

Congratulations Princeton!

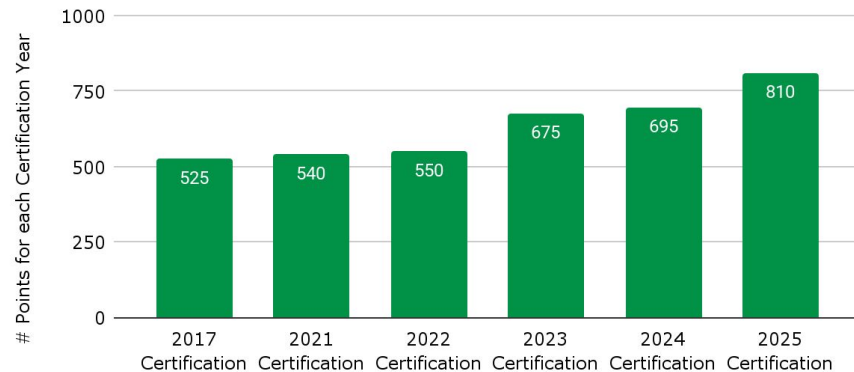
Sustainable Jersey awarded Princeton **810 points** this year. This is yet another record for the municipality!

Many thanks to all Municipal staff, Council members, BCCs, and partners whose work made this happen!

Review the following pages to learn about the amazing effort behind Princeton's **2025 Silver certification with a Gold Star in Health** and check out what's anticipated for next year.



History of Princeton's Sustainable Jersey Points



Congratulations Princeton!

**11
NEW
ACTIONS**

**HEALTH
GOLD
STAR**



Princeton Residential Food Scraps Drop-Off Pilot Program



ACCEPTED - All Food Scraps

Cooked, Raw, Spoiled, and Leftover Food is Accepted



all fruits & vegetables



meat, poultry, fish, seafood, bones



nuts, seeds, chips, snacks, beans



dairy, eggs/shells



tea bags, coffee grounds/filters



breads, pasta, rice, grains, cereals



NOT ACCEPTED

Absolutely No Bags of Any Kind (even if it says compostable)



hazardous waste



recyclable materials



yard waste/ cut flowers



diapers/ pet waste



landfill trash/wrappers



pizza boxes/ napkins/paper products



Energy

95 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Princeton's 3-megawatt solar array	Princeton Council and the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority	20 points; Municipal Onsite Solar System
Tracking municipal energy	Sustainable Princeton	20 points; Energy Tracking & Management
Princeton's first Sustainable Home Expo	Sustainable Princeton, Princeton's Electrical Subcode Official, Historic Preservation Commission, and Princeton Environmental Commission	10 points; Innovative Projects

Start saving NOW with
a FREE assessment!

Your **FREE** home energy assessment
may include:

- Smart thermostat
- LED light bulbs
- Faucet aerators
- Efficient-flow showerheads
- Showerhead adapters
- Advanced power strips
- Water heater pipe insulation

These upgrades can help lower
your energy bills and improve home
comfort!

GET STARTED WITH A FREE
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What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
NEW: Energy efficiency campaign to residents	Princeton Council, Engineering Department, and Sustainable Princeton	20 points; Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach
NEW: Energy efficiency campaign to businesses	Princeton Council, Engineering Department, and Sustainable Princeton	10 points; Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach
NEW: Pursuit of community solar for low-to-moderate income residents	Princeton Council, Engineering Department, and Sustainable Princeton	15 points; Municipally Supported Community Solar

Transportation

100 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Princeton's four public EV charging stations at 400 Witherspoon Street	Princeton Council and Engineering Department	15 points; Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
Princeton's three electric parking scooters	Princeton Council, Fleet Manager, and Police Department	10 points; Innovative Projects
SP's E-Commuter Fest at Princeton Shopping Center	Sustainable Princeton	10 points; Electric Vehicle Community Outreach
Maintaining a Fleet Inventory and working to right-size the fleet	Princeton Fleet Manager	10 points; Fleet Inventory

