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SUSTAINABLE JERSEY RECERTIFICATION **ACTION: WIND ORDINANCE** **FILE 2: OUTREACH MATERIALS**

Instructions: Submit outreach materials used to inform the community of the ordinance and its intent. These could include newsletter articles, mailings, etc.

Attachments:

- Sustainable Hillsborough website posting in 2007
- Hillsborough Township article dated May 1, 2009



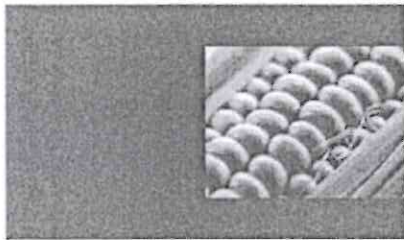
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Community Goals

Community
Environment
Mobility, Transportation and Land Use
Local Economy
Energy & Carbon Footprint



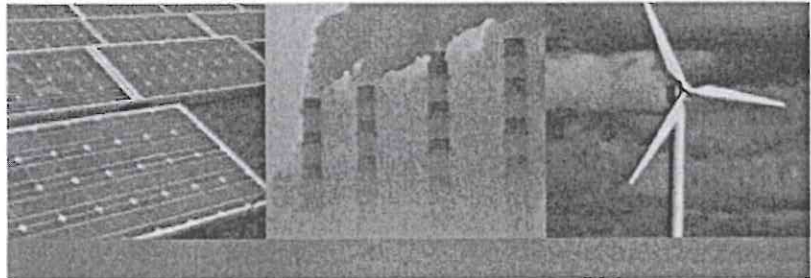
Indicators of success

Renewable Energy
Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Actions we can take

Promote sustainable building
Increase energy efficiency and energy conservation
Utilize renewable energy sources and technologies
Reduce carbon emissions and fuel usage linked to the automobile
Provide public awareness and education on energy conservation



Actions to:

Utilize renewable energy sources and technologies

> Research and evaluate options to install photovoltaics and utilize renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal on municipal properties

> Establish a municipal solar power purchasing agreement (PPA) to cost effectively install solar photovoltaic panels on qualifying municipal rooftops and facilities

> Adopt Small Wind Ordinance

> Participate in the New Jersey Clean Power Choice program

> Encourage farmers to participate in state funding and assistance programs to develop renewable energy and energy efficiency on farms

Research and evaluate options to install photovoltaics and utilize renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal on municipal properties

Why do we care?

Hillsborough Township can further set an example in energy conservation by installing renewable energy sources, such as LED and solar-powered street lights and traffic lights, whenever possible. In addition, the Township can explore opportunities for small wind turbine, geothermal heat pumps and demonstration projects. The Township can also investigate the feasibility of implementing a biomass to energy project for the Bell Mead Depot.

Definition of Success

Number of renewable energy projects on municipal sites.

Resources

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program- Renewable Energy

Why do we care?

Hillsborough farms can get involved in energy conservation by participating in this state program to develop renewable energy.

Definition of Success:

Number of farms participating in the renewable energy program.

Resource:

New Jersey Agricultural Department

<http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/md/news/renewenerg.html>

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Phase 2

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The Hillsborough Township Committee, at Tuesday evening's meeting, introduced an amendment to the Township's current wind mill ordinance allowing for vertical wind turbine technology, in an effort to continue the Township's position at the "forefront of green issues," according to Mayor Frank DelCore.

After hearing a presentation regarding the energy savings value of vertical wind turbine wind mills, or small wind energy systems, at the March 24th meeting, the Committee called for modifications to the current wind mill ordinance to allow for such systems. The Township

Planner, Business Advocate and interested citizens crafted the proposed amendment.

Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, the Township Committee's Sustainability Committee liaison, pointed out, "Hillsborough has been positioning itself as a sustainable, more environmentally friendly community over the last several years. By establishing a Sustainability Committee, applying for the energy audit and allowing 'green' alternatives for energy and building, we are responsibly planning for Hillsborough's future and ensuring that it remains the beautiful, functional township that it is."

"Reducing the carbon footprint is something we all hear about during environmental discussions; however, Hillsborough is working to actually make that a reality. By creating this opportunity for residential property owners and businesses to establish these types of small energy systems, we are taking a real step along the road of ensuring a sustainable environment in Hillsborough's future," stated Mayor Frank DelCore.

The ordinance originally providing the opportunity to develop wind alternative energy systems was adopted by the Township Committee in late 2007.

This amendment, allowing for vertical wind turbines, is scheduled for public hearing on May 26, 2009.