



Sustainable Jersey Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Springfield Twp (Union County) (Union), a Sustainable Jersey bronze certified applicant.

Springfield Twp (Union County) (Union) was certified on October 11, 2018 with 205 points. Listed below is information regarding Springfield Twp (Union County) (Union)'s Sustainable Jersey efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Sustainability Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Springfield Twp (Union County) (Union) was approved for in 2018 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Animals in the Community

Companion Animal Management Pledge

5 Points

Program Summary:

Resolution 2015-76 supporting responsible pet ownership in the Township of Springfield was introduced and unanimously adopted by the Township Committee at the February 10, 2015 meeting. An informational memo was distributed to the Animal Control Officer and various departments and committees within the Township. Both the resolution and the memo are included in the documentation.

 [Companion Animal Management Pledge Resolution](#)

 [Distribution Memo](#)

Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan

10 Points

Program Summary:

Resolution 2015-78 was introduced and unanimously adopted by the Township Committee at the February 10, 2015 meeting. The resolution pledges the Township's support for the New Jersey State Wildlife Action Plan and recognizes that animals are an integral part of all communities and that the well-being of wild animals and wild species are a hallmark of a sustainable community. The Wildlife section in the 2011 NRI emphasizes the importance of wildlife and proactive steps towards wildlife protection. According to Landscape Project mapping, there is habitat for species of special concern where the following species occurrences have been documented: little blue heron, great blue heron, glossy ibis and snowy egret. There is also other habitat suitable for endangered, threatened or special concern wildlife species, but which has no documented occurrences of such species. Most of these patches occur along the Rahway River in or bordering the Rahway River Parkway and Lenape Park and in areas of Hidden Valley Park, Watchung Reservation and Baltusrol Golf Club. There is vernal habitat northwest of 78 on the border between Springfield and Summit. An informational memo was distributed to various departments and committees within the Township. Both the resolution and the memo are included in the documentation.

 [Memo re Pledge Resolution](#)

 [Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan Resolution](#)

Community Partnership & Outreach

Create Green Team

10 Points

Bronze Mandatory

Program Summary:

Springfield Green Team was established in 2009. In 2014, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey was hired to help the Township with obtaining Bronze Certification from SS in 2015. The Green Team (GT) works closely with Springfield Environmental Commission, Department of Public Works and other Township's agencies to implement and maintain environmentally sustainable practices in Springfield. Since 2017-2018, the GT recruited volunteers and they planted more than 250 trees and saplings to combat flooding. In 2016 and 2017, additional raingardens were constructed. In

2018, our first raingarden which was built in 2006 was reconstructed. Assisted and provided information to the Township's Flood Mitigation Committee on ways to reduce flooding. This information was shared with residents living in the flood-prone areas. 2017 and 2018 The GT worked closely with other agencies on cleaning and desilting streams within the Township. Ordered and installed additional Anti Idling signage around Springfield. Installed multiple Prescription Drugs drop-off boxes at several Township buildings and publicized those locations. Dissemination of information to residents through all social media about recycling plastics, paper, paint, and hazardous materials.. Expanded Recycling was created that collect vegetative waste, electronics, and metal every first Saturday of every month. This spring, we are also collecting Styrofoam. Informed the residents about the relocation of our Farmers Market to a new location where it is more accessible to the public. Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program is followed by residents and now there is no collection of grass during the Summer. Reusable Bag education during challenges and showing the movie "Bag It" at Library and Recreation Department. This department participated in our campaign to reduce plastics installing a water fountain at the pool that refills water bottles. Worked with DPW to provide residents with a free Radon testing Kit.

