

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ROLE IN THE 2009 ADOPTED MASTER PLAN

RECYCLING RECOMMENDATIONS

The recycling plan recommends that the following steps be taken in support of the City's current recycling efforts:

- Employ an incentive-based program where residents are awarded points based on the average recycling tonnage for each route/neighborhood. The Monmouth County Solid Waste Management Plan recommends incentive programs such as "RecycleBank", where residents are awarded points that are redeemable at participating retail establishments. Incentive-based programs are proven to increase recycling and provide a local economic value by directing customers to local businesses in the program.
- Have large scale private demolition projects report tonnages of recycled materials to recyclable coordinator so that the City can accurately record these items in their database.
- Extend the requirement for providing recycling areas in multi-family residential properties to commercial properties with multiple tenants. Nonresidential uses in excess of 1,000 square feet are to include provisions for the collection, disposition and recycling of recyclable materials, as required by the Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act.
- Continue to increase public awareness about recycling and reuse alternatives and provide information about schedules, recyclable materials and opportunities to donate unwanted goods through such forums as the City website, newsletters, school programs, the Public Library, and displays at community events and festivals.
- Task **the Environmental Commission** and Energy Review Committee with reviewing the recycling plan periodically and making recommendations for updating and improving the program.

Sustainable Jersey Action Step **Recycling**

Funding may be available to municipalities through the Recycling Tonnage Grants authorized by the NJ Recycling Enhancement Act (REA). The REA reestablishes a source of funding for recycling through a \$3.00 per ton tax on solid waste. Sixty percent of the funding generated through this tax will be used for recycling tonnage grants to municipalities and counties. All grant monies received by a municipality must be used exclusively for recycling enhancement purposes such as: purchase of recycling containers, maintenance of a municipal drop-off center, management of the municipal compost site, household hazardous waste and e-waste events, salary and costs directly related to education and outreach for the municipal recycling program or to the enforcement of the local recycling ordinance.

The Recycling Action Step can be satisfied by accomplishing one or more of the following:

- Conduct a waste audit of municipal buildings/facilities or schools.
- Implement a municipal recycling program at the municipal building
- Establish a recycling depot.
- Adopt a construction and demolition waste recycling ordinance.
- Recycle additional materials.
- Organize a community paper shredding day.