



Leadership and Vision Creating a Sustainability Policy & Plan of Action

On March 18, 2003, the Montclair Township Council unanimously passed a **Resolution Endorsing and Adopting the Policy of Sustainability for Township Decision making, Purchasing and Operations.**

The Resolution directs the Township Manager and staff to implement the concepts of sustainability in all decisionmaking, purchasing and operations. In order to implement the resolution, the Montclair Environmental Commission prepared the **Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide** to be used as a tool for decisionmaking about the procurement and delivery of public goods and services now and into the future. The Guide is a "working" document which is regularly updated to incorporate public input.

By choosing to support and implement sustainable development goals and decisionmaking, Montclair can take its place as a leader in the worldwide community of towns and cities that are pioneering the way to a sustainable future for ourselves and generations to come.

Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide

The Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide (the Guide) consists of a collection of voluntary, cost-effective strategies that the Township can start to implement now and over time. Some of the Guide's "highlights" include the following recommendations:

- ✓ Perform an energy audit of all Township buildings and operations and compile a baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory;
- ✓ Increased purchasing of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs);
- ✓ Support the installation of a centralized alternative fueling station for use by municipal and private car and bus fleets;
- ✓ Purchase recycled products whenever possible, paying up to 10% premium, if necessary;
- ✓ Increased education and enforcement of recycling laws;
- ✓ Integrated pesticides management in the schools and on playing fields;
- ✓ Perform studies of the Township's long-term water supply options, long-term solid waste disposal options, a well-head protection ordinance, a shade tree ordinance, and a noise control ordinance;
- ✓ Designate and maintain a north-south bicycle lane through Town and install covered bicycle storage sheds at all train stations;
- ✓ Create a Township Brownfields inventory; and,
- ✓ Improve the coordination between the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission.

Montclair Environmental Commission - www.mtcenv.com/index.html

Sustainability Montclair Planning Guide - www.mtcenv.com/pdf/sustain-guide.pdf

Policy of Sustainability - www.mtcenv.com/pdf/sustain.pdf

Township Statistics
Population in 2000 - 38,658
Land Area - 6.16 sq. mi.



Montclair's Recent Sustainability Programs and Projects

1. Energy Initiatives
 - a. Purchase of six compressed natural gas Cars
 - b. Installation of LED Traffic Lights
 - c. Photovoltaic (solar electric) Roof Panels for Municipal and School Buildings - proposed
 - d. Change-over Municipal Truck Fleet to Biodiesel B20 Fuel
2. Expand and Improved Solid Waste Recycling Program
 - a. Weekly Collection of Mixed Paper (\$100 per ton net benefit to Township)
 - b. Eliminated Set-Out/Set-Back Refuse Collection
 - c. Host Electronics Recycling and Community Composting Events
3. Stormwater Management Education as per new NJ Department of Environmental Protection regulations
 - a. *We All Live Downstream* Watershed Workshop
 - b. Stream Clean-ups
 - c. Storm Drain Stenciling Projects
4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
 - a. *BikeMontclair* - To Make Community more Bike and Pedestrian Friendly
 - b. Starting to implement recommendations from the NJ Department of Transportation Bike / Pedestrian Action Plan, including intersection upgrades and street markings for bike and pedestrian safety
 - c. *Tour de Montclair* - Non-competitive Scenic Ride for Families and Cyclists
5. Montclair Farmers Market
 - a. Fresh Produce for Consumers
 - b. Protects Family Farms
 - c. Shortens Distance From Farmer to the Table = Reduced Energy Use
6. Code Enforcement of Environmental Ordinances, e.g., recycling, gasoline-powered leaf blower ban for noise control during summer months.
7. Montclair has recently reorganized town government operations consistent with the Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide by creating the new Division of Administration, Code Enforcement and Environmental Affairs.

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