



Sustainable Jersey Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Jersey Certification Report of Bloomfield Twp, a Sustainable Jersey silver certified applicant.

On March 16, 2009, the Township of Bloomfield authorized Greener Bloomfield to serve the town's official green team via an adopted the Resolution. That same year, Greener Bloomfield was instrumental in the Township of Bloomfield becoming one of the first 28 municipalities in the State of New Jersey to be awarded Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level certification, bringing state-wide recognition to Bloomfield's commitment to creating green and sustainable processes in township operations. Since then, Greener Bloomfield has continued to prepare and submit the Township of Bloomfield's application which has renewed its municipal certification every three years and, in 2021, was happy to help our entire public school district become SJ certified as well! <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com>
<https://www.greenerbloomfield.org>

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Bloomfield Twp was approved for in 2025 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Arts & Creative Culture

Establish a Creative Team

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee serves as the town's Creative Team, working closely with the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and helping connect arts-related activities of various township groups, businesses and individuals to maximize community participation and then publicize a calendar of seasonal activities and programs that promote art, creative culture and cultural history in Bloomfield. Established by township ordinance, the advisory committee consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor and one Township Council Liaison. They typically meet on the third Thursday of each month - holiday and summer schedules may vary - with meeting agendas and minutes posted publicly to the township's AgendaCenter platform. Subcommittees are created as necessary to focus and pool efforts on larger events and initiatives. Additionally, non-appointed residents are encouraged to serve on subcommittees as a way to enhance opportunities to draw upon the vibrant and diverse experiences of Bloomfield residents.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. CREATIVE TEAM. 2024-25 REPORT AND ESTABLISHING ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. CREATIVE TEAM. 2024-25 REPORT.PDF](#)

Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture

5 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield directly provides and meaningfully supports a wide-variety of creative art and cultural experiences for all ages. In recent years the Township has been ongoingly supporting a collection of public art murals throughout the town. The Township's support includes funding through obtaining grants or through municipal budgets, utilizing the sides of township owned buildings and infrastructure and also negotiating agreements with local property owners to help beautify areas of town where municipal property isn't readily available. Please see the attached images and copy of the current RFP that is circulating for a mural to be installed at the former Roxy Florist site in the coming year. Public notice is available on the town's website. <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/DocumentCenter/View/14695/RFP-Packet---Public-Art-Mural-2024-Broad-St-Train-Bridge-PDF?bidId=>

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. MUNI COMMITMENTS TO ARTS. PUBLIC MURALS.PDF](#)

Brownfields

Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization

10 Points

Program Summary: In late 2020, the Bloomfield Township Environmental Commission began researching potential brownfield sites for prioritization of future redevelopment. All "known contaminated sites" were mapped and queried in NJDEP's GeoWeb with the results then exported and initially validated by a desktop review of Google street images. Further property information was collected from township and county online mapping tools and potential sites were also compared to redevelopment plans presented in the township's 2002 Master Plan as well as the updates/re-examination reports from 2008, 2014, and 2020. Additional databases consulted

included EPA Superfund Sites, EPA UST Finder, NJDEP Electronic Reports, State of New Jersey Mapping tools and Community Right To Know website. Out of 80 known contaminated sites, nine were verified to be brownfields. Criteria for removing sites included: active redevelopment (i.e. structures in progress), active business (as determined by visual recon and general knowledge) and residential homes. Criteria for retaining sites in the inventory included construction vehicles are present but no active development is occurring, construction laydown areas, vacant lots, portions of the property are not utilized or there was a “for sale” sign at time of review. The Commission will update the Bloomfield Township Brownfield Inventory every two years using the process outlined above to track the status of current brownfields and identify new brownfields for recommendation of redevelopment and cleanup for the benefit of Bloomfield Township residents. The local inventory process was initiated by Cailyn Bruno, LSRP, and Nicholas Joanow, Township Councilman and Environmental Commission Liaison, with input from municipal departments including the Department of Public Works and the Township Administration.

PDF: [BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY AND PRIORITIZATION CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY - BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 2021.02.24.XLSX](#)

EXCEL: [BLFD TWP. BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY - PRIORITIZATION LIST DRAFT 2024.0510](#)

Community Partnership & Outreach

Green Team

15 Points

 Bronze Required

Program Summary: In 2025, plans began for the “Greener Bloomfield Sustainability Committee” to be formed as a subcommittee of the Bloomfield Environmental Commission where long-time volunteers could continue to serve as the town’s Green Team focusing attention and effort within the township on matters of sustainability and providing advocacy, development and implementation for local sustainable initiatives and actions with direct support from the Commission and Township. In the past year, Greener Bloomfield’s activities have included in-person organizational meetings and community events as well as regular virtual ‘status’ meetings focused on developing and documenting actions as guided by SJMCP. The group’s efforts have been helped significantly by new relationships with key personnel in the Township Administrator’s Office, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, the Health and Human Services Departments, and DPW. Existing partnerships continue to be strengthened with valued municipal and community stakeholders. municipal website link where certification report is displayed - <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1615/Sustainability>

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. GREEN TEAM ORIG. RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. GREEN TEAM CURRENT RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. LETTER OF COUNCILS CONTINUED SUPPORT](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. GREEN TEAM PACKET INCL. PROMOTION.PDF](#)

Community Education & Outreach

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield has conducted community education and outreach on sustainability and environmental-related topics such as eco-friendly lawn care, pollinators, microforests, and resources to encourage historically marginalized communities to interact with and enjoy the outdoors. This information has been distributed through regular features in Bloomfield’s online and print newsletters; coordination of webinars and lectures; and creation of original flyers for distribution at community events. These activities are led by the Bloomfield Environmental Commission and Greener Bloomfield in collaboration with several town committees. The importance of these activities is to engage residents in an accessible way in sustainability topics, and show them small changes can collectively make a significant difference.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. COMMUNITY EDUCATION. ONLINE INITIATIVE.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. COMMUNITY EDUCATION. IN-PERSON EVENT.PDF](#)

Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary: Bloomfield Township’s Green Fair coincides each year with Earth Day. Our local celebration has grown in recent years due to more community groups and township departments joining the event. Members & volunteers from Greener Bloomfield, the Environmental Commission, the Public Library along with our council liaison hold several meetings planning the Green Fair. This year the event grew to include 15 different groups. We partnered with several of Bloomfield’s groups like the Recycling Committee, Beautification Team, Bloomfield’s Department of Health, Bloomfield Citizen’s Solar Campaign, and the Police Department. The Police Department showcased one of their newly acquired EV vehicles. Greener Bloomfield distributed free annuals donated by our local Home Depot store were also distributed. The residents were shown the Do’s and Don’ts of composting at home or encouraged to participate in our town’s recently installed drop-off compost locations. The library hosted an Earth Day-themed story time for children. There was a “Seed Saving” demonstration led by Bracco Farms. The Environmental Commission displayed the newly adopted Environmental Resource Inventory as part of the Master Plan, and had pamphlets available to educate residents on how this resource can be used for sustainable planning initiatives. The Recycling Committee distributed information about our recycling program, and upcoming events of paper shredding and reusable bag collection. There was a reusable bag drop-off station at the event. To top off the day we were treated by a jazz performance by the Bradford Hayes Trio. Our green fair this year was a big success and it continues to be a valuable opportunity for local groups to partner with our municipality, promote sustainability, and educate our community on how each of us can make a difference and positive impact on our local environment.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. GREEN FAIR. REPORT SHEET.PDF](#)

Emergency Management

Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies

10 Points

Program Summary: Over the past twenty-five years, the Township of Bloomfield Human Services Department has developed a multi-pronged approach for identifying and connecting with vulnerable community members for inclusion in the Department's contact list. The primary components are 1) referrals by stakeholders and partners including other Departments, schools, hospitals, neighbors, landlords & property managers, banks, etc. 2) Word of Mouth from clients that have been or are being helped. 3) Walk-ins and phone inquiries after seeing services promoted in publications (township newsletter, local news story or flyer) and 4) Connections made through Community Events tailored to support specific segments of our community's most vulnerable population (seniors, families with young children and others that may be in need of additional help. Contact and related information for Human Services clients is maintained in a custom database in the Apricot platform. When applicable, contacts' information may be stored in HUD's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or Public Housing Agency's PHA-Web.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ID. DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ID. CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

Energy

Fleet Inventory

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: The Township's Fleet Inventory was concluded in summer 2025 as a joint project with the Green Team, Code Enforcement Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department and the Building Inspectors Office. Of the 150 vehicles that are operating across all departments, there is one hybrid sedan, six all-electric SUVs, five all-electric sedans, two electric street sweepers, and one all-electric cargo van. Two all-electric mason dump trucks funded in part by RGGI Grant Program are on-order and expected to arrive before the end of 2025 to replace two, older, diesel-powered dump trucks that are in use year-round pick up bio-bags of yard waste in spring/summer/fall and then transition to snow plowing in winter. The Township's vehicular fleet is maintained in-house with weekly safety checks and regular preventative maintenance per the DPW garage maintenance schedule. Drivers employed by the Township - and after obtaining their CDL - are trained on heavy-duty and specialty vehicles in-house, (i.e. DPW tree/bucket trucks) over the course of months and up to a year with training sessions documented on paper throughout. The township actively pursues additional funding to continuously replace older, diesel-powered vehicles with EVs. With information provided in this updated fleet inventory, strategies will be discussed for deciding on the next, most ideal vehicle replacements in order to provide the most impactful reduction in GHG emissions.

EXCEL: [2025 BLMFD. SJ FLEET INVENTORY SHEETS.XLSX](#)

Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles

15 Points

Program Summary: Over the past five years, the Township of Bloomfield has made significant

progress in reducing its carbon footprint and promoting sustainable transportation by integrating fourteen plug-in electric passenger vehicles (PEVs) into its municipal fleet. The PEVs include six Ford Mach-E SUVs and eight Chevrolet Bolt EV LTs that have replaced older, less efficient gasoline-powered vehicles for active daily use for township personnel across multiple departments including construction code officials, water meter readers, and health services. // In 2020, to support transitioning to an electric fleet, the Township installed multiple charging stations for municipal and public use along Bloomfield Avenue, in its municipal parking lot and at the Glenwood Public Parking Garage, maintained by the Bloomfield Parking Authority. These chargers are available to municipal vehicles and the public, helping to encourage broader community adoption of clean transportation. Additional charging infrastructure is planned as the township continues expanding its alternative-fuel vehicle program. // By early 2026, Bloomfield's DPW will have successfully decommissioned two older (1996 & 2002 models) diesel-powered dump trucks and replaced them with new electric Ford Super Duty F-550 mason dump trucks for everyday use for a variety of tasks including bio bag collections, snow plowing, and emergency management. By continuing to invest in transitioning its municipal fleet to alternative-fuel vehicles, the Township of Bloomfield is advancing its sustainability goals, reducing local greenhouse gas emissions and lowering its long-term fuel and maintenance costs, directly benefiting taxpayers and improving local air quality. The Township's initiative to eventually implement an all-electric fleet confirms its commitment to environmental leadership and sets a strong example for residents and neighboring communities in adopting clean energy solutions. // The Township's acquisition of new EVs has been made possible in part with funding assistance from state and federal programs including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and the NJ Board of Public Utilities Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program. Partial funding for the Township's charging stations was provided by the NJ DEP - It Pay\$ to Plug In: NJ Electric Vehicle Workplace Charging Grant Program. // We're requesting a total of 15 points for this action due to the Township of Bloomfield's Municipal Fleet currently at 150 vehicles total with 15 of them being electric/hybrid (combination of sedans, SUVs, street sweepers, one hybrid sedan and one all-electric cargo van + the two all-electric dump trucks expected before the end of the year). Fleet Inventory Summary sheet is uploaded here for reference.

IMAGE: [BLFD TWP EV REGISTRATION.PNG](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. FLEET INVENTORY SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP EV REGISTRATION - 2020 CHEVROLET BOLT EV EXP 01.2027.PDF](#)

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

15 Points

Program Summary: As part of the Township of Bloomfield ongoing initiative to reduce our community's carbon footprint and promote sustainable transportation, the township has installed twenty charging stations in the past five years with nine of them being dedicated to public use. The township has also enthusiastically supported public charging stations that are included in new construction projects and added by established, sustainable-minded local businesses. In order to promote the sustainable value of our municipal and business community's collective efforts, all PEV charging stations located in township and immediate surrounding areas are included in Bloomfield's interactive Community Asset Map, available on the Township website's Sustainability page.