 [Green Team Activities Summary](#)

 [2017 Green Team Fall Festival Table pic](#)

 [2018 Resolution](#)

 [Green Team Members 2018](#)

 [DPW 2018 Bulletin](#)

Green Challenges

10 Points

Program Summary:

The Community Challenges household pledge initiative was launched during the October 2014 Fall Festival organized by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The pledge form contained five pledges by initialing next to the pledge and including household name, address, and optional telephone number and/or e-mail. The five categories were: turn off lights and unplug electronics, recycle, reusable shopping bags, cut it and leave it, and anti-idling. In February 2015, a link to an online version of the Community Challenge pledge form was posted on the GT and EC Facebook pages and the township website. Announcements were made during Township committee meetings and paper pledge forms and receiving boxes were placed in the Library, Township Hall, and Recreation Department. The form was e-mailed to the Superintendent of Schools; to the PTAs and PTO presidents; and to Saint James, a private school in town. During 2016 the Community Challenges were not very successful. In 2017 the Fall Community Challenges were launch at the Fall Fair in town using paper forms asking the residents to use Reusable Shopping bags, Support Anti-idling, and Recycle. After this event signatures were collected in different locations from October to December. Also, a Google Form was created and posted in the Township website which was shared through social media. The online form collected 31 challenges and the paper form had 129, resulting in a total of 160 households taking the pledges surpassing the 2% participation from a total of 5,232 households. The 2018 Community Challenges started in May 2018 and extended to the Fall to be able to have residents signing during the Fall Festival. The Township posted the Challenges in the website and was shared through social media. Boxes were placed in different locations in town asking to Use reusable shopping bags and Grass-Cut It and Leave It.

 [Sign Challenges 2017](#)

 [Pics. 2018 Green Challenges Boxes](#)

 [Green Challenges Township Website](#)

 [2017 Responses Summary](#)

 [Online responses](#)



Community Energy Initiatives

Wind Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary:

In 2010 Springfield Township passed ordinance 2010-31 entitled "Wind and Solar Energy," which meets Sustainable Jersey's minimum requirements as based on the model small wind ordinance provided by NJ BPU. The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the safe, effective and efficient use of small wind energy systems and solar energy systems to reduce the onsite consumption of utility-supplied electricity. The township believes converting wind and solar energy to electricity will reduce our dependence on nonrenewable energy sources, while decreasing the air and water pollution the results from the use of conventional energy sources. Distributed small wind and solar energy systems will also enhance the reliability and power quality of the power grid, reduce peak power demands and help diversify the State's energy supply portfolio. Enacting the ordinance standardizes and streamlines the requirements for small wind and energy systems so that this clean, renewable energy resource can be utilized in a cost-effective and timely manner within the municipality. In spring 2015, a memo was distributed to key Township personnel, including Planning, Zoning and the Environmental Commission, reminding them of this ordinance. In addition, an article underscoring township support for wind and solar energy was published in the local Patriot Times newsletter that is mailed to residents and posted online and the ordinance was posted on the Green Team Facebook page.

-  [Springfield Wind and Solar Ord](#)
-  [Wind/Solar Ordinance in Municipal Code](#)
-  [Patriot Times Newspaper Article](#)
-  [Township Memo](#)
-  [Wind and Solar Ordinance Green Team Facebook Post](#)

Direct Install

Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community

10 Points

Program Summary:

The Township of Springfield worked with its Direct Install Participating Contractor, Patrick Lynch of Tri-State Light & Energy, Inc., to reach out to Springfield businesses in 2012 and again in 2015. Between 2012 and 2014, about a dozen businesses completed Direct Install projects. In the spring of 2015, outreach to Springfield businesses included an announcement in the March edition of the Patriot Times newsletter and direct mailing of a letter from the Township Administrator and a flyer from Tri-State to 1450 commercial entities in Springfield (see included documentation below). As of June 5, 2015, Tri-State has received dozens of inquiries as a result of this campaign and is working with ten potential Direct Install Opportunities.

