

Sustainable Community

Community wellness is a broad definition that encompasses physical, mental, spiritual, and community wellbeing. Part of community wellbeing means making sure your municipality preserves open space, recycles, is walkable, reduces waste, and promotes a healthy environment that supports the health and prosperity of your residents.

Sustainability programs– Having a sustainability program provides a road map to conserving resources, promoting innovation, and saving money. Below are a few program ideas to get you started:

- **Recycling**- distribution and education on use of reusable cloth bags and provide backyard composting workshops for residents. *
- **Environment**- maintain preservation of green space, anti-idling education and enforcement programs, and create a water conservation ordinance. *
- **Energy Efficiency Community Outreach**- create and advertise community education events promoting state programs such as “Direct Install” and “Home Performance with ENERGY STAR.” *

**Note: sustainability programs above are from Sustainable Jersey Actions.*

Resources –

[Sustainable Jersey](#)

[Camden County Sustainability Plan](#)

[NJ Clean Energy Program](#)

[NJ Department of Environmental Protection](#)

MWC Success Stories:

Camden County Board of Freeholders introduced the county’s first long-range Sustainability Plan. Each municipality of Camden County actively participates in the county-wide Green Initiative. ‘Living Clean & Green!’ is a series of programs and workshops designed to inform the public and improve the local environment. To learn more, click [here](#).

