



# Gloucester Township Winter Report 2013

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## **Solar and Energy Efficiency Projects to Save Money and Environment**



The Township has become a state and national leader in clean renewable energy and energy efficiency, which saves the Township substantial energy costs and reduces the Township's carbon footprint.

Recently, the Township coordinated the State's first shared-service ESIP (Energy Savings Improvement Program) along with the Black Horse Pike and GT School Districts for a variety of high efficiency systems at municipal and school buildings.

Mayor Dave Mayer said that the Township is executing on its comprehensive Energy Master Plan by working diligently to save money on energy and be a leader in environmental sustainability. The estimated aggregate size of the solar systems to provide power to Township and School facilities will be approximately 6MW, which is equivalent to the annual energy consumption of approximately 850 homes or annually avoiding 4,200 tons of carbon dioxide.

The Township and School Districts' solar power purchase agreement for this productive project are anticipated to save \$6 million of energy costs over 15 years.

The Township and District were approved by the NJ Department of Community Affairs earlier in the year to pursue this project under the State program. Township and District will save money in energy costs, which will help pay for new projects each year.

Improvements include: substantial energy efficient lighting retrofits and lighting controls, new boilers, new air conditioning units and efficient motors on mechanical equipment. Construction will start in early 2013.

The Mayor added, "With these solar projects and energy efficiency projects, students will learn the science behind clean energy and environmental sustainability. The Township and our Schools are a model for how to properly plan for and implement effective cost saving clean energy projects."

## **Township Receives Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification**

Mayor David Mayer is proud to announce that Gloucester Township was certified this year by Sustainable Jersey at the silver level of certification.



Gloucester Township first earned certification in 2011 at the bronze level. Councilwoman Michelle Gentek has been leading the Gloucester Township Green Team with much success in the Sustainable Jersey certification effort for the past two years.

The Gloucester Township Green Team has worked diligently to earn this prestigious certification for the municipality. Some of the efforts of the Sustainable Gloucester Township program include solar panels on the municipal building, a community garden, being advocates for environmentally friendly living, and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign for better health, to name a few.

Gloucester Township was also selected as one of just ten municipalities in New Jersey to receive a Sustainable Jersey grant at the \$10,000 level. In addition to the Sustainable Jersey grant, Gloucester Township has received statewide recognition by being awarded the Sustainable Jersey Leadership award. These are not efforts of one person or by government alone; they are the reflection of the community's collective efforts.

***Garrison Architects of  
Marlton, NJ served  
as the Lead Consultant  
to Gloucester Twp.  
for the ESIP Program***