Community Resilience Planning: Getting Beyond Climate Disasters

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Sustainability and Resiliency are Big Ideas





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Certification Program For Municipalities

- Provides an organizing framework
- Educates lay people
- Identifies actions
- Provides tools, resources, and guidance
- Provides access to grants and funding
- Provides recognition and visibility



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Certification Topics

Categories: Prosperity, Planet and People

Actions: From *energy efficiency* to the *arts*

and diversity to green design and

climate adaptation



Participating Communities



Sustainable Jersey Certification Program

- Program started in February 2009
- 396 NJ municipalities participating (70%)
- 82% of NJ's population
- 116 municipalities certified
 - √ 105 towns at bronze level
 - √ 11 towns at silver level



Who Participates In Sustainable Jersey?

Participants Come From All Demographics And Affiliations:

Municipal Governing Body Majority	All New Jersey Municipalities		Registered in Sustainable Jersey		Certified in Sustainable Jersey	
Democrat	183	32 %	119	33%	36	33%
Republican	325	58%	203	57%	57	53%
Independent	58	10%	37	10%	15	14%

Notes:

(1) Partisan category based on data from 2010 NJ Legislative District Data Book.

(2) Registration and Certification Statistics current as of 4/2/2012.



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Certification Program Impact

- Approximately 4,000 discrete actions have been submitted for certification
- 2,600 actions met the Sustainable Jersey standards
- Hundreds of formal "Green Teams" have been formed by local governments





KEY TOPICS Physical

Social

Economic

TOOL TYPE Risk/Vulnerability Analysis

Plans

Plan/Project Implementation



Risk/Vulnerability Analysis

- Getting to Resiliency (GTR)
- Floodmapper, Climate Central, etc
- Wildlife and Habitat Vulnerability
- Vegetation and Plant Vulnerability
- Severe Repetitive Loss
- Social Vulnerability
- Heath Impact Analysis



Master Plans and Specialty Plans

- Master Plans
- Hazard Mitigation Plans NJ OEM/FEMA
- Hazard Mitigation Grants FEMA
- Community Rating System (CRS) FEMA
- Resiliency Plans







Projects and Regulatory Actions

- Wet and dry flood proofing
- Mitigation projects
- Energy efficient projects
- Floodplain ordinances
- Steep slope ordinances
- Tree ordinances



The Resiliency Network

- Survey of community needs for recovery and resiliency planning
- Database of financial and technical resources
- Match local needs to resource providers
- Advisory Board develops new strategies, research and best practices



Community Resiliency - Next Steps

- Review the local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Conduct the Getting to Resiliency assessment
- Identify flooding vulnerability
- Visit Sustainable Jersey website for actions
- Visit The Resiliency Network in late November
- Develop a comprehensive approach



Stay Involved!

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