)**

# **Sustainable Jersey** **Categories**

## **– Health & Wellness**

- **Building Healthier Communities - Mayor's Wellness Program – Youth, Seniors, Employees & Community**
  - Annual Pledge
  - Hawthorne School System,
  - Hawthorne Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Library & Community Center,
  - Hawthorne Board of Recreation,
  - Hawthorne Board of Health Department,
  - Hawthorne Police Department,
  - Stigma Free Committee, and
  - Hawthorne Municipal Alliance

# Sustainable Jersey Categories

## – Health & Wellness

- **Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement** –Grand Total of 62 Signs Posted; Joint letter Hawthorne Police, Hawthorne School System & Hawthorne Green Team – Educate all Hawthorne Schools
- **Safe Routes to School Program** - Hawthorne Police Department – Educational program focusing on walking and bicycling to school safer. NJ Safe Routes to School program – Hawthorne recognized at Silver Level

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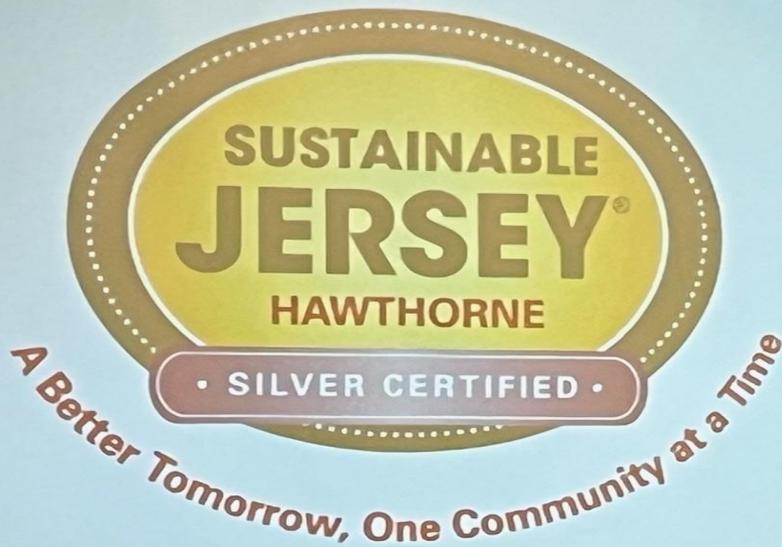
## **– Public Information & Engagement**

- **Municipal Communication Strategy**
- **Digitizing Public Information**

## **– Sustainability & Climate Planning**

- **Community Asset Mapping - Hawthorne's Green Map**

# Borough of Hawthorne!!!



**Passaic County  
440 Points**



# Hawthorne Environmental Commission

- Maureen Cook
- Holly Cowen
- Lisa DeVos (former)
- Rayna Laiosa - Chair
- Pat MacDonnell
- Mary Mahon – Vice Chair
- Mike Mariani
- Robert Meier
- Charles Stebbins

# Hawthorne Green Team Members

- John Bosloper
- Judi Bosloper
- Craig Cayetano
- Rita Pinelli
- Alexandra Soteriou
- Michael Turco
- Janet Turco
- Jacob Vander Pyl

# Hawthorne Achieves Silver Level

Recognized at the Annual Sustainable Jersey  
Luncheon on November 18, 2025



# 2026 Projects

- 34<sup>th</sup> Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 18, 2026
- Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 8, 2026
- Native Plant Education
- Buy Local Campaigns
- Help the Hawthorne BEE Defeat Litter!



# Borough of Hawthorne



***Thank You All for your Support and Dedication to Hawthorne's Sustainable Jersey Certification!***