



# Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of New Providence Boro, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

New Providence Boro was certified on September 23, 2025 with 350 points. Listed below is information regarding New Providence Boro’s Sustainable Jersey efforts and materials associated with the applicant’s certified actions.

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## Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which New Providence Boro was approved for in 2025 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.

### Arts & Creative Culture

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#### Establish a Creative Team

10 Points

**Program Summary:** New Providence Public Art (NPPA) is a volunteer Borough Advisory Committee that was created in 2015 with the mission of enriching the quality of life in our community by bringing outdoor sculpture to New Providence to be enjoyed by everyone. By exhibiting public art in New Providence, NPPA seeks to enhance the environment, strengthen the artistic aspects of the community and add dimension to our public spaces. Since its inception,

NPPA has brought rotating sculptures to New Providence, including several permanent pieces. Annual activities include offering Art Tours in the Municipal Building Hallways, writing and receiving Grant funding, researching and procuring new art, and working with the New Providence Board of Education to host Youth Art Month. Attached is a list of members, all of whom are approved for a one-year calendar term.

**PDF: [2025 NPPA MEMBERS.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [RESOLUTION-2025-54 ADVISORY COMMITTEES 2025.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [Q & A WITH NEW PROVIDENCE PUBLIC ART.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [NPPA SYNOPSIS 7-24-2024.PDF](#)**

## Community Partnership & Outreach

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### Green Team

**10 Points**

 Bronze Required

**Program Summary:** The Green Team of New Providence which we call Sustainable New Providence continued to meet on a monthly basis every third Wednesday of the month. We usually put an article in the quarterly newsletter of the Borough which is mailed to all residents of New Providence. Our articles usually pertain to an upcoming event or has some seasonal information such as alternatives to pesticides in the spring and using non-chemical salts to melt the ice in the fall. Attached are the Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 Newsletters. In these Newsletters you will see information on fishing derby, our Green Fair, bulk collection information, Green Challenge, solutions to stormwater pollution, support local businesses, recycling information, and New Providence Public Art. Also, we support the Community Garden which is managed by the Recreation Dept. and Sustainable New Providence built in 2016 with the help and support of our town. We raised grant money from BASF, PSE&G and Groundworks Elizabeth. Our garden manager gives us ongoing updates about the garden progress and new projects for the garden. We help the manager to get the support he needs from our Borough Council and recreation Dept. for supplies and repairs. Our Tree Sapling Giveaway which we have run for 3 consecutive years was also a great success (2024 was our last year since NJ ended the program). We typically give away 100's of tree saplings, which we recently did during our Green Fair event. See attached resolution 2024-073 which outlines the Sustainable Committee activities in 2024. See attached draft list of Sustainability committee events scheduled for 2025. Attached is the January 7, 2025 Boro Reorganization meeting agenda which includes the appointment of the advisory committees including the Sustainability Committee (and its members). Our current bronze certification is included on our website to advertise our accomplishments. The link we provide allows residents to be directed to our report with all the actions we have completed for the bronze certification. This can be found here: <https://www.newprov.us/296/Volunteer-Advisory-Committees> We are seeking 10 points for this action.

**PDF: [2024-073 SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS 2024.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [01-07-2025 RE-ORGANIZATION AGENDA.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [SUSTAINABILITY NP COMMITTEE 2025 EVENT CALENDAR DRAFT \(1\).PDF](#)**

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## Community Education & Outreach

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Community Education and Outreach The Sustainability Committee communicates with residents in a variety of ways. Below are two programs with the most consistent and thorough impact: 1. Borough of New Providence annual calendar. The calendar is mailed to all homes and contains information on each page about recycling, garbage, bulk pickups, brush, shredding and other events. Residents rely on this information and the links to timely updates all year long. Please see the attached checklist for more information, and a digital copy of the calendar. 2. Community Cleanup Day. The annual cleanup day takes place in several parks, each of which is sponsored/hosted by a Sustainable New Providence member. The day is kicked off with a talk about Sustainable New Providence, the actions we take throughout the year to better our community, the importance of keeping the parks clean, having recycling containers and garbage bins, bicycle racks, dog waste, tennis ball recycling bins, etc. in our nature spots. The participants are educated about the many ways New Providence invests in environmental initiatives, and then we spend several hours cleaning up the parks of trash, brush, and recyclables. Attached is the submission checklist and a flyer from this year's event.