Transportation

100 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Implementing elements of the Safe Routes to School program	Princeton Engineering Department and Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	10 points; Safe Routes to School
Maintaining inventories of sidewalks, pathways, and bike routes in and around Princeton	Princeton Engineering Department and Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	10 points; Bicycle & Pedestrian Audits
NEW: Witherspoon Street Improvements Project	Princeton Engineering Department and Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	25 points; Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Improvement Projects
Developing the Bicycle Master Plan and Vision Zero Policy	Princeton Council, Planning Board, and Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	10 points; Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan

Green Building and Environmental Sustainability Element

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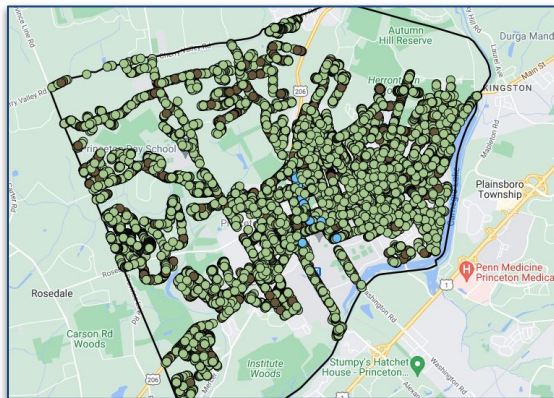
Note: The Planning Board views the adoption of this new Element of the Princeton Community Master Plan as a precursor to creating a fully updated, contemporary, user-friendly Master Plan that reflects, in every element, Princeton's strong commitment to sustainability and climate resilience. This element shall be used as a guide when updating the balance of the Master Plan, to ensure inclusion of these priorities throughout.

With a keen awareness of the extraordinary demands on municipal staff and Council, the Board urges our colleagues to undertake as quickly as possible the important work of updating municipal ordinances and practices, especially those that govern zoning and stormwater management, to reflect the goals, objectives and recommended actions herein.

What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Princeton's Clustering Ordinance that incentivizes land conservation	Princeton Council and Planning Department	10 points; Clustering Ordinance
Reviewing Green Development Checklists submitted with major development applications	Princeton Environmental Commission, Engineering Department, and Planning Department	10 points; Create a Green Development Checklist
Developing the Green Building and Environmental Sustainability Element of the Master Plan	Princeton Council, Princeton Environmental Commission, and Planning Board	10 points; Green Building & Environmental Sustainability Element

Natural Resources

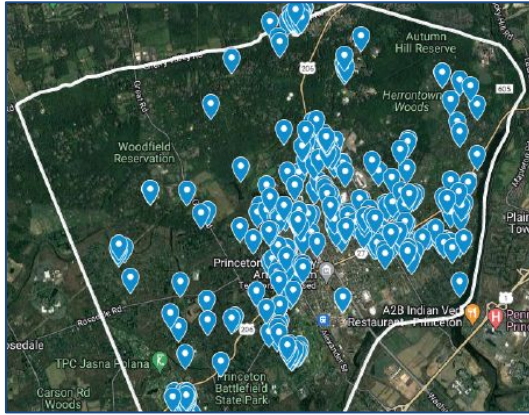
110 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Princeton's tree protection ordinance that provides legal protection for critical natural resources	Princeton Council, Arborist, and Shade Tree Commission	10 points; Tree Protection Ordinance
Partnerships with Friends of Princeton Open Space, Friends of Herrontown Woods, and Friends of Rogers Refuge	Princeton Council and Open Space Manager	10 points; Innovative Project
Princeton's tree inventory of over 19,000 street trees	Princeton Council, Arborist, and Shade Tree Commission	10 points; Tree Hazard Inventory
NEW: Princeton's Environmental Resource Inventory	Open Space Manager	20 points; Natural Resource Inventory

