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## **Fair Haven Environmental Commission Awarded Sustainable Jersey Grant**

**FAIR HAVEN, NJ** – The Borough of Fair Haven Environmental Commission was awarded a \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey capacity-building grant funded by the PSE&G Foundation. Four \$20,000 grants, eight \$10,000 grants and twenty \$2,000 grants were distributed to fund a variety of projects including turtle habitat protection, environmental resource inventories, an electric vehicle charging station, single use plastic reduction campaigns, pond restoration, composting and food waste diversion, creative placemaking in a business district, rain gardens, composting and food waste reduction, Green Team capacity building and more.

*“On behalf of the residents of Fair Haven, I would like to thank Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G for awarding Fair Haven a \$2,000.00 grant, which will be used to install two rain gardens at Knollwood School. Fair Haven is located on the Navesink River in Monmouth County and our Environmental Commission is committed to installing rain gardens throughout our community to help keep the river clean.”*

“Nothing beats seeing a great idea turned into a reality, especially when that dream realizes benefits for communities and the environment. These grants support green teams and municipalities working at the local level to create vibrant and sustainable communities,” said Randall Solomon, Executive Director for Sustainable Jersey. He extended his congratulations to all of the towns that received grants. “The grants we awarded today will build capacity as municipalities move sustainability programs forward and work toward the goal of a more sustainable New Jersey,” Solomon said.

The PSE&G Foundation has contributed 1.5 million dollars in funding to the Sustainable Jersey grants program for municipalities and schools. “PSE&G is committed to supporting communities in their efforts to provide sustainable neighborhoods and economic development,” said Barb Short, President of the PSE&G Foundation. “Our ongoing partnership with Sustainable Jersey helps bring real change and has a lasting impact to neighborhoods throughout New Jersey.”

Proposals were evaluated by an independent Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey grants are intended to help municipalities make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey certification. Currently, 79 percent or 446 of New Jersey’s 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program.

*“Fair Haven Environmental Commission is aggressively improving environmental conditions in Fair Haven, concerned with stormwater, recycling, refuse disposal, vegetation, river pollution and natural areas. The Commission meets monthly and has several major projects underway”, said Ralph Wyndrum, Chairman of the Environmental Commission.*

## **ABOUT SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**

Sustainable Jersey is a non-profit that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs.

Sustainable Jersey’s partners include the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program. Program underwriters include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Clean Energy Program and the Surdna Foundation. The Sustainable Jersey Grants program for municipalities is funded by PSE&G Foundation and the Gardinier Environmental Fund. Platinum sponsors are South Jersey Gas, New Jersey Natural Gas and PSE&G. Silver Sponsors are NJM Insurance Group and Bayshore Recycling. The Bronze Sponsors are Covanta, Elizabethtown Gas, Greener by Design, Jersey Central Power and Light, New Jersey American Water, Powur, Good Energy and AT&T.

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