**WORD:** [COMMUNITY\\_EDUCATION\\_IN\\_PERSON\\_EVENT\\_CHECKLIST- CLEANUP DAY.DOC](#)

**WORD:** [COMMUNITY\\_EDUCATION\\_ONLINE\\_OR\\_PRINT\\_INITIATIVE\\_CHECKLIST- CALENDAR 2025.DOC](#)

**IMAGE:** [CLEANUP DAY 2025.PNG](#)

**PDF:** [2025 CALENDAR.PDF](#)

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## Green Challenges

10 Points

**Program Summary:** New Providence held its inaugural Green Challenge in 2024, thanks to the funding received from the Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Foundation grant. Over 300 families participated. There was great attendance at our event and tremendous feedback about what people learned and how they made changes to make their lives more sustainable. We will be hosting the Green Challenge again in 2025 and future years.

**PDF:** [GREEN CHALLENGE EVENT PHOTOS.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [MEDIA COVERAGE.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [SOCIAL MEDIA.PDF](#)

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## Green Fair

10 Points

**Program Summary:** On April 20 2024 the New Providence Sustainability Committee hosted our third annual Green Day. This event was held to educate residents on ways to be more sustainable. Examples include energy efficiency, electric vehicles, composting, information on NP's reusable bag recycling program. Vendors participating in the Green Day event included: Hilltop bicycles, Public Service Electric and Gas, Union County Recycling, Local Boy Scouts, resident owners of electric vehicles, New Jersey Clean Energy Program, Java's Compost, and Friends of Great Swamp

National Wildlife Refuge. The town of New Providence played a prominent role in the success of the event. Participation included use of the borough property to hold the event, active participation in the planning and preparation of the event. This participation included active advertising on the town website, electronic bulletin board, and providing borough employees to assist the day of the event. Attached please find examples of promotion for the event. See attached completed qualitative assessment to address comments received.

**WORD:** [GREEN FAIR SUMMARY 2024.DOCX](#)

**IMAGE:** [GREEN FAIR 2024 FINAL 2.PNG](#)

**IMAGE:** [GREEN FAIR 2024 FULL.PNG](#)

**IMAGE:** [GREEN FAIR PROMO 2024.JPG](#)

## Emergency Management

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### Emergency Communications Planning

15 Points

**Program Summary:** New Providence has a very active police department as well as an Office of Emergency Management. The Police and OEM hold quarterly meetings with the local emergency planning commission (LEPC) and a variety of topics are addressed during these meetings. The LEPC is comprised of a variety of stakeholders in the town including: Police, fire, rescue squad, DPW, Dept. of Health, Mayor, etc. We have attached the Communication Plan for New Providence.

**PDF:** [COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [EMERGENCY\\_COMM\\_PLANNING\\_CHECKLIST \(2\).DOC](#)

**WORD:** [ANNEX 1 -ALERT WARNING COMMUNICATION - 2023.DOC](#)

**WORD:** [ANNEX 5 - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMANTION - 2023.DOC](#)

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### Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies

10 Points

**Program Summary:** Operation Blue Angel and Operation Blue Guardian are two programs designed to assist New Providence Police officers in gaining entry into residences during an emergency and involve the installation of a lockbox at the residence. This program assists officers in gaining entry into residence when time is of the essence and helps us assist our most vulnerable populations in times of emergency. It also helps NPPD know where these populations are, so they can easily contact them, provide information, and assistance if needed. Operation Blue Angel is a program focused on those over the age of 55 who may live alone or are alone on a frequent basis. It is directed at those who may be in advanced age, have difficulty with mobility, or have medical concerns that may make it difficult for them to answer their door during an emergency. To register for the Operation Blue Angel program, residents complete the application and waiver forms. This program has been promoted via our website, social media, and during presentations at our Senior Center and living facilities. Operation Blue Guardian is a program focused on those, regardless of age, who have been diagnosed with a developmental, cognitive, or physical disability that is potentially incapacitating and may make it difficult for them to answer