Natural Resources

110 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Implementing Princeton's tree planting and maintenance program	Princeton Arborist	20 points; Tree Maintenance Programs ; Tree Planting Programs
Princeton's Community Forestry Management Plan & Accreditation	Princeton Arborist and Shade Tree Commission	20 points; Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation
Open Space plans within the Princeton Master Plan	Open Space Manager and Planning Board	10 points; Open Space Plans
Princeton's Wildlife Interaction Plan	Princeton Animal Control Officer	10 points; Wildlife Interaction Plan

Materials Management

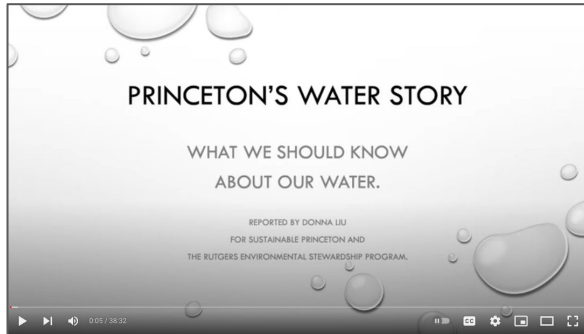
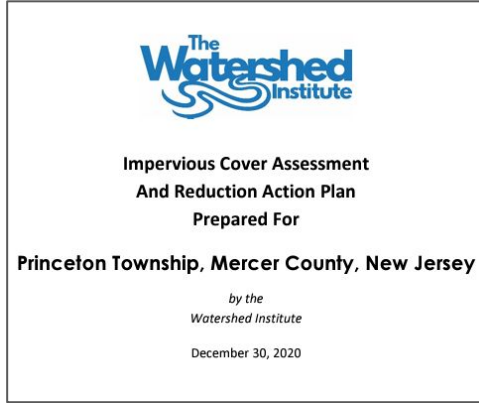
35 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Princeton's bi-annual SHREDfest	Department of Public Works and Sustainable Princeton	5 points; Community Paper Shredding Day
Princeton's new waste carts	Princeton Council and Infrastructure and Operations Department	10 points; Pay-As-You-Throw program
Project Medicine collection boxes	Princeton Police Department	10 points; Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal
NEW: Princeton's Food Scraps program	Engineering & Public Works Departments	10 points; Food Waste

Resiliency


275 points




What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Enacting a stormwater management ordinance that goes beyond the NJDEP Inland Flood Protection rule	Princeton Council, Engineering Department, and Flood & Stormwater Committee	35 points; Enhanced Stormwater Management Control Ordinance
Reviewing Princeton's Impervious Cover Assessment Report	Engineering Department and Flood & Stormwater Committee	5 points; Green Infrastructure Planning
Completing, sharing, and synthesizing Princeton's Water Story	Engineering Department, Flood & Stormwater Committee, Princeton Environmental Commission, and Sustainable Princeton	20 points; Municipal Water Story

Resiliency

275 points



MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN.



Municipality of Princeton
Mayors Wellness Campaign

2022

Application for a New Jersey Healthy Town Designation

Apply to be a 2022 New Jersey Healthy Town! A Healthy Town designation is a great honor for towns, achieved through a competitive process. This annual designation is not given to a set number of MWC towns but, rather, to all MWC towns who apply and meet the high standards defined in the Healthy Town Rubric. The Healthy Town Application and Rubric can be found at: www.njhcqi.org/mayors-wellness-campaign.

MWC Towns that apply for a Healthy Town designation can be recognized in one of the following categories:

- Healthy Town
- Healthy Town to Watch
- Healthy Town Up-and-Coming

The purpose of this award is to recognize communities in which mayors are engaging with all members of the community in order to make their communities healthier places to live, work, and play. Award winners receive indoor/outdoor signage for their town hall, are promoted in the media through press releases and a wide-spread social media campaign, featured in an article for the New Jersey State League of Municipalities magazine and on the Quality Institute's website (www.njhcqi.org), and highlighted in our newsletter to over 1,000 government, industry, and community leaders across New Jersey. We will also provide you with a media template containing press release language and social media posts to help you highlight your designation on your town's platforms.

