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ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP AWARDED NJDEP RECYCLING GRANT

We can make a difference in our children's future by striving for a cleaner and safer world. Protecting our environment takes constant work and dedication and Rockaway Township has shown this with our recycling efforts. We are consistently recycling at higher rates each year. "There are so many important benefits in recycling," said Mayor Michael Dachisen, "The more we work toward this goal the better off we will be in the future both ecologically and economically."

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recently released several grants based on recycling performance in 2014. The grants were released through the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act in order to promote recycling efforts across the State. Rockaway Township, among other local municipalities, was a recipient of one of these grants.

The State of New Jersey's goal is to reach a 50% recycling rate in the future, whereas now, the State has reached a 41% recycling rate. Rockaway Township's consistent efforts for a cleaner environment put us with a current rate of 59.5%. This is a testament to the energy that all of our residents and staff have put forth. "We're doing great" said Al Knoth, Rockaway Township Recycling Supervisor, "We are above the State-wide goal and I'm very proud of that. We are going to continue our efforts in reaching our goal of 60% and beyond."

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