their door during an emergency. To register for the Operation Blue Guardian program, residents or their caregivers complete the application and waiver form. This program was promoted via our website and social media. The DeCorso Senior Center has over 400 registered members (in a community of just 13,000 residents). The database is updated annually. The staff at the Senior Center, in conjunction with New Providence Recreation, has the ability to contact the members in case of an emergency. The NPPD and OEM has access to the Operation Blue Angel and Operation Blue Guardian lists and are utilized to contact individuals in case of an emergency. Lastly, the Board of Education has a division of Special Services, which maintains a list of children in the special education program, ESL program, and reduced lunch program. These families can be contacted through the BOE as needed. In an effort to reach residents not on social media, we have promoted these programs in many ways in-person: at the annual NP Street Fair, at a Senior Citizens Club meeting at our Senior Center, during town council meetings, at the annual National Night Out table, and via word of mouth.

**PDF:** [COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [OPERATION BLUE ANGEL.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [OPERATION BLUE ANGEL WEB.JPG](#)

**PDF:** [OPERATION BLUE ANGEL NPPD.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [OPERATION BLUE ANGEL APPLICATION FORM.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [VULNERABLE\\_POP\\_CHECKLIST.DOC](#)

## Energy

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### Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

15 Points

**Program Summary:** New Providence has recently completed installation of two level 2 chargers in a municipal lot which is available to the public/residents of New Providence. The attached document provides a summary regarding what has been accomplished. The installation of these chargers will allow residents and the public to utilize our downtown area, charge their vehicle while using the amenities in our downtown area and increase the daily useful range of their EVs. Installation of these chargers will also reduce the amount of gasoline consumed in our town. Users of the chargers are charged fees as follows: see attached changes to be presented to Boro Council for approval (See page 2 and 3). Attached is a phot showing the EV signage for these newly installed EV chargers.

**PDF:** [NEW PROVIDENCE 2020-06-ELECTRIC-CHARGING-STATIONS.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [NP LEVEL 2 CHARGERS FEB 2025.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [CHAPTER 147 FEE 2025 FINAL.DOC](#)

**IMAGE:** [NP EV SIGNAGE.JPG](#)

## Food

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### Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough of New Providence Community Activities Department supports new Providence-based Food Pantry LINC Resource Pantry. 1) The Borough includes the pantry in local events, where they promote their services, accept donations, and recruit volunteers. 2) The Borough creates and sends information about the pantry to all residents 3) Borough employees, Mayor and Council serve as volunteers and Board Members 4) Community Activities Department has worked with LINC to receive local grants 5) Community Activities Department has recently taught LINC how to apply for and receive local grants so they can do so on their own as well

**PDF:** [REDUCED LUNCH HOLIDAY LETTER+ SPANISH 2024.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [MLK DAY VOLUNTEER FAIR.PNG](#)

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## Community Gardens

20 Points

**Program Summary:** Community Garden: A coalition of committees, departments, and volunteer groups collaborated in 2016 to dedicate their time to the construction of New Providence's first Community Garden. The groups included: Sustainable New Providence (SNP), New Providence Garden Club (NPGC), Borough of New Providence - Dept. of Public Works (DPW), Local Boy Scout Troop 63 (BST), and the employees of locally headquartered BASF Co. (BASF). Thanks to over \$10,000 of funding from the Union County Means Green 2015 program, Sustainable Jersey (PSE&G), the BASF Community Fund and the Boro of New Providence, we were able to open the garden in the summer of 2016 with 28 raised bed plots (4' x 12') within a deer resistant fence. The plots were leased to residents for a fee and were fully rented in a few short weeks. Because of its overwhelming popularity, we sought and were awarded Union county matching funds in subsequent years that helped us build 9 more plots, extend the underground water piping, and install a drip irrigation system. The community garden has been highly successful, and we just opened for our eighth season in March 2024. The NP Website advertises to the public the Community Garden during the period of January - March, after that plots are awarded, and applications are no longer posted. Attached is the 2024 Operating Procedures and Rules. The community garden is located in an area heavily traveled by the community and prominently identified with a large sign. In 2024, a successful Eagle Scout project added two new plots to the Garden for a total of 39, one of which is used to grow food for donation to our local Food Pantries. Residents are made aware of the community garden and lottery system used to award plots. This notification occurs on the Town website. Each application submitted by a resident requires they read/agree to the operating rules (see attached 2024 operating procedures). When plots are awarded, each resident is asked to attend an orientation session where the rules are repeated. Organic Procedures: Plots are supplied with mushroom soil and are not permitted to use chemical substances, which help the garden comply with only using of organic procedures. Food Pantry donation: One of the 39 plots is designated for growing food for the local food pantry. Additionally, gardeners can donate their surplus to the pantry.