We encourage all MWC towns to review the Healthy Town Application and Rubric to better understand how a successful MWC program is defined. The Quality Institute is devoted to continually improving the MWC and providing participating mayors with the best resources available. Your responses to questions in this application help us to gauge the effectiveness of the MWC program and opportunities for growth and reform.

Timeline:

- **December 8, 2022, at 10 am** - Healthy Town Webinar: A walkthrough of the Healthy Town Application and strategies to improve your MWC and Healthy Town application. Register here: <https://globalinfo2022/HealthyTown2022>.
- **January 20, 2023, at 5 pm** - Healthy Town application due.
- **March 2023** - Award winners will be announced.



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
The Mayor's Wellness Campaign and other efforts to build healthier communities	Princeton Mayor and Health Department	25 points; Building Healthier Communities
Princeton's no-smoking policies and ordinances	Princeton Council, Board of Health, and Health Department	10 points; Tobacco Free Community
Educating the public about lead poisoning	Princeton Health Department	15 points; Lead Education & Outreach Programs
Implementing best practices for local BOH, Health in All Policies, and a Local Health Assessment and Action Plan	Princeton Council, Board of Health, and Health Department	75 points; Best Practices for Local Boards of Health; Integrating Health Into Municipal Decision Making; Local Health Assessment & Action Plan

Resiliency

275 points



Princeton Community Food Access Calendar
Calendario de Comida de la Comunidad de Princeton

Sunday / Domingo	Monday / Lunes	Tuesday / Martes	Wednesday / Miércoles	Thursday / Jueves	Friday / Viernes
2024 Summer Food Project Deliveries Once a month (usually 2nd Sunday) 10 am - 12:00 pm	Mercer County Nutrition Project for the Elderly 8:30 am - 1 pm	Mercer County Nutrition Project for the Elderly 8:30 am - 1 pm	Mercer County Nutrition Project for the Elderly 8:30 am - 1 pm	Mercer County Nutrition Project for the Elderly 8:30 am - 1 pm	Mercer County Nutrition Project for the Elderly 8:30 am - 1 pm
	Jewish Family & Children's Services Healthy Food Pantry 9 am - 5 pm	Jewish Family & Children's Services Healthy Food Pantry 9 am - 5 pm	Jewish Family & Children's Services Healthy Food Pantry 9 am - 5 pm	Jewish Family & Children's Services Healthy Food Pantry 9 am - 5 pm	Jewish Family & Children's Services Healthy Food Pantry 9 am - 5 pm
		Princeton Kinship Food Project W&A: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Reading Circle (veggie): 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Send Hunger Packing Princeton 2 pm - 3 pm	Princeton Farmers Market (May 20th - Nov. 17th) 10 am - 2 pm	
			Princeton Mobile Food Pantry 9 am - 11:00 am		
	Meals on Wheels of Mercer County 10:00 am - 1 pm	Meals on Wheels of Mercer County 10:00 am - 1 pm	Meals on Wheels of Mercer County 10:00 am - 1 pm	Meals on Wheels of Mercer County 10:00 am - 1 pm	Meals on Wheels of Mercer County (weekend only) 10:00 am - 1 pm
	Arm in Arm Princeton 11 am - 4 pm	Arm in Arm Princeton 11 am - 4 pm	Arm in Arm Princeton 11 am - 4 pm	Arm in Arm Princeton 11 am - 4 pm	Arm in Arm Princeton 11 am - 4 pm
	Jewish Family & Children's Services Mobile Food Pantry (4th Tuesday must register) Square Circle 1 pm - 1:45 pm Reading Circle 2pm - 3:30 pm	Jewish Family & Children's Services Mobile Food Pantry (4th Tuesday must register) Square Circle 1 pm - 1:45 pm Reading Circle 2pm - 3:30 pm	Mr. Rogers' Neighbors Kinship Project 12 pm - 1 pm (or can request delivery)	Jewish Family & Children's Services Mobile Food Pantry (1st Thursday must register) Griggs Farm 10:00am - 4 pm Princeton Community Village 4:00pm	
Share My Meals (prepared meals/delivery * based on location) 4 pm - 5 pm	Share My Meals (prepared meals/delivery * based on location) 4 pm - 5 pm	Share My Meals (prepared meals/delivery * based on location) 4 pm - 5 pm	Share My Meals (prepared meals/delivery * based on location) 4 pm - 5 pm	Share My Meals (prepared meals/delivery * based on location) 4 pm - 5 pm	Share My Meals (prepared meals/delivery * based on location) 4 pm - 5 pm
		Princeton Alliance Church Food Pantry 2:30 pm - 4 pm	Princeton Alliance Church Food Pantry 2:30 pm - 4 pm	Princeton Alliance Church Food Pantry 2:30 pm - 4 pm	Princeton Alliance Church Food Pantry 2:30 pm - 4 pm
		Princeton Community Kitchen at P&H 3pm - 6:00 pm	P&H, United Latin Am Action, Witherington Pres Church (open other Thursday) 7pm		Updated 6/2023