PDF: [PUBLIC EV CHARGING STATIONS. DOCUMENTATION](#)

Food

Community Food Pantry/Bank & Soup Kitchen

15 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield has long-standing, working partnerships with multiple local community food pantries. The Bloomfield Director of Human Services estimates that with assistance from the Department's nonprofit, volunteer arm, Neighbor To Neighbor Network, approximately two hundred Bloomfield families have food delivered from these pantries including The Human Needs Food Pantry (<https://www.humanneedsfoodpantry.org/>), Toni's Kitchen (<https://toniskitchen.org/>), and Park United Park United Methodist Church (<https://sites.google.com/view/manafooddepot/home>). Please see our uploaded "Internal Checklist" for this action for more detailed information.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. INTERNAL CHECKLIST AND DOCS.PDF](#)

Community Gardens

20 Points

Program Summary: *Description of Bloomfield Community Gardens (BCG)* There are three Community Gardens in Bloomfield (BCG). Pulaski Park was started in 2015, Milbank was started in 2019 and Oakeside Community Garden came under municipal management in 2023. They are on Bloomfield's property and are administered by the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department. The Department aims to provide residents who might not otherwise have that ability the opportunity and resources to enjoy gardening. Throughout the year, the Department fosters a welcoming environment that promotes recreational organic gardening, healthy living, positive eating habits, and environmental stewardship. It accomplish this by organizing and promoting various community garden activities and projects with our gardeners and dedicated volunteers. The Department keeps in touch with its members through e-mail communication and through garden liaisons. *Environmentally Friendly Gardening* As spelled out in the 2024 Community Gardens Agreement (uploaded), all gardens have strict rules and regulations including organic gardening protocols which includes poisons-free gardening. Non-organic pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, and fertilizers are prohibited from use at all Community Gardens. All gardens have composters on site and "how and what" to compost flyers (uploaded) are given to gardeners at Orientation Day. *Produce Donation* The 2023 Bloomfield Community Garden crop donations were delivered to THE Bloomfield Church on the Green Food Pantry located on 147 Broad St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. We harvest on Thursdays and deliver early on Friday mornings when the food pantry opens. Total pounds donated in 2022 were 902 and total pounds donated in 2023 were 722. A donation letter has been uploaded which indicates the dates and amounts of donations for the 2023 season.

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN ORDINANCES.PDF](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBMISSION QUESTIONNAIRE 2024](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT, RULES & REGULATIONS, FAQs](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDENS CROP DONATION LETTER AND REPORT 2023](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDENS AGENDA FOR OPENING DAY & GARDEN ORIENTATION](#)

Promoting Safe Food Donation for Food Security

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield Department of Human Services has long had close working partnerships with multiple local food assistance organizations / food pantries while the Bloomfield Health Department is the entity responsible for inspections of our local food producers (restaurants and other food establishments). Both Departments enthusiastically support this Safe Food Donation program as a way to collaborate with the goal of reducing food waste and simultaneously helping our local assistance providers and Bloomfield residents that are experiencing food insecurity. To prepare for the program's roll out in mid to late August 2025, a master list of food generators been compiled from Health Department inspection records (attached) and, in addition to the food safety flyers, Bloomfield Health Inspectors will also provide helpful information on another partner, Table To Table, whose robust volunteer network provides vital transport by picking up donated food from producers and driving it to our local food pantries. **Additionally, their systems track all donations via app and are able to provide data for all donations in an area including quantities of food, origin and destination.** The Executive Director of Table To Table began talks with School District leaders in July and more recently with Township leaders and they are ready to help give both programs' launches an extra boost. The outreach campaign to food producers will be done as is recommended (inspectors, website and social) and also incorporate outreach from the Bloomfield Center Alliance and in-person appeals, as appropriate from elected leaders and stakeholders that frequent many of the establishments.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. PROMOTING SAFE FOOD DONATION. RUTGERS TRAINING COURSE INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. PROMOTING SAFE... POLICY DIRECTIVE RE. FOOD WASTE REDUCTION VOTE 2025.AUG11.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. PROMOTING SAFE FOOD DONATION. FOOD PRODUCERS LIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. PROMOTING SAFE FOOD DONATION. INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS.PDF](#)

Farmers Markets

10 Points

Program Summary: The Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market provides an opportunity to highlight the agricultural diversity of New Jersey and to celebrate fresh food and wares produced by local vendors. The seasonal event is held on Tuesdays 3:30-6:30PM from June-October and showcases a variety of vendors at the Bloomfield Public Library Courtyard. The Market supports the local Bloomfield economy, provides access to an assortment of locally sourced products, and it increases access to healthy, affordable fresh food. The market is conveniently located within walking distance of multiple NJ Transit bus lines and the Light Rail Station at Lackawanna Plaza as well as the Township's Shuttle Bus service. City Green, an urban farming and gardening organization based in Clifton, NJ, brings their VeggieMobile, a refrigerated box truck and mobile market and they accept all major credit cards as well as SNAP, WIC FMNP, Senior FMNP, WIC CVV and Good Food Bucks. Several other vendors participate, offering a variety of produce, food products and specialty items. Each week features a Local Spotlight Vendor and a list of participating vendors can always be found on the town website and the Market's Instagram page @bloomfieldfarmersmarket. Bloomfield residents are encouraged to stop by the market and learn more about what the township is doing while they shop. Several town departments such as police, library and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs have a presence at the market. Additionally, the Bloomfield Health and Human Services Department is there to offer eligibility screenings for social

services and market cash, a voucher system to help subsidize the cost of market food products. The event is made possible through the town's Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs with the help of a Farmer's Market Committee and the Neighbor to Neighbor Network whose continued generosity funds the 'market cash' program.

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. FARMERS MARKET DOCUMENTATION](#)

Making Farmers Markets Accessible

5 Points

Program Summary: The Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market is conveniently located within walking distance of multiple NJ Transit bus lines (Routes 11, 27, 28, 29, 34, 72, 92, 102, & 709). Free transportation services to the market using the township's Dial-A-Ride program is available to all senior citizens over the age of 60 and any resident with a disability or handicap. The Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market partner City Green, an urban farming and gardening organization based in Clifton, NJ, brings their VeggieMobile, a refrigerated box truck and mobile market and they accept all major credit cards as well as SNAP, WIC FMNP, Senior FMNP, WIC CVV and Good Food Bucks.

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. FARMERS MARKET PUBLIC TRANSIT MAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. FARMERS MARKET ACCESSIBLE PAYMENTS. CITYGREEN-WEBSITE.PDF](#)

Green Design

Green Building Policy/Resolution

5 Points

Program Summary: In 2025, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex passed a resolution endorsing the adoption of a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities, and will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings. Within a week of passing the resolution, the adopted policy was distributed to the appropriate Department and Division heads and posted publicly to the Township website.