-  [Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community Letter from Township](#)
-  [Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community Letter Enclosure \(Flyer\)](#)
-  [Outreach Campaign to Local Business Patriot Times Article March 2015](#)

Food Production

Community Gardens

10 Points

Program Summary:

Springfield Community Gardens began in 2010 on Wabeno Avenue as a joint project between the Springfield Environmental Commission, Township Administrator, Springfield Garden Club, Department of Public Works, and the Township Engineer. Originally there were 6 raised 8' x 8' plots built and installed by DPW. In 2011 through a grant from Clean Air - Cool Planet, the gardens expanded to 12 plots at the original location and 10 plots were started at the

Community Pool. The first season at the Community Pool the gardens were a success and the Camp Program included gardening. The gardens renamed “Adler- Heltibridle Gardens,” in dedication to two residents who lost their lives in 9/11 and. In 2016 two plots were moved to Chisholm Recreation Center and maintained by members of the Senior Citizens. The Garden at the Cannon Ball House has been included in the Community Gardens where the maintenance work is done by DPW and volunteers. During 2017 and 2018 the two community garden plots at the Chisholm Community Center are planned and maintained by Dora Vaynberg and Patti Hansen, from the Seniors Club. Vegetables as beets, carrots, cucumbers, zucchinis, green beans, corn, tomatoes, and flowers are the main produce grown in the Community Gardens. The food that is grown is consumed by the gardeners and their families and friends. Denise DeVone is still distributing plots every Spring with announcements in township website, FB Environmental Commission, Mom’s Club, Garden Club, and Green Team pages for the Wabeno gardens. Some residents are planting pollinators in their garden plots to help the bees and insects that benefit from them. More pollinator gardens were created in 2017 and maintained by the community at Meissel Park with assistance from DPW during cleaning at the end of the season (see pictures).

 [Community Gardens Posts and Articles](#)

 [2018 Gardens Map](#)

 [Seniors Club Garden Information](#)

 [Springfield Community Gardens Pics](#)

Support Local Food

Farmers Markets

10 Points

Program Summary:

The Springfield Farmers Market has been in operation for many years and consists of local farmers from the nearby area selling produce and homemade goods. A variety of other vendors can be seen from year to year selling items such as oils, pickles, nuts and organic snacks. The market has recently moved to Mountain Avenue as a suggestion from the Green Team. The new location has increased foot traffic since it takes place on the Library lawn and is visible to many store patrons, bus riders, and passing traffic. Signage, local paper advertising, posters, social media, Springfield website postings and an electronic sign are all used to inform the community of the days, times and location of the market. The farmers market is included in the municipal code; a resolution in 2017 updated the location, times and days, therefore a resolution is made only when changes are made to the Farmers Market. It is held from the first Monday in July until the last Monday in October, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. That resolution also provided for a satellite farm stand at the Springfield Community Pool with abbreviated hours. The Township budgets about \$1,500 for the farmers market for banners, posters, entertainment and seasonal promotions. The Township does not derive any direct income since it has approved the waiver of participation fees for the last few years in the hope of attracting new vendors and increasing market size.

 [2018 Poster](#)

 [Farmers Markets 2018 Outreach](#)

Health & Wellness

Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program

10 Points

Program Summary:

The Township of Springfield passed an ordinance in October 2014 amending Section VII, Traffic, of the municipal code to restrict idling to 2 minutes or less on all municipal and Board of Education property. “No Idling” signs have been placed at every school in town and 5 more signs have been ordered for places that have been identified as “common idling areas.” An Email has been sent to every parent who has a child attending the Springfield Public Schools. Flyers

have been passed out with information about Idling all over town. We have posted digital flyers all over Springfield Social Media pages (Springfield's Mom's Group, Dad's page, The Environmental Commission FB page, Springfield, NJ Resident's Forum, Temple Sha'arey Shalom FB page, Greening Springfield FB page, Springfield Soccer Club FB page, Springfield Pool Camp page). Articles have been written and posted regarding Idling and The Springfield PD has begun enforcement. The Springfield PD has been knocking on doors of parent's on the pickup line for children (they arrive 45 minutes before school gets out) and has given final warnings that tickets will now be issued. Currently No Idling signs are placed at: Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center 601 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School 75 South Springfield Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 James Caldwell Elementary School 36 Caldwell Place Springfield, NJ 07081 Jonathan Dayton High School 139 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School 666 South Springfield Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 Signs have been ordered for streets with frequent complaints of Idling: 1. Caldwell Place 2. Keeler Ave. 3. Stiles Street 4. Diven St. 5. South Springfield Avenue