**PDF:** [MULTIPLE DOCUMENTS FOR GARDEN.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [COMMUNITY\\_GARDEN\\_SUBMISSION\\_QUESTIONNAIRE-JAN4.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [PROHIBITED PLANT LIST.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [GMAIL - FW\\_COMMUNITY GARDEN - UPDATE 01APR.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [GARDEN4.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [COMMUNITY GARDEN.JPG](#)

## Health & Wellness

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### Building Healthier Communities

25 Points

**Program Summary:** New Providence does many things to build our Healthy Community: Youth: 1. Red Ribbon week with the Municipal Alliance 2. Ongoing "Free to Teen" programming 3. Ongoing Sports leagues Seniors: 1. Ongoing free exercise classes 2. Ongoing free social activities 3. Annual Health Fair Employees: 1. Ongoing free exercise classes 2. Ongoing free wellness support line 3. Mayors Wellness Challenge stretching class Community: 1. Ongoing recreation classes and free special events 2. Ongoing Mayors Wellness Challenge 3. Municipal Alliance event/parent workshop The programs are detailed in the attached forms.

PDF: [EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [FREE FULL BODY STRETCH \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SUBMISSION FORM.PDF](#)

PDF: [MWC PLEDGE OF PARTICIPATION 2024.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [FLYER- WELLNESS CHALLENGE 2025.PNG](#)

PDF: [FLYERS- RED RIBBON WEEK AND PARENTING WORKSHOP.PDF](#)

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### Safe Routes to School

10 Points

**Program Summary:** We have attached the Gold Level recognition received from the SRTS program (2019). This was achieved for three schools in New Providence and the municipality. We submitted for recertification for the next three years and expect to hear in May or June 2022. New Providence was awarded Gold level recognition in 2022, see attached link for verification: <https://www.saferoutesnj.org/current-safe-routes-to-school-recognition-program-winners/>. Included a copy of a screenshot from the website confirming the 2022 designation. In January 2025 New Providence submitted a package to retain the Gold level recognition. This package included multiple documents summarizing activities being done to support this program. We are awaiting word from the SRTS program.

PDF: [SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS 2019](#)

PDF: [SRTS NP 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 SRTS GOLD LEVEL SUBMISSION PACKET.PDF](#)

## Land Use & Transportation

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### Bicycle & Pedestrian Audits

10 Points

**Program Summary:** As part of our Safe Routes to Schools program we conduct walk and bike audits to evaluate the needs of sidewalks, crosswalks, and trail infrastructure and develop action plans. We also survey parents, students and school officials for input on action plans. Our Safe Routes to Schools Committee meets quarterly with school and borough officials, police, parents and school officials. As part of our Safe routes to Schools program we encourage residents to use existing walking and bike routes as depicted on the website: <https://stemshoots.com/try-new-providences-walk-and-bike-routes/> The above website was developed after walking audits were conducted with the goal of identifying routes that our residents can safely navigate whether they are walking or riding a bicycle. These routes considered sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic signals, etc. Based on comments received on May 22, 2025 we have assembled additional information we believe addresses your comments to allow this action to be approved, see attached.

**PDF:** [2025 SRTS GOLD LEVEL SUBMISSION PACKET.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [AUDITS - BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ROUND 3.DOCX](#)

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## Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Improvement Projects

20 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough of New Providence completed the rehabilitation of the Municipal Walking path in October 2024. The project had been slated for 2022, but was delayed due to the construction of the adjacent pickleball courts and rehab of the tennis courts. The Municipal Complex walking/running path is one of our most well-used recreational spaces. The path had become hazardous over time, as roots and wear and tear had created cracks and breaks that were tripping hazards. It is a priority for New Providence to have safe place to recreate, walk and bike. The attached LRIG grant assisted the Borough with paying for a new walking path that connects the schools, tennis courts, pickleball courts, community garden, town pool. and serves as a place to walk an over .5 mile loop.