PDF: [BLMFD. GREEN BUILDING POLICY. DOCS.PDF](#)

PDF: [R25 304 ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES.PDF](#)

Green Building Education

5 Points

Program Summary: For our first step into the area of Green Building Education, the Greener Bloomfield green team created a custom, educational flyer that incorporated the “Clean, Green, and Strong” slogan with clean imagery and a prominent QR code to help spark interest from visitors at the Building Permit office and to help them get immediate access to information so they can learn more about Green Building. Prominent placement for the flyer, printed in the municipal offices, and digitally on the township website, were arranged with the Township Administrator’s office. The Environmental Commission and Green Team intend to raise more awareness for green building in the coming year.

PDF: [BLMFD. GREEN BUILDING EDUCATION. ACTION DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

Health & Wellness

Best Practices for Local Boards of Health

10 Points

Program Summary: No description was provided.

PDF: [BLMFD BOH TRAINING VERIFICATION LETTER + CERT.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLMFD BOH ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLMFD BOH MEETING MINUTES 2025.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLMFD BOH BEST PRACTICES INTERNAL ACTION CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

Building Healthier Communities

20 Points

Program Summary: In May 2025, the Township announced the launch of Mayor Mundell’s Wellness Campaign as an initiative that reflects the Township’s deep commitment to fostering an environment that supports healthy living - recognizing that long-term health outcomes are shaped by where people live, work, and age. “Our goal is to make health and wellness more accessible and inclusive for everyone in Bloomfield,” said Mayor Jenny Mundell. “By joining the Mayors Wellness Campaign, we’re taking an intentional step toward building a stronger, more connected community - one where every resident has the opportunity to thrive.” Throughout the five-month campaign, the Township will host a variety of accessible health programs and screening events aimed at addressing community needs and reducing barriers to care. Planned events include: mobile health screening clinics, community wellness walks, public vaccination events, A family-friendly Bike Rodeo, health education workshops, and preventive care services. The Bloomfield Department of Health will lead the implementation of the campaign in collaboration with Township leadership, community partners, and local organizations. The department will coordinate outreach efforts, identify key resources and priority programs, and address existing gaps in health services across the community.

IMAGE: [2025.05 MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN FB.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [2025.05 MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN MUNIWEBSITE.PNG](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. ENITRE COMMUNITY CHECKLIST AND DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

Integrating Health Into Municipal Decision Making

10 Points

Program Summary: To date, the Action Questionnaire, 'Internal Procedures' Worksheet and the 'Policies, Projects, Programs and Plans' worksheet was completed by Bloomfield's Health Officer, Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Health Educator and Nursing Supervisor. All of which helped with gaining a better understanding of the concept of Health in All Policies. A resolution endorsing Health in All Policies is currently in development.

PDF: [HIAP QUESTIONNAIRE.PDF](#)

PDF: [HIAP INT PROCEDURES .PDF](#)

PDF: [HIAP POLICIES PROJECTS OPERATIONS.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [HIAP INT PROCEDURES AND POLICIES PROJECTS OPERATIONS \(1\).XLSX](#)

Local Health Assessment & Action Plan

25 Points

Program Summary: In spring of 2024, the Township of Bloomfield Department of Health (BDH), in conjunction with the Bloomfield Board of Health and Strategic Health Advisers, LLC, initiated its 2025 Community Health Assessment (CHA) with support from community partners. It is a follow-up to similar research conducted in 2018. // In order to help identify key needs, disparities, and health assets among the Bloomfield community, the "Community Voices Survey" was launched online and on paper, in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. The survey, completed by over 200 residents, included questions ranging from housing and transportation to eating habits and physical activity. Eight focus groups and 16 key informant interviews were also conducted to help the Health Department further identify the pressing health issues, establish priorities and goals, develop interventions, and commit resources to improve the community's health. // To help successfully gather input from individuals from marginalized and vulnerable communities, the Bloomfield Community Health Impact Coalition was created with community-based organizations including Bloomfield Public Library, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey, Mental Health Association of Essex & Morris, Mountainside Medical Center, Clara Maass Medical Center, Essex-Passaic Wellness, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield School District, Adapt/Family Connections, Bloomfield College, Zufall Health/FQHC, etc. Township of Bloomfield agencies participating include Departments of Health, Human Services and Recreation. // Bloomfield's 2025 CHA, a follow-up to similar research conducted in 2018, identifies current assets, behaviors, and concerns of the township's 52,948 residents through comprehensive data collection, research and analysis. Those findings serve as the basis for the Township's new 2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which is anticipated to be released in November 2025. The CHIP will provide actionable goals, objectives, and strategies for making tangible progress in several key areas, including: Access to screening and healthcare services; Active living and healthy eating; Childhood lead poisoning prevention; Substance abuse prevention; and Mental health programming.

PDF: [2025 TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD CHA](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD CHA. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS KEY CONTRIBUTORS.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD CHA. PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD CHA. SURVEY AND FOCUS GROUP QS.PDF](#)

Safe Routes to School

10 Points

Program Summary: In September 2024, the Township of Bloomfield was recognized for achieving Silver level in the Safe Routes to School Program by EZ Ride. This recognition expires in 2026. This program is implemented by the Bloomfield Police Department as a way to promote healthy lifestyles, combat traffic and air pollution, and improve safety. Students at each of the township's 9 elementary schools could partake in "Take a Walk with B.P.D" each Spring to learn how to walk to school safely with friends. The Bloomfield Police Department organizes a free Community Bike Ride, offering residents a chance to socialize and cycle through town at a relaxed pace. The ride is a collaborative event with the Township of Bloomfield, EZ Ride, Borderline Bikes, and the Bloomfield Police and Fire Departments. It coincides with "Learn to Ride" classes with lessons on bike safety for kids ages 5-12.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL. DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

Innovative Projects

Innovative Community Project 1

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield implemented a "Plant a Pollinator" program in collaboration with the Bloomfield Environmental Commission, Greener Bloomfield, Bloomfield Health Department, Beautification Committee, Township Administration, and elected officials. This program - and the unusual coalition of Departments, Commissions and Committees - was created in response to residents with pollinator-friendly yards having received citations from the Health Department despite the Mayor and Council having passed a resolution in 2023 supporting expansion of pollinator gardens throughout the township. A cooperative subcommittee examined township code, process, and other municipal examples of how to balance enforcement with sustainability. It was decided to create a program where residents could register their pollinator gardens so the Health Department and Code Enforcement Officers could proactively distinguish a managed, natural lawn area from neglect. The Health Department also partnered with Rutgers Master Gardener Program for township staff and resident education. The program was launched during the Earth Day celebration on April 20, 2024 by distributing flyers in both English and Spanish. This was followed up by an informational, beginner-friendly, accessible webinar on the subject of starting a pollinator garden, how to register for the program, and a virtual tour of township-maintained pollinator gardens.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT #1.PDF](#)