 [Anti-Idling Resolution](#)

 [Anti-Idling Outreach](#)

 [Newspaper Article](#)

 [2016-2018 Map](#)

 [Anti-Idling Ordinance Amendment](#)

Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places

10 Points

Program Summary:

Initiated by the Springfield Township Board of Health, an ordinance making all municipal parks smoke free was passed by the Township Committee on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. The Green Team immediately jumped on board to include this in the list of planned actions for Sustainable Jersey. Signs were ordered and posted in the municipal parks by Township staff. Outreach included an article in the April 2015 issue of the Patriot Times newsletter, mailed to all residents and available online, as well as posts on the Township website and the Township and Green Team Facebook pages. See documentation below.

 [Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places Ordinance](#)

 [Smoke-Free Tobacco-Free Signs](#)

 [Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places Outreach](#)

 [Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places Patriot Times newspaper article](#)

Innovation & Demonstration Projects

Raingardens 10 Points

Program Summary:

The Township of Springfield is within the Rahway River watershed. The Township has a long history of flooding due to a high water table and because some areas are in Flood Hazard Zones according to FEMA flood maps. Hurricane Floyd in September 1999 illustrated how bad certain areas of Springfield Township could flood. That was even more evident when Tropical Storm Irene impacted Springfield and certain areas in Springfield flooded again, with as much as 42" of rain on the first floor of some homes. To help alleviate the flooding, Springfield implemented many flood control projects including the installation of several raingardens. One of the first rain gardens in the state was built in Springfield in front of the Engineering Building in 2007. Springfield has joined in the Rahway River Watershed Storm Water Advisory Board 1,000 rain gardens campaign, which was conceived by Aly Miller, a Springfield Township volunteer who is a member of the Environmental Commission and Green Team, and who also created an outreach brochure around the campaign and the benefits of rain gardens. In 2014, Springfield received a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey (SJ) to build up to 6 gardens throughout the Township. The first rain garden installed utilizing the SJ grant was at James Caldwell

Elementary School. The second garden is at the Raymond Chisholm Community Center, where our seniors and youth activities occur. The third garden is installed at Jonathan Dayton High School. Three other rain gardens are currently being installed at different schools. When these installations are complete, the Township will have contributed \$8,000 in in-kind services to complement the \$10,000 SJ grant. The in-kind services are primarily professional time, services and labor towards the rain garden construction.

 [Engineering Annex Demonstration Rain Garden](#)

 [1000 Raingardens Campaign](#)

 [Raingardens Model Innovations in Sustainable Communities SJ Presentation](#)

 [SJ Grant Rain Gardens Patriot Newspaper Coverage](#)

 [DPW raingarden pic](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

Bronze Priority

Silver Priority

Program Summary:

On February 10, 2015, the Springfield Township Committee unanimously approved Resolution 2015-77 supporting the Sustainable Land Use Pledge. The item was submitted for consideration by Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski, who is a member of the Springfield Green Team, representing the Township Committee. The Sustainable Land Use Pledge was also distributed to various boards, commissions and organizations. This year Springfield Township Committee approved resolution 2018-113 supporting again the Sustainable Land Use Pledge which also was sent in a memo to commissions, organizations, and boards. See documentation.

 [Sustainable Land Use Pledge Memo and Pledge 2018](#)

Buy Local Programs

Buy Local Campaign

10 Points

Program Summary:

In 2011, the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID) and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce launched a program providing businesses with a way to reach Springfield residents, and residents with a resource to help them find local businesses to meet their needs. The program has been actively promoted and expanded each year since. It currently includes a website, a Facebook page, a mobile app available for free download, and a business directory mailed to residents. Promotions include a Loyalty Rewards Program and special discount offers. Residents and businesses are reached on a continuing basis through marketing programs including postcards, articles included in the free weekly Patriot newspaper delivered to residents, ads, and flyers mailed to residents and handed out at township events such as Fall Fest and July 4 event. Samples of these outreach materials are included in the documents uploaded below. Excerpts from Patriot articles: • We are averaging a weekly total reach of almost 2000 people through these posts. "Promoted posts" all of our promotions reach over 13,000 people. • Our Facebook page is very "hot" with every contest reaching 5-9,000 people and weekly posts reaching over 6,000. (November 2017) • Our business directory is available on the APP and our Website, you can go to our app or website for up to date listings of our businesses. (March 2018)"

