



## **SUSTAINABLE LONGPORT**

The Borough of Longport is a member of the Sustainable Jersey program and achieved bronze certification in 2016. Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. By supporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey is empowering communities to build a better world for future generations.

The borough has a local Green Team Advisory Committee comprised of local residents, officials and municipal employees. The team, Sustainable Longport, has undertaken the mission to educate residents and visitors of the borough's efforts to protect and conserve our natural resources, reduce waste, conserve energy and leave a better tomorrow for future generations to enjoy.

The Green Team Advisory Committee members include:

1. Mayor Nicholas Russo, Ed.D.
2. Bruce Funk, Zoning Official/ Emergency Management Official
3. William Trinkle, Public Works Supervisor
4. Chris Berenotto, Assistant Public Works Supervisor
5. Richard Hirsch, Building Supervisor and MEL-JIF Official
6. Monica Kyle, Deputy Municipal Clerk
7. Kelly Agnellini, Longport Resident
8. Debra Dombrowski, Longport Resident
9. Debbie Kelly, Longport Resident
10. Suzy Lawler, Longport Resident
11. Patricia Murphy, Longport Resident
12. Connie Pappas, Longport Resident
13. James Ulmer, Longport Resident
14. John Bonino, Vice Chair, Surfrider Foundation South Jersey
15. Monica Coffey, Communications Manager, Atlantic County Utilities Authority

Recent initiatives include:

- Reducing the use of single use plastic bags and encouraging the use of reusable, cloth-type bags by implementing a carryout bag fee ordinance. As a coastal community, protecting beaches and the ocean from litter is a top priority.
- Reducing the use of single use plastic water bottles by installing a hydration station in front of Borough Hall that includes a water bottler filler.
- Implementing a no smoking ban on public parks and recreational areas including beaches.
- Implementing a lawn watering/ sprinkling ordinance that limits the days and time permitted to water lawns and landscaping.
- The passage of a balloon-release ordinance that prohibits the intentional release of balloons. As a coastal community, balloons can end up in our waterways where they pose a serious threat to marine wildlife.
- Keeping expired and/or no-longer needed medical prescriptions out of our waste and water stream by providing a medical prescription drop-off box located at the police department.
- Creating a local community garden.
- Evaluating new ways to implement measures to encourage recycling in the borough. Bulky rigid plastics are recycled and can be placed curbside on recycling collection days.
- Evaluating new ways to conserve resources and implement environmentally friendly policies in municipal buildings.
- In the summer of 2016 Longport held its first farmers market. Due to popular demand, the market has returned for the 2017 summer season.

For more information on how to protect natural resources please visit:

<http://www.sustainable.org/environment>.

For tips on how to reduce waste please visit: [www.reduce.org](http://www.reduce.org).

For ideas on how to conserve energy please visit: <http://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>.

For more information on the Sustainable Jersey Program please visit [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com)

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or in more information, please email [building@longport-nj.us](mailto:building@longport-nj.us) or call 609.823.2731 ext. 109.