What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Hosting Princeton's Farmers Market and accepting supplemental nutrition assistance programs	Princeton Farmers Market	15 points; Farmers Markets ; Making Farmers Markets Accessible
Managing a food assistance program for the Summer Youth Employment Program and centralizing information about local food pantries	Human Services Department and Food Insecurity Task Force	10 points; Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen
Managing Princeton's community gardens at John Street and at Barbara Smoyer Park	Recreation Department	15 points; Community Gardens

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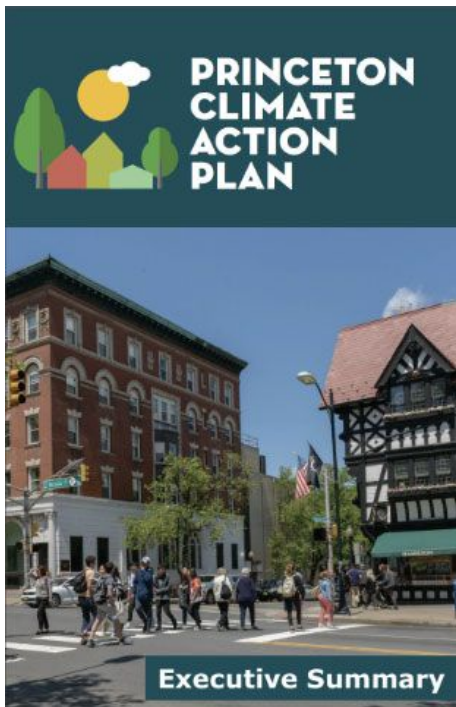
ALLOWABLE DAYS AND HOURS OF USE OF LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT

Tool	Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter			
	Mar 15 - May 15			May 16 - Sept 30			Oct 1 - Dec 15			Dec 16 - Mar 14			Normal Holidays
LEAF BLOWER	Mon-Fri 8am-8pm	Sat 8am-5pm	Sun 1pm-6pm	Mon-Fri 8am-8pm	Sat 8am-5pm	Sun 1pm-6pm	Mon-Fri 8am-8pm	Sat 8am-5pm	Sun 1pm-6pm	Mon-Fri 8am-8pm	Sat 8am-5pm	Sun 1pm-6pm	1pm-6pm
Gas Powered	YES	YES	NO	NO			YES	YES	NO	NO			NO
Battery Powered, Corded Electric	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
NEW: Extreme Temperature Event Plan	Emergency and Health Departments	10 points; Farmers Markets ; Making Farmers Markets Accessible
NEW: Emergency Communications Planning	Emergency, Health, and Communications Departments	15 points; Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen
NEW: Town-Wide Gas Leaf Blower Restrictions	Princeton Council and Sustainable Princeton	20 points; Community Gardens
NEW: Witherspoon St Rain Garden and other installations in Princeton	Engineering and Public Works Departments	10 points; Green Infrastructure Development