 [Buy Local Campaign Documentation](#)

 [Buy Local Campaign Postings and Pics](#)

Natural Resources

Environmental Commission 10 Points

Program Summary:

During the year 2014 the Springfield Environmental Commission continued its mission of being a watchdog for the welfare of the citizens. Various annual projects were successfully completed and new ones were undertaken. Annual projects were: art contest with 346 participants; clean-up of rivers and parks with the help of 62 volunteers for celebration of Clean Communities' Day and Earth Day; Quarry Walk had largest group in years, 77 adults and children (the walk highlights one of the largest open spaces in the township and one of the major composting facilities for the county - used by Springfield and 12 neighboring towns); and took up the Walk to School initiative again. New projects and actions included: more anti-idling signs at the schools with the idea of expanding this to other town locations; publication of flyers and articles for landscapers and citizens about the use of legal pesticides and the dangers of using the carcinogen Antracine; successfully helped citizens protest the development of a BOE plot in a flood zone; reviewed and updated the NRI; strongly suggested that the township adopt a new storm water ordinance - result = taken up by the Planning Board and a new ordinance being written; asked for and received a medicine drop-off box at Police Station; and helped the Township create 2 Rain Gardens.

-  [Environmental Commission 2018 Budget](#)
-  [Ordinance/Code re Environmental Commission](#)
-  [Environmental Commission 2017 Budget](#)
-  [Environmental Commission Documentation](#)

Natural Resource Inventory

20 Points Bronze Priority Silver Priority

Program Summary:

In 2011 the Springfield Environmental Commission undertook a major revision of the previous NRI, prepared in 1976. In late 2014-early 2015, per 2-66.8 of the municipal code, the Springfield Environmental Commission performed its annual review of the NRI, making minor changes. The revised NRI was posted to the Springfield Township website. In addition, it was presented to the Planning Board for review and adoption on April 7, 2015, as an amendment to the 1997/2005 Master Plan, which is undergoing a major update in 2015. PDFs of the ERI, the municipal code that requires the annual review, the minutes documenting the adoption by the Planning Board, and the link on the Township website have been uploaded as supporting documentation for this action.

-  [Policy for Updating NRI](#)
-  [Natural Resource Inventory](#)
-  [Planning Board Adoption of NRI as Master Plan Element](#)
-  [Addendum 2018](#)

Natural Resource Protection Ordinances

Tree Protection Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary:

Springfield Township has had a Tree Ordinance since 1991. In order to remove trees, residents of Springfield must obtain a permit. Without a permit, a resident can incur a \$ 250.00 fine per tree removed. Included in the ordinance are guidelines for planting of trees to mitigate the removal, as well as a list of preferred trees (those trees best adapted to the climate, soil and topography of the Township of Springfield). The Township realized that uncontrolled cutting of trees had negative environmental consequences such as increased soil erosion and drainage problems that incur additional municipal costs, and that such negative impacts have resulted in lower property values and, if allowed to continue, will result in future deterioration of conditions affecting Springfield's environment and the health, safety and

general wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Township. A tree removal and planting plan is required as part of the permitting process for tree removal. In addition, through the continuous efforts and energy of the Department of Public Works, Springfield has become a Tree City USA municipality and a member of the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation. The DPW plants and maintains all shade trees in the parks and along the streets. At present, the township employs a certified tree expert whose arboreal responsibilities and activities include the removal of dead trees and the pruning and removal of hazardous conditions caused by dead limbs, low limbs, broken limbs, etc. The Department averages approximately 60 removals, 100 prunings, and at least 25 plantings at a cost of \$150,000 each year.