**PDF:** [LOCAL REC IMPROVEMENT GRANT 2021- RESOLUTION 2022-060.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [LOCAL REC IMPROVEMENT GRANT 2021-23 INFO.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [WALKING PATH PROJECT SUBMISSION WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [WALKING PATH GRID 2025.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [WALKINGPATH MAP 2025.DOCX](#)

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## Complete & Green Streets for All Policy

20 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached please find the Complete Streets Resolution and Policy adopted in 2022 and updated in 2025 (5/13/25). This policy supports the numerous benefits of Complete Streets, including improved safety for all roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists, of all ages and abilities): new and/or improved connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as commercial areas, schools, residential neighborhoods, parks, and public facilities that contribute to a comprehensive, integrated, multi-modal transportation network; and, improved community health, livability, and sustainability through the provision of transportation options that encourage physical activity. Attached is the agenda for the Boro council meeting held



on 5/13/25 as well as the updated resolution adopted.

**WORD: [ACTION\\_SUBMISSION\\_WORKSHEETS\\_COMPLETE\\_MODEL\\_POLICY\\_ADOPTION\\_FINAL.DOCX](#)**

**PDF: [2022-053 COMPLETE STREETS POLICY 2022 \(PDF\).PDF](#)**

**PDF: [05-13-2025 AGENDA.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [2025-129 COMPLETE STREETS POLICY 2025.PDF](#)**

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## Local Economies

### Green Business Recognition Program

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** In 2021 New Providence implemented the Sustainable New Providence – Nominate a NP Business. The purpose of this program was to encourage and recognize businesses that engage in sustainable activities. Attached is a screen shot from the town website advertising this program. This could include using sustainable products, promoting recycling, using renewable energy, and/or increasing the energy efficiency of their business operations. At our inaugural Green Day held on October 2, 2021 we recognized three businesses for the sustainable activities they engage in. The four businesses located in New Providence (and examples of sustainable activities) included: Prestige Diner (elimination of plastic straws and Styrofoam containers, 70% paper reduction, energy efficient equipment) , Colonial Appliance (sales of energy efficient appliances), Elefante Music (solar panels installed on business, saved 306 MWh of power) and Bagel Café (recycling, no plastic bottled water, elimination of plastic straws/styrofoam). An example of the certificates issued is attached. This effort continued in 2022 and 2023, our program in 2023 (see attached) resulted in awards to several businesses. The attached "talking points" was used by Boro Council staff to announce our winners in 2023 during the Green Fair held on April 22, 2023. Our efforts in 2024 continued to encourage businesses to implement sustainable practices, however, at our Green Fair in April 2024 we highlighted some individuals we considered sustainability heroes (see attached talking points for 2024 Green Fair).

**IMAGE: [NOMINATE A BUSINESS](#)**

**PDF: [PIONEER GREEN AWARD 2023 \(PDF\).PDF](#)**

**PDF: [GREEN FAIR GREEN AWARDS TALKING POINTS 2023.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [GREEN FAIR 2024 FULL.PDF](#)**

**PDF: [GREEN HEROES 2024 - PRESENTATION REMARKS 20APR2024.PDF](#)**

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### Buy Local Campaign

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The New Providence Buy Local campaign that started in 2013 continues with support from the NP Business and Professional Alliance (NPBPA). We have included updated documentation to show more recent activities (This includes links to our websites that market this campaign). Finally, we have attached a graphic that displays the banners that were located throughout town to encourage local dining and purchasing. We have attached additional

documentation as requested. Specifically, several screen shots displayed on our electronic billboard in the center of town, to encourage shopping locally. Also, attached are several articles issued during the year to encourage shopping locally.