Leadership & Analysis

40 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Numerous meetings that address sustainability	Infrastructure & Operations Department, Princeton Council, Princeton Environmental Commission, Flood & Stormwater Commission, Pedestrian and Bike Advisory Committee, Shade Tree Commission, Public Transit Advisory Committee, and Sustainable Princeton	10 points; Create Green Team
PEC and it's review of Site Plans	Princeton Council, Planning Board, and Princeton Environmental Commission	20 points; Environmental Commission ; Environmental Commission Site Plan Review
Princeton's Carbon Footprint	Sustainable Princeton	10 points; Municipal Carbon Footprint

Outreach & Communications

85 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
SP's Party Like it's Your Earth Day event	Sustainable Princeton and all who participated	15 points; Green Fair
Princeton's TREEmendous facts series, Mayor's podcast, Green House Film and Tour, SP's website, & more	Communications Department, Arborist, Mayor, Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Commission, & Sustainable Princeton	20 points; Community Education & Outreach
Enhancing public engagement and communications and developing a communications strategy	Princeton Communications Department and Communications Committee	40 points; Municipal Communications Strategy ; Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government ; Online Municipal Public Service Systems
NEW: Maintaining digital content on Princeton's webpage	Princeton Communications Department and Communications Committee	10 points: Digitizing Public Information

Local Economy

40 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Hosting monthly meetups and other efforts to support local businesses	Experience Princeton	10 points; Support Local Businesses
Finding new businesses to join the NJ Sustainable Business Registry	Experience Princeton	20 points; Green Business Recognition Program
Launching Princeton's Restaurant Week	Experience Princeton	10 points; Buy Local Campaign

SJ Certification: 2026.

17 actions worth 205 points will need to be renewed

Category	Action	Actual Points	Expires	Notes
Energy	Municipal Onsite Solar System	20	12/31/25	
Energy	Innovative Community Project 1	10	12/31/25	Sustainable Home Expo
Leadership	Environmental Commission (<i>Pre-Requisite</i>)	10	12/31/25	
Leadership	Environmental Commission Site Plan Review	10	12/31/25	
Leadership	Municipal Carbon Footprint PRIORITY (<i>Pre-Requisite</i>)	10	12/31/25	
Local Economy	Green Business Recognition Program (PRIORITY)	20	12/31/25	
Local Economy	Buy Local Campaign	10	12/31/25	
Local Economy	Support Local Businesses	10	12/31/25	
Natural Resources	Tree Maintenance Programs	10	12/31/25	
Natural Resources	Tree Planting Programs	10	12/31/25	
Outreach & Comms	Municipal Communications Strategy	10	12/31/25	
Outreach & Comms	Community Education & Outreach	20	12/31/25	
Resiliency	Green Infrastructure Planning	5	12/31/25	
Resiliency	Tobacco Free Community	10	12/31/25	
Resiliency	Municipal Water Story (PRIORITY)	20	12/31/25	
Transportation	Fleet Inventory (PRIORITY) (<i>Pre-Requisite</i>)	10	12/31/25	
Transportation	Innovative Community Project 3	10	12/31/25	Parking Scooters

Anticipated for 2026

up to 45 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
New Policy re: Complete and Green Streets	Engineering & Public Works Departments	10 points; Complete and Green Streets for All Policy
Two Electric Passenger Shuttles	Princeton Council, Fleet Manager, and Engineering Department	5-15 points; Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Anything else? [Download the SJ Brochure](#) to see all actions.

Anticipated for 2026

up to 45 points



What?	Who?	SJ Points & Action
Register Ready, Princeton Prepares, etc	Emergency Management Department	10 points; Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies
Vulnerability Assessment in the Master Plan	Planning Department	10 points; Comprehensive Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

Anything else? [Download the SJ Brochure](#) to see all actions.

Thank You!

