



# Stratford's Going Green

The Stratford Green Team is a collaborative effort in which community volunteers from Stratford and local Business Partners work together with municipal representatives to foster full community involvement in reaching sustainable environmental and fiscally responsible goals. Using a non-political grass roots approach, the team is free to explore any and all resources to help educate and empower members of the community to take appropriate positive action for the betterment of the community. Age appropriate incentives and recognition together with fun and educational events are primary tools used by the team to foster sustained interest and action resulting in certification as a Sustainable Community.

Below is a list of some of the Outreach, Project, and Programs our team will be working on in the upcoming months to better our community.

## Community Outreach & Education:

- Educational Programs for our Children
- Green Health & Wellness
- Community Gardening, Composting

## Certify Stratford as a Sustainable Community:

- The Stratford Green team is working with the Stratford municipality to become a certified Sustainable town through SustainableJersey.
- SustainableJersey is a certification program for municipalities in NJ that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.
- To get more information on SustainableJersey see their web site at [www.sustainableJersey.com](http://www.sustainableJersey.com).

## Programs and Grants

- Energy Outreach and Incentive Programs
- Green Innovative Projects: Solar, Geothermal, green roofs, rain gardens and more
- Green Building/Design: Residential and Commercial

## The Stratford Recycle Challenge

- Did you know that Stratford is a community of approximately 2200 household
- In 2010, we (residence of Stratford) disposed of **2829.83 tons of regular trash** at a **cost of \$183,938.77!**
  - Average household disposed 1.28 tons of trash
    - 1.28 tons = 2560 pounds (213.33 pounds per month)
  - Average household cost was \$83.20
    - Monthly cost of \$6.96

## “So why is this important?”

- Stratford Residents pay \$65.00 per ton to dispose of trash and \$0.00 to dispose of recyclables

## “So what can I do?”

### Answer: RECYCLE, RECEYCLE, RECYCLE

- As a community, if we follow the new single stream guidelines, we can easily reduce our trash by 25%
  - At 25%, we would reduce our trash by 707 tons, cost savings of \$45,982!

The Stratford Green Team has established partnerships with Kennedy Hospital, UMDNJ, Stratford School District, Stratford Municipality, and many other Stratford groups & organizations.

We are looking for individuals who would like to participate and help us make Stratford a better community.

You are welcome to attend our monthly meeting that are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Yellin Middle School Library.

### **How to contact us:**

Please visit our web site at [www.stratfordgreenteam.org](http://www.stratfordgreenteam.org)

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We want to thank all the people for stopping by our table at the Stratford PTO Vendor Fair. We truly appreciate you giving us your time, sharing your comments and ideas. For those that provided feedback on the “What Should Go Here” - at the Laurel Mills Shopping Center (aka Incollingo’s lot), we created a plan and provided it to the Land Use Board who in turn submitted to the Mayor and Council.

Lastly, as inhabitants of this earth, we are all responsible to be good stewards of our Earth’s resources. In, some simple changes in our behavior will help us save money, individually and as a community.