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West Cape May Earns Prestigious Sustainable Jersey Certification

West Cape May, NJ – Sustainable Jersey representatives announced recently that West Cape May has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. West Cape May is one of 83 towns that have attained certification in 2019 and was honored at the Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 19 in Atlantic City with Mayor Carol Sabo accepting the award.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, West Cape May submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least 2 out of 12 priority action options. West Cape May did 3 of the 12 priority actions by completing a natural resource inventory, prescription drug safety and disposal, and sustainable land use pledge. A total of 195 points were earned completing actions such as Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, Water Conservation Education, Farmers' Market, Wind & Tree Protection Ordinances, as well as Community Education and Outreach programs totaling 17 actions in all.

“Congratulations to all of the municipalities that have achieved certification this year,” said Randy Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey. “Earning certification involves more than just implementing sustainable actions. It takes extraordinary leadership and a real commitment to making our communities better. As New Jersey tops the list as one of the fastest-warming states in the nation, the next ten years will be a critical period for making progress. Sustainable Jersey certified towns are a force for change as they create a path forward to advance sustainability.” Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency, health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts.

West Cape May, formerly known as Eldredge, is one of the four jurisdictions that comprise Cape Island in Cape May County and was incorporated as a Borough in late 1884. The Borough was home to Mayflower descendants, former slaves, riverboat pilots and whalers. The Borough's history goes back to the time of the Lenape Indians and several buildings date to the Colonial period. The area has a rich agricultural history which continues to be celebrated each year with a summer farmers' market, and strawberry, tomato, and lima bean festivals.

About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 80 percent or 450 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 339 school districts and 884 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey4 for Schools certification program.

Sustainable Jersey's partners include the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program. Program underwriters include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program, the PSEG Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Sustainable Jersey Grants program for municipalities is funded by PSEG Foundation and the Gardinier Environmental Fund. Platinum and 10th Anniversary sponsors are South Jersey Gas, New Jersey Natural

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