

QUOTES FROM SELECT 2023 RESILIENCY GRANT RECIPIENTS (ALPHABETICAL BY NEW JERSEY COUNTY)

“On behalf of the Medford Township Council & administration, we are most appreciative of the \$5,000 grant from Atlantic City Electric & Sustainable Jersey, which will allow us to add another weather station and lightning detection system in Hartford Crossing Park, which contains almost 20 athletic fields. This location also benefits Johnson’s Farm, one of South Jersey’s largest agri-tourism farms, as well as Lenape High School. With severe weather events becoming more sudden in developing and more frequent in occurring, these type of weather stations are essential to provide adequate notice to large crowds who visit these locations on a daily basis. Many of you here in attendance participated in the 2021 grant award ceremony that Medford was proud to host in Freedom Park, where we installed our first weather station & lightning detection system. This equipment has already proven to be invaluable to not only the public, but to our first responders as well. We congratulate all the awardees and thank Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric for making these funding opportunities available to municipalities.” – **Charles “Chuck” Watson, Mayor, Medford Township, Burlington County**

“Bay Islands are important for community resilience, the support for this display will help people get a visual on what wave and wake erosion looks like on coastal marshes” – **Joseph H. Mancini, Mayor, Long Beach Township, Ocean County**

QUOTES FROM SELECT 2023 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS (ALPHABETICAL BY NEW JERSEY COUNTY)

“This grant will go a long way in allowing us to continue our clean and safe initiatives. Our neighborhoods will benefit greatly, as this money helps us maintain our City parks and facilities. We thank Atlantic City Electric and Sustainable Jersey for giving us the resources to keep promoting open space and recreation throughout the Great City of Atlantic City.” – **Marty Small, Sr., Mayor, Atlantic City, Atlantic County**

“I am truly grateful for the ongoing support of Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric and for their commitment to improve the natural beauty of Egg Harbor City Lake Park. Cleaning up the Shaler family gravesite, restoring the headstone, and installing interpretive signage will educate the public about the city’s cultural heritage and highlight the contributions of this historic family. It will also create another interesting attraction for lake visitors year-round!” – **Lisa Jiampetti, Mayor, Egg Harbor City, Atlantic County**

“The City of Somers Point greatly appreciates this opportunity to upgrade our neighborhood playground both sustainably and aesthetically through the funding provided by this grant. The purchase and planting of shade trees adapted to our local conditions will not only enhance the site itself, but will also help create more welcoming green space in this neighborhood, which is critical to the health and wellbeing of all of our citizens.” – **John L. Glasser, Jr., Mayor, Somers Point City, Atlantic County**

"I am pleased to take this opportunity to thank Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric in providing Commercial Township a grant to enable our Environmental Committee to continue their endeavors to educate and protect our rural community. The osprey nest that Atlantic City Electric relocated to Riverside Park is the perfect location for a nature sign that would educate all who visit the importance of this local species. The township committee and myself appreciate that there are programs such as Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric and look forward to working with your organizations in the future." – **Mike Vizzard, Mayor, Commercial Township, Cumberland County**

"Maurice River Township is thankful and honored to be selected for the second year to receive the Sustainable Communities Environmental Stewardship grant funded by Atlantic City Electric. We will be using this funding to erect shade structures in two of our parks, providing a comfortable area for residents to relax and spend time with their family and friends." – **Ken Whildin, Mayor, Maurice River Township, Cumberland County**

"Deptford Township is extremely grateful to be a recipient of the 2023 Sustainable Communities Environmental Stewardship grant funded by Atlantic City Electric. These funds will go toward the rehabilitation of the steps at our newly named "Deptford Memorial Park" which lies in the heart of Deptford. This park is Deptford's main community park and we are excited to be able to make these improvements for all who visit. Thank you to Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric for helping us move forward with this project." – **Paul Medany, Mayor, Deptford Township, Gloucester County**

"East Greenwich is proud to be chosen for this grant. Our Environmental Commission and Green Team work very hard to educate our community on the necessity of removing invasives and replacing them with native plants. This grant will position us to lead by example as well by helping to establish a development nursery for the natives we will use to replace the invasives removed. I am grateful to Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric for recognizing the potential for this project to benefit our whole community and I look forward to seeing it come to fruition." – **Dale Archer, Mayor, East Greenwich Township, Gloucester County**