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## Teaneck Awarded Grant for Sustainability Education Program

Township one of only eight municipalities to receive grant in 2011, officials said.

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Teaneck has been awarded a \$9,000 [Sustainable Jersey](#) Small Grant for an environmental education initiative, officials said.

The funds are planned for the [Green Schools Program](#), which encourages “physical and behavioral changes” at local schools in hopes of passing the environmentally friendly lessons on to the larger community, according to a news release. Teaneck was one of only eight municipalities to receive the grant in 2011.

“Securing this Sustainable Jersey Small Grant for our Green Schools Program is an excellent building block for our Township’s sustainability goals,” Mayor [Mohammed Hameeduddin](#) said in a news release. “By teaching the value of sustaining our world at an early age, we are bringing in a generation that will hold strong to the idea that we only have one world to live in and it is too valuable for us to let it waste away.”

According to [Sustainable Jersey’s website](#), Teaneck will launch the Green Schools Program in its seven public school buildings and publish its achievements in brochures for the community.

Walmart has contributed a total of \$595,000 to fund the program, the release said.

“Over the past few years, through Walmart’s sponsorship of the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program, municipalities across New Jersey have taken on the task of making their communities greener and more sustainable,” said Jennifer Hoehn, Walmart’s senior manager of public affairs in New Jersey. “Walmart is proud of the success of this program and we look forward to continuing to make a difference in the state through these grants.”

In 2011, Teaneck achieved a bronze certification from Sustainable Jersey, opening the door to grant funding. Officials said 351 towns across all 21

counties have registered to become Sustainable Jersey certified.

Learn more about the grant program at [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com)

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