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City of Clifton awarded \$10,000 grant to advance sustainability initiatives

Clifton, NJ – Clifton Health Department was awarded a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey grant funded the PSEG Foundation. Five \$20,000-grants, 12 \$10,000-grants and 40 \$2,000-grants were distributed to recipients across 17 New Jersey counties. The grant awards will fund a range of projects including food waste recycling; green infrastructure and sustainable landscaping; green fairs; composting; green business recognition; environmental resource inventories; outdoor classrooms; pollinator gardens and more.

“The City of Clifton is very excited to work with Land Conservancy to update the Environmental Resource Inventory. This project has been needed for a long time and now with the help of Sustainable Jersey, this will help the City make better decisions in planning the Clifton of the future,” said, Dominick Villano, City Manager.

“These sustainability projects will strengthen New Jersey by helping local communities become more livable, environmentally friendly and prosperous. Congratulations grant recipients; thank you for taking steps to improve health, integrate sustainability into student learning, boost recycling efforts and cut greenhouse gas emissions,” said Randall Solomon, executive director for Sustainable Jersey. “Your projects will have a ripple effect that will benefit us all.”

The PSEG Foundation has contributed \$3.1 million dollars in funding to the Sustainable Jersey grants program for municipalities and schools over the past 12 years.

“PSEG cares about people and the planet, which is why we’re so proud to be a prime supporter of Sustainable Jersey,” said Calvin Ledford, president of the PSEG Foundation and director of PSEG Corporate Social Responsibility. “Sustainable Jersey starts with our precious youngsters and creates roles for everyone, in ways that show the kind of ingenuity, environmental stewardship and community that PSEG has valued for 120 years.”

Proposals were evaluated by an independent Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey grants are intended to help municipalities and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

Updating Environmental Resource Inventory Project: The City will work with the Land Conservancy to update its Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI), which has not been updated since 2003. The ERI will not only assist the City with Sustainable Jersey certification, but will also be used by various municipal groups to make more informed decisions when establishing environmentally-friendly policies around land use.

About Sustainable Jersey

[Sustainable Jersey](#) provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. As New Jersey faces issues such as the climate crisis, a growing equity divide and environmental pollution, municipalities want to be a part of the solution to these challenges. Sustainable Jersey participants (municipalities and schools) have successfully implemented and documented over 23,596 sustainability actions. Sustainable Jersey has

provided over \$7.4 million in grants to municipalities, school districts and schools for community-based projects that create healthy and sustainable communities in New Jersey.