**PDF:** [DOING BUSINESS IN NEW PROVIDENCE \(PDF\).PDF](#)

**WORD:** [BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN WRITEUP FOR NP.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [2024 CALENDAR - FINAL\\_202401111440035658.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [2024 NEW PROVIDENCE BULLETIN BOARD MESSAGES.DOCX](#)

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## Support Local Businesses

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough of New Providence is very supportive of local businesses. Examples include: 1. Municipal Electronic board encourages local business with shop local messages (see attached) 2. Monthly meetings of New Providence business community is run with the help of the town (our CIO runs the meetings) 3. Website for the business community [www.newprovbiz.com](http://www.newprovbiz.com). 4. Also if you hit the New Business Resources in the menu, you get a brochure telling how to start a business in New Providence and what resources the town will help you with 5. Under the NP Business menu there are listings for local employment opportunities. 6. The town Master Plan, updated in 2017 (reexamination) addresses how to make the town more walkable and bikeable to encourage more visits to local businesses.

**PDF:** [TAPINTO NP BUSINESS ARTICLES.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [SUPPORT\\_LOCAL\\_BUSINESSES\\_QUALITATIVE\\_ASSESSMENT NP.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [NP BORO AND NP BIZ SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES.PDF](#)

**WORD:** [SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS WRITEUP FOR NP.DOCX](#)

**WORD:** [2024 NEW PROVIDENCE BULLETIN BOARD MESSAGES.DOCX](#)

## Natural Resources

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### Open Space Plans

10 Points

**Program Summary:** This Open Space and Recreation Plan (attached) was completed in November 2023 and was adopted by the Planning Board on December 12, 2023 (see attached agenda for this meeting and meeting minutes showing the plan was adopted). The plan was prepared in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Open Space and Recreation Plan Guidelines. The Borough of New Providence last prepared and adopted an Open Space and Recreation Plan in 2006. This Plan supersedes the 2006 Plan and any other previous versions. The purpose of this Open Space and Recreation Plan is to articulate New Providence's goals, objectives, and vision of open space and recreation throughout the Borough. This Plan will provide a framework for the protection and preservation of open space and recreation opportunities as well as a realistic path for implementation. This Plan will bring the Borough of New Providence into compliance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program, which will ultimately benefit the Borough by allowing New

Providence to receive matching grants and loans for open space acquisition and park development.

PDF: [NEW PROVIDENCE OSRP ADOPTED 12-11-23\\_202312140817047602.PDF](#)

PDF: [PLANNING BOARD MINUTES 12 12 2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [PLANNING BOARD AGENDA 12 12 23 OPEN SPACE PLAN ADOPTION.PDF](#)

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## Tree Protection & Replacement Ordinance \*NEW 2025\*

20 Points

**Program Summary:** In May 2024 New Providence adopted an ordinance for tree removal and replacement (see attached ordinance). We have completed the tree protection & replacement ordinance action submission checklist to support the request for approval of this action.

WORD: [TREE\\_PROTECTION\\_\\_REPLACEMENT\\_ORDINANCE\\_SUBMISSION\\_CHECKLIST\\_NEW\\_PROVIDENCE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [NEW PROVIDENCE TREE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT ORDINANCE](#)

## Public Information & Engagement

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### Municipal Communications Strategy

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The New Providence Communications Plan is a living document intended to be adapted and enhanced as the borough continues to evolve. As communication technology and platforms for citizen engagement continue to advance, the plan is expected to change to meet the emerging needs. The plan as it is adopted today is a snapshot of the Borough's current communication goals and objectives, providing a unified method to achieve those goals and best serve New Providence's constituents. The plan includes: tactics, practices, tools, structure, and implementation. It is attached for review.

PDF: [COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.PDF](#)

WORD: [MUNICIPAL\\_COMM\\_STRATEGY\\_CHECKLIST\\_2025\\_PUBLIC\\_INFO.DOC](#)

IMAGE: [COMMUNICATION IN SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER.JPG](#)

PDF: [SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)

## Waste Management

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### Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** New Providence hosted two Take Back days in 2024, one in April, the other held in October. We collected 50 lbs (April 2024) and 52 lbs (October 2024) at these events. Attached please find a photo of Boro Council members with police staff and a flyer used for the event in October 2024 (it is not from 2023 as stated in your comment). We have also attached additional information that shows the advertisement for our April 2025 event.