 [Tree Protection Ordinance](#)

Green Purchasing Program

Adopt Behavioral Policies

5 Points

Program Summary:

After discussion among the Green Team about what to include in this policy, the Township Engineer (a member of the Green Team) worked with the Township Administrator to develop. E-mail and memo that are uploaded below. The policy, outlining actions to reduce energy use is embedded in the body of both the email, which was distributed to all Township employees, the library and the first aid squad on March 30, 2015, and the memo, which was distributed to all employees also on March 30, 2015. The township departments and employees are aware and mindful of these policies. The Acting Township Administrator, John Cook sent a memo and e-mail in June 2018 to continue with these practices. Due to changes in the township administration, these documents were not sent on time.

 [Memo to Employees](#)

Sustainability & Climate Planning

Community Visioning




10 Points

Program Summary:

In 2013, the Township of Springfield received a Local Demonstration Project (LDP) grant from Together North Jersey for a community vision plan for its downtown. The project followed the Oregon model. The objective was to create a plan that the Township can use in preparation of a Redevelopment Plan and that addresses concerns regarding walkability, bikeability, bus routes, integration of the arts and flooding. Project partners: Township of Springfield, Union County, Springfield Business Improvement District. Project contributors: Springfield Township Committee, Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Union County Division of Planning and Community Development, Union County Division of Strategic Planning & Intergovernmental Relations, Springfield Business Improvement District, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Free Public Library, Springfield Township Environmental Commission, New Jersey Department of Transportation, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, and Phillips Preiss and Grygiel. An Advisory Committee meeting was held in October 2013; an open house workshop was held at the "Sarah Bailey Senior and Civic Center" on November 12; and additional feedback was collected online into February 2014. The team met with DOT and the local Business Improvement District in December and conducted informal field interviews with individuals who live, work in and traverse the study area. On March 11, the project team gave their final presentation with recommendations to the township government and other interested individuals. The final report, released in January 2015, included recommendations on the following: • Traffic Calming and Traffic Flow • Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements • Relocations and improvements for Transit Stops • Parking Management, Maintenance and Enforcement • Stormwater Management • Design and Redevelopment Standards On May 12, 2015, the Township Committee approved resolution 2015-159 accepting the Morris Avenue Vision and Mobility Plan and recognizing the input of various entities including the Springfield Green Team and residents of the community.

 [Morris Avenue Vision and Mobility Plan Part 1](#)

 [Morris Avenue Vision and Mobility Plan Part 2](#)

-  [Community Visioning Documentation](#)
-  [Resolution Approving Vision and Mobility Plan](#)
-  [Community Visioning Outreach](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal

10 Points Bronze Priority Silver Priority

Program Summary:

In 2014, Township of Springfield was approved to participate in Project Medicine Drop, a program administered by the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office. The program is an effort to improve quality of life, ensure public safety and raise awareness of the potential for abuse of expired prescription medications. In November 2014, Springfield received two boxes for use in the program. In the last three years, Springfield’s Project Medicine Drop boxes have collected 1,084 pounds of unused, expired medications for destruction. One of the boxes was permanently installed in the lobby of the Springfield Police Department at 100 Mountain Avenue. In that location, the box is both publicly accessible as well as secure, as the area is under 24-hour video surveillance. The second box is a portable version that Police Chief John Cook regularly takes to events around town as well as to residents who are not able to travel to the police department. The box has been to several senior events, including a 2016 presentation on antibiotic abuse and a 2018 Union County presentation on seniors and drugs. In the last two years, Springfield has made a concerted effort to better publicize the program. In 2016, the Attorney General’s Office approved flyers about the program. Throughout 2017, the flyer – a joint effort by the Springfield Environmental Commission and the Green Team – has been posted at pharmacies, physician offices, and businesses. Also, Springfield Environmental Commission and the Green Team shared an electronic version of the flyer on their Facebook pages that were shared by members of the community in their own pages. See documentation below.

