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Honorable Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
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RE: Sustainable Jersey Bronze-Level Certification

Dear Mayor,

On behalf of the Somerset County Planning Board, I am writing to congratulate you, your Green Team and the entire Borough of North Plainfield for achieving Sustainable Jersey, Bronze-Level Certification this month. We are very proud of the fact that North Plainfield is now among the growing list of Somerset County Municipalities to achieve Sustainable Jersey Certification (Bedminster, Bernards, Bernardsville, Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough and Montgomery and Warren), and for the leadership and encouragement you provide to the other municipalities in Somerset County who have registered with Sustainable Jersey (Branchburg, Far Hills, Green Brook, Raritan, Somerville, Rocky Hill and Watchung) and others who are considering Sustainable Jersey certification.

We are very supportive of the Borough's sustainability initiatives, including the launching of your new community garden this summer, Clean Community Day on May 5, 2012 and energy conservation and efficiency initiatives, and wish you much success.

As you know, we have commenced a comprehensive update of the County's *Sustainable Somerset Strategic Plan*. Your community's outstanding efforts, as well as those of our other "sustainable communities" support Somerset County's ability to achieve its regional sustainability goals. You are encouraged to share your expertise and guidance in the *Sustainable Somerset* planning process. We will be reaching out to you for your input on the various components of the County's draft Plan as they are released in the months ahead. More information about this work can be found at our website: <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/planweb/sustainable/index.htm>.

Again, we applaud North Plainfield for this outstanding accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Robert Bzik, PP, AICP, Director of Planning

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