

The Town of Westfield is going for the Green!

The Town of Westfield is a proud participant in SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™.

What can I do as a citizen to promote a healthy environment?

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection:

How New Jerseyans can help the environment:
http://www.nj.gov/dep/citizen_help.html

United States Department of Environmental Protection:

EPA for Citizen Action:
<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/citizen.htm>

Climate Change: What You Can Do
www.epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/index.html

United States Department of Energy:

Ways to Save Energy:
<http://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>

Advice and assistance from your utility companies:

Elizabethtown Gas:
www.elizabethtowngas.com/Home/EnergySavings/ConservationTips.aspx

New Jersey American Water:
www.amwater.com/njaw/learning-center

PSE&G:
http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/energy_savers.pdf



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## ***The environment is a gift...***

- Mayor Andy Skibitsky



## ***Town of Westfield***

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*All levels of government play a role in ensuring a healthy environment – federal, state, county, and local. The Town of Westfield has long been proactive in promoting a healthy environment. The following is a sampling of the actions the Town has taken and/or is taking:*

- Preserved open space by establishing over 200 acres of municipal parklands in 10 parks around town.
- Values the voluminous inventory of healthy trees, both in the parks and alongside our roadways, and the benefits they offer. Tree Preservation ordinance in place.
- Many years ago adopted an “Integrated Pest Management” policy to minimize, if not totally eliminate, the use of pesticides on public properties and facilities.
- Adhere to DEP standards and recommendations regarding the use of salt on the roadways and leaf pick ups to minimize contamination of the waterways through storm water drains.
- Participates in NJSEM (“Sustainable Energy Meeting”), a knowledge-based energy purchasing group of 141 towns designed to initially help them reduce costs and ultimately help them meet environmental goals.
- Participated in the BPU’s Clean Energy Program and retrofitted all the lighting in all the Town’s buildings and in all traffic signals with energy efficient fixtures and lamps.
- Westfield Regional Health Department has environmental health ordinances and services in place to ensure the public’s well being, including protection from construction dust, lead paint abatement, and radon testing kits.
- Employ common sense practices such as regular tune-ups of our trucks and other vehicles to minimize emissions. Further, the Town is registered with the State of New Jersey to participate in a state initiative to retrofit the diesel truck fleet with enhanced emission controls.
- Provide curbside pick-up of recyclables as well as drop off facilities at the conservation center. Recycling opportunities at the center were expanded to include e-waste, fluorescent bulbs and scrap metal.
- Instituted annual Town-wide clean ups to celebrate Earth Day.
- The Town utilized a “Safe Routes to School” grant to fund the implementation of several “walking” school buses.
- Adopted a comprehensive Municipal Stormwater Management Plan to minimize the adverse impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity and the loss of groundwater recharge that provides base flow in receiving water bodies.
- Energy Star appliances are utilized wherever possible.
- Operators of Town vehicles comply with NJ DEP’s idling requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, 15.
- Understanding the role that mass transit can play in the reduction of auto emissions, the Town supports the Gateway tunnel proposal for the construction of a new New Jersey to Manhattan commuter train tunnel that would connect to new tracks in an expanded New York Penn Station.
- Bicycle and moped racks are provided for commuters. At the urging of the Town, additional bike racks were installed by NJ Transit at the train station.
- The Mayor’s “Westfield First” initiative which asks residents to consider shopping and dining in Westfield first to reduce the use of, and therefore emissions from, automobiles.
- The Town Engineer and Town Planner are well-versed in green building practices (promoted by the US Green Building Council, USGBC, developer of the LEED Green Building Rating System).
- Master Plan Re-Examination Report of March 2009 recommends two new elements be added to the Town’s Master Plan – the Conservation and Sustainable Community Plan and the Recycling and Utilities Plan – that will enhance the Town’s efforts.
- Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Westfield Memorial Library.
- When purchasing new vehicles and mechanical equipment, alternative sources of power, fuel efficiency, and emissions are three of the major factors considered.
- The Town worked with PSE&G to have over 800 mercury vapor street lamps replaced with new induction fluorescent lamps that last longer, contain less mercury, and use 30-40% less electricity than their counterparts.