IMAGE: [IMAGE0.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [IMG\\_2180.JPG](#)

PDF: [DRUG TAKBACK ADDL INFO MAY 2025.PDF](#)

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## Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance

20 Points

🏅 Bronze Priority 🏅 Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** New Providence provides lots of information regarding the recycling program, this can be found here: <https://www.newprov.us/253/GarbageRecycling>. The website provides links to more information including a link to Recycle Coach that residents can download to their smart phones. Because the information regarding what can be recycled changes, we post updates on our website and the Recycle Coach app. The Recycle Coach app also provides suggestions for waste reduction, examples include upcycling, donation days to extend the life span of clothes and other items and avoid sending to the landfill. Other ideas for waste reduction are included and change monthly. The Borough website is updated regularly with information regarding recycling. If you do a search on the website you will find a history of the updates provided, which include several during 2025 and 2024. <https://www.newprov.us/Search?searchPhrase=recycling&pageNumber=1&perPage=10&departmentId=-1> The Facebook page the Borough hosts posts periodic updates on recycling information. <https://www.facebook.com/profile/100068678083238/search/?q=recycling> A copy of the recycling ordinance is attached. Also, the 2025 Borough calendar includes information regarding recycling such as what can be recycled and what cannot. Other information provided on the website includes recycling vendor, recycling drop-off locations/times, recycling changes, and recycling do's and don'ts w/pictures (See page 27). This calendar is shared with residents in both print and digital (on town website). <https://www.newprov.us/253/GarbageRecycling> Attached is a copy of the 2024 tonnage report. This report shows materials recycled and quantities (tons). 2024 Solid Waste 2877.00 2024 Bulk Waste 202.00 2024 Recycling 25,984.30 2024 Electronics 24.88 We tried to get compliance inspection information but these are not done by our town, we asked the County, and here was their reply: From: Jeremy Cubelo <[jeremy.cubelo@ucnj.org](mailto:jeremy.cubelo@ucnj.org)> Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:23 AM To: Stuart Newman <[Stuart.Newman@ucnj.org](mailto:Stuart.Newman@ucnj.org)>; 'Allison Smith' <[asmith@newprov.us](mailto:asmith@newprov.us)> Cc: Douglas Sullivan <[douglas.sullivan4@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.sullivan4@gmail.com)>; Milton Murphy <[milton.murphy@ucnj.org](mailto:milton.murphy@ucnj.org)> Subject: Re: Sustainable Jersey certification Good Morning. The County CEHA group normally performs recycling compliance inspections for the NJDEP to prevent co-mingling of recyclables with solid waste. These inspections are performed at Reworld in Rahway (formerly Covanta). As far as I know, we do not perform routine inspections for recycling compliance at the municipal level. From time to time we will respond to solid waste/recycling complaints in Union County municipalities. I believe if you review the above information you will see we provide plenty of information to our residents both print and digital on a regular basis. This should address your comments made in early June 2025.

PDF: [NEW PROVIDENCE 2024 TONNAGE REPORT- FINAL- 4-21-25.PDF](#)

PDF: [RECYCLING ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [NP SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 CALENDAR FINAL.PDF](#)

## Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

**Program Summary:** The Borough of New Providence and the New Providence Sustainability Committee will host a Shredding Day on May 18, 2025 in conjunction with the Union County Recycling Department. The event will be held at the New Providence Pool Parking Lot- 1378 Springfield Avenue. It will be advertised via TAP newspaper, social media, website, and newsletters. The Borough requested the assistance from Union County over one year ago, selected and secured the site for the County, created promotional materials and promoted the event. Attached is the confirmation e-mail received from Union County, event flyer, and social media post. At the 2025 event, we saw 443 cars come through and shredded 24,060 pounds (12.03 tons) of paper from residents. We plan to host another event each year going forward, in cooperation with Union County.

