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## **Testimonials – 2023 Certificate Program In Urban Sustainability**

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SJC's Certificate Program is very helpful no matter what level of background knowledge you have. There's a lot of ground covered over the 30 hours, ranging from baseline concepts to critical thinking and specific facts and figures. I now feel confident getting involved in community projects and working alongside other professionals. Not only that but I also feel more confident about what types of questions to ask if I encounter a problem that I do not understand. **-Brian Kilduff**

This course provides the fundamentals of the sustainability discipline, including sustainable development; environmental justice; municipal solid waste, recycling, and composting; vegetation management, green infrastructure, energy efficiency, complex systems, and so much more. Each session helped shape your thinking and generate discussions about our local communities' issues and possible solutions. The guest speakers were extremely knowledgeable and experienced, and the course definitely exceeded my expectations. **-Sasha Kimiatek**

This course has an absolute abundance of information regarding sustainability for any professional. The expertise of these class sessions should be taught in all forms of education for professionals. I would highly recommend this to any real estate professional looking to pioneer sustainable practices in their operations. **-Bennett Labrador**

The SJC Sustainability Course has opened my eyes in a multitude of ways, in showcasing the differing perspectives of professionals within the realm of sustainability. This learning experience has made me more aware and more confident in conversing to others about sustainability. I am glad to have participated and made connections with everyone involved in the program. If you want a program that will give a thorough snapshot of sustainability, this is the course to take! **-Andrea Rosas**

I learned a lot of information which I previously didn't know and how much people are working towards making a better world in our area. I learned the obstacles we face today as our planet is warming and what we can do to assist it. I learned how to approach these issues with an open mind and a systems approach. I think this course would be beneficial for many people to get a better understanding of how we can do better and live better, to assist people and the earth to slow down our emissions and get a full understanding of how we can live more sustainably and do our part with options close to home we can participate in. **-Caitlin Carney**

I think everyone should have a broader or a foundational understanding of sustainability, resiliency, better greener cities, and the impacts of environmental justice. This program will give you that. The fee for the course is fair and reasonable. The professors are highly qualified, engaging, fun and approachable. Please take this course and bring a friend. **-Eiko La Boria**

I enjoyed every one of the talks moderators, and introductions. I discovered that it is exceptionally impeding to guarantee that we roll out the improvements we need to find in our networks. I think this course assists in giving an outline on how manageability is vital to make our neighborhoods eco agreeable and to work on our personal satisfaction. That we are better off sticking together and we should attempt to assist our districts with tidying up our networks. This course provided us with a better understanding of many things, tools and where to begin / how to be involved. -**Ellie Merles**

This program was a great way to introduce several concepts and make it more digestible for people who are interested in doing their part in protecting the environment. I have to admit, I did not know much about being sustainable or policies in different areas of work. By the end of the SJC program, it motivated me to become more sustainable and make changes in my own personal life. I became more aware of the things I am consuming and how it can affect the environment. Overall, the program helps to create mindsets that allow you to think about your actions and the effects of this currently or even in the future, 5-10 years from now. -**Maryam Pervaiz**

This course was useful for me as a general introduction to the field of sustainability and what kinds of jobs and projects, it offers. -**Beeman Meshriky**

This course is made up of knowledgeable and dedicated individuals who help you learn the ins and outs of what it truly means to be sustainable in a place like Jersey City. I spent four years at university as an environmental science student and yet this class was still fresh and engaging. They had guest speakers every week and I learned so many new things every session. I'm excited to put this new knowledge to good use in my community. -**Sophie Renker**

The course is broad, covers the most important environmental issues in this area. It also goes deep so you explore a topic with enough time to integrate the learning. -**Suzanne Aptman**

I wasn't sure what to expect out of taking this course, but I was completely blown away by all the knowledge I gained, the interesting people we met in various industries, and how phenomenal the instructors are at getting us to think and look at things in a completely different way than we are used to. This course is amazing, and I'd highly recommend it to anyone. -**Nicholas Leyden-Morffi**