Innovative Community Project 2

10 Points

Program Summary: In the summer of 2025, the Township of Bloomfield and Greener Bloomfield partnered with the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (ISS) Green Team Program to research and evaluate the environmental, social, and economic impact of the Township's first microforest project intended to address sustainability issues of air quality, stormwater retention, habitat creation/biodiversity and heat island mitigation in an NJDEP-identified overburdened community. -- The program assigned a team of five college undergrads - receiving guidance from local experts, mentors, Greener Bloomfield and the Township of Bloomfield - to create and provide the following deliverables: // Creating educational materials explaining the value and efficacy of the practice of planting microforests as a low-cost, low-maintenance way to improve air quality and community resiliency (when possible, cite similar/local projects and consult with local experts); // Engaging with community stakeholders to co-create a vision for a vacant township-owned lot through implementation of a microforest; // Conducting an environmental, social, and economic impact assessment for the half-acre project site (including aspects previously mentioned: air quality, stormwater retention, habitat creation/biodiversity, and heat island mitigation); // Recommending a set of project specifications that would help ensure the long-term success of the project, including types of soil amendments and/or beneficial earthwork, species selections of native or indigenous trees and their ideal planting sizes, optimal planting locations based on site conditions; and impervious surfaces; and // Creating a project roadmap to include the initial development sequencing and estimated costs for the major project elements, as well as anticipated maintenance needs for the first 3-5 years --- The intention behind the Project Roadmap was that it not only be a How-To guide for Bloomfield's first microforest but that it could also be used as a guide for other municipalities and environmental groups in the area that were considering developing their own first microforest project. The students final presentation of their work will be presented (and recorded) at MSU on August 5, 2025.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT #2 - MICROFOREST ROADMAP.PDF](#)

Land Use & Transportation

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: In 2025, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex passed a resolution to take specific steps (as listed in the pledge/resolution) with regard to their municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Township of Bloomfield a truly sustainable community and stated that their intent was to include the principles of the pledge in the town's next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update the town's land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly. Within a week of passing the resolution, the adopted pledge was distributed to the appropriate Department and Division heads and posted publicly to the Township website.

PDF: [BLMFD. SUSTAINABLE LAND USE. DOCS.PDF](#)

Natural Resources

Natural Resource Inventory

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: In 2021, the Bloomfield Environmental Commission (BEC) initiated the creation of the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). A subcommittee was established to review the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions' (ANJEC) ERI guidelines and determine which data and format would work best for the Bloomfield community. It was determined that an interactive ERI with high-quality maps, focused on sources of pollution and stormwater issues, should be created to help guide land use planning for the township. Made possible with funding from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G, Bloomfield procured a vendor to create the inventory. The BEC received the final draft in the fall of 2022, which was then reformatted to meet community needs. The BEC solicited nature pictures from the community to add local visual elements to the ERI and to inform the public about the initiative. The BEC also created digital versions of the ERI maps and datasets in an accessible interactive format using ArcGIS. These items were provided to the township planner, planning board, and zoning board who have been preparing the Master Plan update since spring of 2023. The ERI will be appended to the Master Plan update, which is anticipated to be completed this year. The ERI will be updated with each Master Plan update or every 10 years, whichever happens first. The BEC will be responsible for the ERI update.

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. NRI REPORT](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. NRI AND MASTER PLAN](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. NRI UPDATE POLICY. APPROVED 24JUN29](#)

Water Conservation Ordinance

20 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE On September 8, 2009, the Bloomfield Township Council unanimously adopted a new Water Conservation Ordinance, amending Chapter 556 of the township code. The ordinance was substantially based on the NJDEP model ordinance, and sets non-emergency conservation measures, penalties, and enforcement procedures. The ordinance essentially asks residents and businesses to do these things: - Conserve water used indoors - Water lawns no more than 2 days per week (any 2 days) - Water lawns only between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. - Don't water any lawn area longer than 30 minutes - Don't water your lawn when it's raining, or when it's already rained longer than 30 minutes - Make sure your installed sprinkler/irrigation systems has a rain sensor shut-off, per state law The following are exempt from these restrictions: - Flowers and shrubs can be watered as needed with a hose that has an automatic shut-off nozzle - Cars can be washed any day when done with a hose that has an automatic shut-off nozzle - Commercial crops, sod farms, nurseries, retail nurseries, golf courses can be watered as necessary - Lawn treated with chemicals that need watering to preserve landscaping or establish new landscaping can be watered for 1 extra day only - New

lawns or landscaping can be watered as needed within the first 21 days - When a licensed irrigation contractor is checking an irrigation system - When using reclaimed water (from rainwater harvesting, graywater systems, etc.) The ordinance also spells out what's required during a severe water emergency. While we don't expect that many will violate the ordinance, and it's not a top priority for enforcement, penalties can be steep. After a first warning, violators can be fined from \$25 to \$2,000, and extreme violators can be penalized with up to 90 days of imprisonment or community service. The ordinance had hearings at the first and second readings, August 10 and September 8, before final adoption on September 8. The new ordinance is published on the Bloomfield Township website and the Greener Bloomfield website. A flyer is available on both websites as well (www.GreenerBloomfield.org/water), and is also available in the Municipal Building, Civic Center, DPW, and Public Library. It will also be published in the Fall 2009 BLOOMFIELD BUZZ. The Bloomfield Independent Press also published a front-page article on the ordinance.

PDF: [WATER ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [WATER CONSERVATION FLYER](#)

PDF: [INDEPENDENT PRESS ARTICLE](#)

Environmental Commission

10 Points

Program Summary: The Bloomfield Environmental Commission (BEC) was formally established by the township via ordinance in 2015. Since that time, the Commission has formed valuable partnerships with existing and new environmental organizations to better inform their recommendations to the Township Council and increase the reach and impact of community initiatives. From 2021 to present, the BEC meets monthly virtually via Zoom. The BEC has accomplished and contributed to the following: Sustainable Jersey Certification, Environmental Resource Inventory, collaboration with the Health Department on a townwide pollinator program, and the Essex-Hudson Greenway project.

