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**CITY AWARDED BRONZE LEVEL CERTIFICATION BY SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**  
**Highlighting Asbury Park's Commitment to Going Green**

*10/19/17, Asbury Park, NJ* - The City of Asbury Park has been awarded bronze level certification by Sustainable Jersey highlighting the commitment to going green.

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced that the City of Asbury Park has met the rigorous requirements to achieve bronze level certification. Municipalities that achieve this prestigious certification are considered by their peers, state government, experts and civic organizations in New Jersey to be among the leading municipalities. With the certification, the City of Asbury Park will be eligible to apply for "green" grants in the future. The City will be honored at the Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in Atlantic City during the League of Municipalities conference.

Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 79 percent, or 445 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating with 207 receiving certification.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified at the bronze level, the City of Asbury Park submitted documentation to show it had completed 18 sustainability actions in 9 categories, earning 190 points. This is the second time the City has received bronze level certification. Programs that were awarded points include the Municipal Community Garden, The Environmental Shade Tree Commission's beautification projects, farmer's markets, participation in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which prevents improper disposal of medication, and the City's efforts in creating a pedestrian friendly bikeable community.

The City also reinstated the Green Team, a volunteer committee comprised of city officials and community leaders, whose goal is to support and promote the creation of a sustainable community.

"We are proud to receive the Sustainable Jersey bronze level certification, a testament to our commitment to going green." said Councilperson Eileen Chapman. "Asbury Park joins a group of municipalities that are leading the way with impressive sustainability initiatives in New Jersey."

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