-  [Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal Facebook Outreach](#)
-  [Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal Flyer](#)
-  [PDP Police Page Township Website](#)
-  [2018 Prescription Drug Disposal Receipt](#)
-  [Drop Off Box Pictures](#)
-  [Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal Press Release](#)





Recycling

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary:

The first event was held on Saturday March 14, 2015 at the Springfield Municipal Pool Parking Lot. Three (3) members of the Springfield DPW assisted residents the entire day with their materials. This event was available only to Springfield Residents; proof of residency was required. Each resident could bring 4 boxes or bags of documents not weighing more than 10 lbs. apiece. The Township of Springfield contracted the shredding event with NEXCUT Shredding 443 Schiller Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206. 3200 LBs of confidential material were shredded. A “Certificate of Destruction” provided by the vendor is uploaded below. This amount was included in the annual tonnage report and grant application. The monetary payout of our annual tonnage grant is contingent upon the amount of material we recycle throughout the year. Considering the popularity of the first event DPW had been holding this event every year contracting Shred-it from Bridgewater, NJ. In October 2017 the amount shredded was near 4000 pounds. These events are posted on the township website and published in DPW yearly bulletin. For this year Robert Boettcher, DPW Supervisor planned two Community Paper Shredding days, April 7th and October 6th (see documentation and pictures). All the events are still being held at the Springfield Municipal Pool Parking Lot between 9 AM and 1 PM (see flyer).

-  [Community Paper Shredding Day Outreach](#)
-  [2017 Receipt of Destruction](#)
-  [Community Paper Shredding 2018 Pics](#)
-  [Community Paper Shredding Day Flyer](#)




Waste Reduction

Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program

5 Points

Program Summary:

The Township of Springfield has promoted using the "cut it and leave it" approach to grass clippings for quite a while. In the fall of 2014, a pamphlet was prepared for distribution at the township Fall Fest. The pamphlet was also uploaded to the Township website and posted on social media. Cut It and Leave It had been included as one of the pledges in the Community Challenges as a pledge, which continues to be promoted around town, as part of the Green Challenges action during last two years. This practice is included on the DPW page of the Township website under a tab "Vegetative Waste Disposal and in their yearly Bulletin. "Also, "Cut it and Leave it" had been promoted by the Environmental Commission and Green Team in their respective Facebook Pages. The township does not collect grass clippings instead residents are encouraged to leave them. See documentation.






-  [Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program Outreach](#)
-  [Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program Township Website](#)
-  [Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program Documentation](#)

Reusable Bag Education Program

5 Points

Program Summary:

During 2012 through 2015 the Township of Springfield's Green Team was working with the Chamber of Commerce to develop a way to provide the citizens with reusable grocery bags. In the winter of 2015 the Township of Springfield's Environmental Commission and Department of Public Works decided to spearhead the printing of the bags as part of the Annual Clean Communities' Day Art Contest. During 2015 three designs were selected to be printed on reusable bags. Certificates of Excellence, Honorable Mention and Special Mention (76) were given out to the students at a Town Hall Committee meeting, the winning designs were later displayed at the Public Library on April and May 2015. The bags were distributed to all the students in grades Kindergarten through 8th in public and private schools, besides during 2015 Fall Festival. The remainder bags were distributed from the Environmental Commission and Green Team's table on 2016. In 2017 the community was educated through the "Community Green Challenges" (see documentation) and in 2018 a link to a video was included in the community challenges online version. Springfield Environmental Commission and Green Team had discussed ideas to improve this program in the community (see minutes uploaded). This Summer GT requested support to purchase the movie Bag It and sent links to departments in town. With the support of SEC the township brought the movie through DPW. Our new members Margaret and Mara worked with Ms. Dale at Springfield Library scheduling the movie for August 10th. Only 9 people attended. More showtimes are in the works, one taking place on October 14th at Springfield Recreation Department and for next year at the Library and Seniors Club. Furthermore, between SEC and GT the schools will be contacted to use the movie with Middle school and High School students during an assembly.

-  [SEC minutes](#)
-  [Green Team Minutes](#)
-  [Reusable Bag Education Program Documentation](#)
-  [Library Website Movie Bag It](#)
-  [Movie Bag It-Outreach and Pics](#)