PDF: [BLMFD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLMFD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHING ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

Open Space Plans

10 Points

Program Summary: In April of 2025, the Township of Bloomfield's Planning Board adopted a new Master Plan which contained an Element for "Parks, Recreation and Open Space". Developed through an inclusive and public process, the new Master Plan reflects the input of a broad cross-section of the Bloomfield Community. Public participation included two public community workshops (one in-person and one virtual), a community-wide survey, community stakeholder meetings, and ongoing discussions with local officials and land use professionals. The plan's final approval followed a 26-day public review process, and a public hearing where residents had the opportunity to ask questions and provide final comments before the Board's vote. In the final plan, the community's vision for open space in Bloomfield included 1) enhanced redevelopment projects that balance a variety of community priorities including additional public open spaces and gathering areas, 2) vibrant, attractive commercial areas that incorporate, among many things, appealing open space and gathering areas, and 3) expanded open spaces for active and

passive recreation. The plan identified a singular goal for Bloomfield's Open Space planning - "Protect and Enhance Natural Resources, Active Recreational Facilities, and Open Spaces for the Enjoyment of Township Residents of All Ages and Abilities" and the objectives to achieve it included: Make improvements to existing open space and recreational facilities; Evaluate and maximize opportunities for the creation of additional open space, parks, and recreational areas in the Township; Diversify recreational opportunities to satisfy unmet needs; Develop open space accessibility and recreational opportunities; and Explore the development of a Greenway network along stream corridors linking residential neighborhoods to parks and major activity centers. The 2025 Master Plan outlines key priorities for the Township, including revitalizing commercial areas with enhanced streetscapes, welcoming gateways, and a diverse mix of local businesses. It prioritizes sustainable development, including open space preservation, renewable energy promotion, and improved stormwater infrastructure. The plan also focuses on creating safe, walkable neighborhoods, offering diverse housing options, expanding recreational opportunities, and protecting Bloomfield's historic character. The full Master Plan, along with an executive summary available in both English and Spanish, can be accessed on the Township's website: <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/359/Master-Plan>. Residents who wish to view the documents in person may schedule an appointment with the Planning Board Secretary by calling (973) 680-4012 or visiting Room 203 of Town Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD MASTER PLAN. OPEN SPACE PLAN ELEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD MASTER PLAN. PLANNING BOARD ADOPTION MTG MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 BLMFD MASTER PLAN. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, VISION AND GOALS.PDF](#)

Tree Protection Ordinance *Retires 12/31/25*

10 Points

Program Summary: BLOOMFIELD TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCES Bloomfield Township enacted ordinances to protect trees in public highways (Article I, Township Code Chapter 535-1 to 535-12, adopted 11-19-1962 as Ch. 24 of the 1962 Code, and amended 1-3-2000), and Tree Removal (Article II, Chapter 535-13 to 535-24, adopted 12-5-2005 by Ord. No. 05-38). As the code says, "The Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield finds that the preservation, protection and planting of trees: aids in the stabilization of soil by the prevention of erosion and sedimentation; reduces stormwater runoff and the potential damage it may create; aids in the removal of pollutants from the air and assists in the generation of oxygen; provides a buffer and screen against noise and pollution; provides protection against severe weather; aids in the control of drainage and restoration of denuded soil subsequent to construction or grading; provides a haven for birds and other wildlife and otherwise enhances the environment; protects and increases property values; conserves and enhances the Township's physical and aesthetic appearance; and generally protects the public health and safety as well as the general welfare." File 1 upload is the section of the Township Code that refers to tree protection.

PDF: [TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCES](#)

Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation

20 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield's Community Forestry Management Plan for the years 2020-2024 is the third 5-year plan adopted by the Township. The plan is prepared in

accordance with the “Guidelines for a Second 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan” as required under the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act, P.L. 1996, Chapter 135. The plan was approved by the NJ Community Forestry Council on Nov 12, 2020. And we received an 1 year extension. The Township of Bloomfield is NJUCF Accredited for 2024 and plans are underway securing grants for the creation of our new 2025 plan with inventory.

PDF: [BLMFD CFMP 2020-2024+1YR.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLMFD 2024 NJUCF ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT.PDF](#)

Operations & Maintenance

Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy

10 Points

Program Summary: The Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex will vote on a resolution at their next meeting to be held on August 11, 2025 endorsing the adoption of a Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy that encourages and promotes measures and initiatives that protect, preserve, and enhance the environmental quality and health of the residents of Bloomfield by setting forth integrated best practices for grounds maintenance in the areas of efficient landscape design, minimized water consumption, recycled and composted materials, and integrated pest management and that will have the Township lead by example as it encourages residents to, when possible, adopt their own “green” landscape practices. Within a week of passing the resolution, the adopted policy is to be distributed to the appropriate Department and Division heads and posted publicly to the Township website.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY.PDF](#)

PDF: [R25 341 ADOPTION OF A GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY.PDF](#)

Public Information & Engagement

Municipal Communications Strategy

10 Points

Program Summary: Bloomfield Township utilizes various communication channels and platforms to keep the community informed. Announcements are regularly sent out with information on municipal operations, alerts of road closures, and severe weather conditions. In addition, news of equity and sustainability initiatives and a community calendar include dates and info for upcoming community programs, cultural and holiday celebrations, and all organizational meetings. The Township's Information Technology Department ensures that information is simultaneously posted on the Township's website, Facebook page, and Twitter account with the help of their public relations and media consulting firm. The information is packaged and distributed promptly through local print and online newspapers, as well as in the Township's

monthly eBuzz email newsletter, which is pushed out to all subscribers, and the semi-annual Bloomfield Buzz print newsletter, which is mailed out to all residents at no cost. In 2024, after collecting back-end data based on user experience, the Township's official website was refreshed with a modern, responsive design showcasing relevant information and helpful tools, including up-to-the-minute traffic and road closure alerts and weather advisories. On the website, residents can also opt-in to receive text notices via Notify Me about dozens of topics, including water advisories, notifications from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, community alerts, and more. The Township's official website and Facebook page are currently synced to post public information about important events on social media, where they are organically shared with community group pages. In addition, the Township's new website is entirely "mobile compatible," where residents who may not have frequent access to computers can look up information and sign up to receive push notifications about the above events and alerts via their mobile phones or any mobile devices.