IMAGE: [FLYER-SHREDDING DAY.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [SHREDDING EVENT.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [SHREDDING EVENT SOCIAL.JPG](#)

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## Household Hazardous Waste

15 Points

**Program Summary:** New Providence has a DPW yard open the first and third Saturday of each month where household hazardous waste, including motor oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, car batteries, and electronics can be dropped off. This information is shared on our website and calendar mailed to residents, available on page 15 (attached). We have attached a copy of the bi-weekly newsletter that is distributed to 4,500 email addresses in the Borough. This news blast includes a link to what is acceptable and what is not acceptable for items to be recycled. Finally, attached is the tonnage report for 2024

PDF: [2024 CALENDAR - FINAL\\_202401111440035658.PDF](#)

WORD: [NP HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [BIWEEKLY NEWSBLAST.PDF](#)

PDF: [NEW PROVIDENCE 2024 TONNAGE AND MTG REPORT.PDF](#)

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## Recycling Depot

10 Points

**Program Summary:** The town of New Providence created a recycling depot at the public works yard at 4 Park Place, New Providence. Residents can bring materials to the depot on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. The center collects a variety of materials as outlined in the attached

2025 Borough Calendar (attached). Attached pictures show the recycling depot and signage at the facility.

PDF: [ENTRANCE TO NP RECYCLE DEPOT.PDF](#)

PDF: [SIGNAGE FOR NP RECYCLE DEPOT.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 CALENDAR FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [NP DPW ADDL RECYCLING PHOTOS.PDF](#)

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## Materials Reuse Program

10 Points

**Program Summary:** We sponsor two successful programs: 1. FreecycleFest. We have been running the FreecycleFest for 6 years. It's basically a free garage sale. Residents bring their usable but unwanted goods, put them out for the FreecycleFest. Shoppers are able to choose from all the items for free. We estimate that over 10 cartons of good are swapped at this event, which is very popular each year. 2. Reusable Bag Recycling Program: Due to the plastic bag ban of 2021, New Providence residents now have too many reusable bags. We are working with Union County Recycling and GOAtote to collect bags that can still be used. The bags are picked up by GOAtote, sanitized, and given to local food pantries to be reused. The bags are spared from the landfill, given a second life, and save the food pantries the cost of purchasing new bags.

IMAGE: [FREECYCLE FEST GRAPHIC 2024.PNG](#)

WORD: [FREECYCLEFEST- TAP 2024.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [FREECYCLEFEST PROMO 2024.JPG](#)

PDF: [BAG COLLECTION POSTER.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [BAG RECYCLING 2024 PROMO.JPG](#)

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## Reusable Bag Education Program \*Retires 12/31/25\*

5 Points

**Program Summary:** For the past 5 years, the Sustainability Committee has educated residents and businesses in New Providence about the harm of plastic bags, encouraging the replacement single-use plastic bags with reusable bags. Committee member John Keane led these efforts which included: 1) The distribution of window signs for the local New Providence Businesses began in February, 2022. We met with over 100 businesses to put pertinent information in their store windows. During the distribution process, we spoke to local business owners to reinforce the benefits of cloth and insulated bags to the environment. 2) The poster's design and creation was done by a New Providence High School student. The information included the date the plastic bag ban went into effect (May 4, 2022) and a QR code that could be scanned which was a link to the NJ law. The details of what is banned and the minor exceptions (meat, poultry and fish as well as cleaner bags) were on this link. 3) The Borough, through Allison Smith, Sustainability member and Community Activities Director, was instrumental in the acquisition of these bags. The Borough produced 8,000 insulated and tote bags in 2022, and another run of 2,000 bags in 2025. 4) Bags are available at the Community Development Center at Borough Hall. 2024- present: Now that the Community has embraced the Bag Ban and is used to bringing their own bags for shopping, there is a new effort to collect the overage of reusable bags that residents have accumulated. Working with Union County recycles, and their GoaTote recycling bag program, the Borough of New Providence has been collecting reusable bags which are cleaned and donated to local food

panties. The effort has been very successful and saves thousands of bags from the landfill each month. Bags can be dropped off at the Recreation Center or the DPW Yard. Information is attached about this bag collection program. 2025: Reusable bags embossed with the New Providence logo and the Union County logo are available at our events (Green Fair, Green Challenge celebration, Concerts in the Park, Recycling days, and National Night Out), where we promote the use of reusable bags instead of plastic, and educate the community about the bag ban, and benefits of bringing your own bag.

**PDF: [BAG COLLECTION POSTER.PDF](#)**

**IMAGE: [BAG RECYCLING 2024 PIC.JPG](#)**

**IMAGE: [BAG BAN PIC 2025.JPG](#)**