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY CHECKLIST](#)

Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government

15 Points

Program Summary: In 2024 and 2015, the Township of Bloomfield has significantly ramped up outreach efforts with the intent of increasing public engagement in our municipal government. Some highlights include: "Meet Bloomfield Town Hall" series was composed of in-person, town-hall style meetings where dozens of leaders, staff and volunteers from multiple municipal departments - including Police, Fire, Library, Health, Human Services, DPW, Recycling, Engineering, and Technology - were also on-hand at these meetings to answer questions and provide bi-lingual informational flyers, snacks and fun giveaways on tables. Prior to and after the meetings, residents were encouraged to walk around, meet and talk with all representatives. Having representatives present from all Township departments proved to be remarkably helpful for immediately connecting residents with the specific department personnel relevant to their specific concerns and for arranging additional one-on-one follow up assistance as needed. Soon after that, the township produced an online series of educational/informational conversations with the Mayor and a local expert on the topic. The series was broadcast on the town's tv channel and Facebook page and viewers were able to write in with questions. The Sessions were designed to help empower residents by providing an accessible introduction to municipal projects and operations topics that are frequently misunderstood or thought to be too complicated to learn. The same "Meet Bloomfield Town Hall" format was then brought back and used to great success for engaging with Bloomfield's senior citizen community with an "an afternoon of conversations, resources, and connections" at Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center. Mayor Mundell and Township representatives again partnered representatives from a dozen different departments, as well as local partner agency Neighbor to Neighbor Network and the Township's Senior Advisory Committee to share valuable information and answer questions in person. During these meetings, attendees enjoyed that they had become the hosts for the events and having representatives present from all Township departments proved to be remarkably helpful for immediately connecting residents with the specific department personnel relevant to their specific concerns and for arranging additional one-on-one follow up assistance as needed.

PDF: [BLMFD. SAMPLE AGENDA 2025-07-21 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [BLMFD. IMPROVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN GVT CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

Online Municipal Public Service Systems

15 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield recently announced a relaunch of the Clean & Strong Bloomfield citizen complaint system through the upgraded Spatial Data Logic (SDL) Portal. This initiative is making it easier than ever for residents to report concerns and track resolutions, streamlining their service requests, improving transparency, and enhancing efficiency and convenience at no additional cost to taxpayers. Additional enhancements are planned in the coming year for Bloomfield's online systems that aim to make information about the township's programs and services more easily discoverable, empowering residents and visitors to find needed information quickly and to explore more of what Bloomfield has to offer.

PDF: [25.15 ONLINE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEMS. CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

Digitizing Public Information

10 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield provides residents with a wealth of digitized public information through multiple online platforms including its municipal website, third-party apps and social media channels. Making public information readily accessible and easy-to-understand is a key component to engaging and empowering the Bloomfield community and strengthening the partnership between the municipality and its citizens. The Township's ongoing digitization efforts also benefit municipal staff and local leaders by providing a more efficient and effective mode of communication and information sharing with residents and stakeholders. // In January of 2025, as part of the Township's ongoing commitment to ensure that all residents have easy online access to the resources, support, and information they need, the Township of Bloomfield awarded a strategic communications contract to an award-winning public relations and marketing agency. In the coming year, the Township will be fully assessing and holistically improving the quality and effectiveness of its communications efforts including the development of an enhanced open public records portal to better organize and expand on the collection of digital public information that is currently provided.

PDF: [BLMFD. DIGITIZING PUBLIC INFORMATION. CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

Sustainability & Climate Planning

Community Asset Mapping

10 Points

Program Summary: The Environmental Commission and Green Team created three interactive asset maps of distinct styles and purposes to help inform and engage the public with different types of environmental and community assets. ****Township of Bloomfield Community Asset Map**** provides a visual representation of community assets as identified by community stakeholders and residents during the development process of the Township's 2025 Master Plan and incorporates information from departmental resources previously only available as written lists.

Locations are mapped out across the entire township for a variety of community assets that include but are not limited to municipal facilities, school district facilities, public parks & gardens, EV charging stations and local food pantries. The green team committee will continue to add new information and data sets through crowdsourcing initiatives and online community surveys. (ie. daycare facilities, gas stations, birding hotspots, popular picnic locations, etc). ****Township of Bloomfield Environmental Resource Map**** was created by the Bloomfield Environmental Commission to provide the public with a compilation of environmental basemaps, referenced in the Township of Bloomfield's ERI, as interactive layers enabling map viewers to turn on and off each dataset, zoom in and out to different neighborhoods, share select views, and download reference maps as PDFs. ****Township of Bloomfield ERI Storymap**** also created by the Bloomfield Environmental Commission, is a more visually interesting way for members of the general public to review top-level technical information from the Township's 2023 ERI. The township website contains public links and or embedded displays of the above maps on relevant webpages including the pages for the Greener Bloomfield Sustainability Committee, the Environmental Commission and the township's Sustainability page. In addition to occasionally pointing inquiring people directly to the maps, we are currently working on a strategy for how to best promote the maps to the larger community so they can be better utilized.

PDF: [2025 BLMFD. COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING. PROGRAM SUMMARY.PDF](#)

Waste Management

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Since 2016, the Bloomfield Police Department has participated in Project Medicine Drop, the drug safety disposal program run by the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs that enables residents to anonymously drop off their expired and unwanted prescriptions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Officer Mel Pascua oversees Project Medicine Drop for the Department in which a large secured metal box, labeled with the Project Medicine Drop insignia, is provided for ongoing collection in the lobby of the Bloomfield Police Department at 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. No count is made of the people that dispose of medications in the box and no personal information is collected. Per written policy, a detective monitors the drop box and regularly empties it (typ when at 60-80% capacity). When emptied, the contents are weighed and secured into sealed packages that are then scheduled to be transported by two officers or detectives to Covanta Essex Company at 183 Raymond Blvd, Newark NJ 07105. There they witness the destruction of the contents and document it on the reports per standard operating procedures. At no point does the Rx materials leave the Detective's field of vision. Upon returning to the Police Department an incident report is written up which documents the time, amount, and witnesses. The Incident Report is then filed. The Rx material destroyed from March 2021 to November 2023 amounted to 1,345 lbs. The Incident Reports are uploaded as well as the images of the post-office sized drop-off box located at police headquarters, the department's website and fliers that are posted in both Spanish and English language. Last, the Project Medicine Take Back information for Bloomfield can be found at the NJ Consumer Affairs website: <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx#Essex>

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. RX DRUG SAFETY REPORTS](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. RX DRUG SAFETY SOP](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. RX DRUG SAFETY DOCUMENTATION](#)

Community Paper Shredding Day

5 Points

Program Summary: Bloomfield Township provides the public with two community wide paper shredding events a year, typically in spring (April/May) and fall (September/October) and typically lasts from 9am to 12pm. The well-attended event is held in the parking lot of a township owned park and is staffed by 6-8 workers from the Township’s Department of Public Works along with anywhere from 2-6 volunteers assisting from the Township Recycling Committee. The most recent event on October 19, 2023 collected 8.3 tons of paper to be shredded and recycled. While an exact car or person count was not tabulated, the event had a steady stream of cars during the entire 3 hour duration. The bi-annual shredding events are well known and widely promoted with information about the event being posted on the township website and Facebook page. The Bloomfield Buzz, which is available online and is sent free via hard copy to all township residents twice a year, promotes the event in the Department of Public Works’ schedule section. It is also regularly promoted in the “eBuzz”, a free monthly electronic edition of the township newsletter that is emailed to all subscribing residents. For upcoming events in 2024, the spring event has been scheduled for May 11th and the fall event will be held on September 28th.

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING DAY DOCUMENTATION](#)

Non-Mandated Materials Recycling

15 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield offers the following three non-mandated recycling options for residents. All programs are heavily promoted on the Township website, on social media, and to email & print Township Buzz Newsletter subscribers. **** Textiles Recycling.** In late 2024, the Township began recycling textiles in partnership with Turnkey Enterprises. Residents are encouraged to bring their excess clothing and other textiles to either of the two large bins placed out for collections. ****Other Tree Parts & Yard Trimmings.** Bloomfield’s DPW offers seasonal, weekly curbside recycling services for tree trimmings and other types of yard waste. Small sticks/branches should be put in bundles no more than two feet around and the bundles must be tied with string or twine (preferably something biodegradable). Tree branches will also be collected but should be less than three inches in diameter and four feet in length. In 2024, the township collected and recycled 1,044 tons of brush and tree parts. **** Reusable Shopping Bags.** In 2024, the Township of Bloomfield launched an initiative to collect reusable grocery bags from residents and then donate the bags in bulk to one or more of our local food pantries to help support their food pantry services and for providing home-made meals and fresh groceries to individuals, families and seniors who are facing food insecurity and are not able to pick up food due to their work schedule, health or childcare needs. Collection events have grown and now include most of the township’s large community events (Community Paper Shredding Day, Big Trucks & Electronics Recycling Day, outdoor summer concert series, etc. The initiative collects between one-third to one-half of a ton of bags in a year.

PDF: [BLMFD. 2025 NON-MANDATED MATERIALS PACKET.PDF](#)

Recycling Depot

10 Points

Program Summary: The Bloomfield Recycling Depot, located at 230 Grove Street, has been in existence for over a decade and is open every Saturday from 9am to 1pm. The purpose of the Depot is to supplement the weekly curbside recycling pickups that occur throughout town, during which, commingled materials (glass, aluminum, plastics, etc.) and cardboard/paper are picked up on alternate weeks. Township residents have the option of bringing their recycling to the Depot if they miss their regularly scheduled pickup day. In addition to the standard curbside recycling that can be dropped off, the depot also accepts drop offs of electronics including computers and accessories, telephones, TV's, VCRs / DVDs and small appliances (toasters, microwaves etc.). The Bloomfield Department of Public Works also hosts a special electronics recycling event each spring, typically held at the opposite end of town from the Recycling Depot. Helpful information about the Bloomfield Recycling Depot is made available to residents in the following ways: 1) a recycling schedule is provided in the Bloomfield Buzz, which is distributed via hard copy to all township residents twice a year and is available online. Additionally, the schedule and information about the Depot is provided in an abbreviated "E-Buzz" that is emailed monthly to all residents on the township mailing list 2) on the Township website 3) via the Recycle Coach app 4) on the Bloomfield Department of Public Works' Facebook page.

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. RECYCLING DEPT OUTREACH](#)

PDF: [BLFD TWP 2024. RECYCLING DEPOT PHOTOS](#)

Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program

5 Points

Program Summary: The Township of Bloomfield first began advocating for Grasscycling in August 2009 via resolution and it has promoted the practice ever since. In 2023, the Mayor and Town Council voted to incorporate "Grass - Cut It and Leave It" into the town's code (Ordinance 23-61) with the following language: Under a "Cut It and Leave It" program, the Township now encourages you to cut your grass and leave it on the lawn to help fertilize it and retain moisture. This process is also known as "grasscycling," meaning natural recycling of grass clippings. Grasscycling: (a) Lowers your need to fertilize by up to 30%; (b) It reduces the trucking and resulting fuel use and pollution for collecting the bags; (c) Renders and maintains a healthier lawn; and (d) Eliminates the need to purchase and fill biodegradable bags for grass. Today, Bloomfield's "Grass - Cut It and Leave It" program is promoted through its own page in the township website, pushed out to residents on social media accounts and through the township monthly newsletter. The program is also incorporated into the municipality's Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy.

PDF: [BLMFD. 25 CUT IT AND LEAVE IT. DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

Materials Reuse Program

10 Points

Program Summary: To help divert usable goods from landfills and help provide community members in need with valuable resources at no cost, the Township of Bloomfield has deployed a number of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" initiatives to encourage and facilitate residents' adoption of

more sustainable practices. The following have proven to be the most impactful: The “Library of Things” collection, launched in January 2022 and managed by the Bloomfield Public Library, encourages residents to save money by their “Borrow instead of Buy” year round by utilizing their library card to check out a wide range of useful items at no cost. Items available in the collection include household power/hand tools, arts & crafts supplies (Brother sewing/Cricut machines, laminator), STEM equipment (microscopes, telescopes, Snap Circuit sets), electronics (ipads, chromebooks, cameras, WiFi hotspots), outdoor game sets and over eighty character and speciality-shaped cake pan molds. Items from the Library of Things are able to be picked up and returned during regular Library hours. The “Equipment Exchange Program” was started by the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department in March 2017. Parents are encouraged to donate lightly-used sports equipment (outgrown or no-longer needed items including bats/helmets, gloves, guards, uniform pants/belts, pads, cleats, etc) to the program’s “shop” located in a dedicated room of the Bloomfield Civic Center. Bloomfield residents looking to save money and/or be more sustainable may come in during Civic Center’s open hours to select and take home items they can use. We estimate that hundreds of families have donated a little over a ton of equipment to the reuse program since its start and hundreds more have benefited from receiving the equipment at no cost.

[PDF: 17-25 REUSE MATERIALS PROGRAM. DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)