



## Registration Now Open for the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

Tickets are available for the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon - the premier celebration for New Jersey's sustainability community. Join us on November 15, 2016 in Atlantic City.

### Highlights:

- Pre-Luncheon Networking Session (10:30am - Noon)
- Luncheon (Noon - 2:00pm)
- Recognition of the 2016 Sustainable Jersey Certified Communities
- Conveyance of Special Awards, including the NEW Rookie of the Year award

### Register Today!

Ticket prices are \$35 for elected and appointed officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members; \$75 for all other attendees.

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### Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

Sustainable Jersey has a number of sponsorship and advertising opportunities available for this event. Reach over 437 local and regional government officials, green team members, industry professionals, and sustainability leaders with your messaging and support this capstone event by becoming a sponsor or buying an ad space in the program book. For more information, click [here](#).



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**New! August Sustainability Hero**

The August 2016 Sustainability Hero is Joanne Mallowney, the Co-Chair of the Ewing Green Team in Mercer County. Read about Joanne's accomplishments with the Ewing Green Team, Ewing Environmental Commission and the Mercer County Sustainability Coalition. See how online communications, a green team strategic plan, a garden tour, the emerald ash borer, Douglass College and the Declaration of Independence fit into the story on the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#).

To capture the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a monthly Sustainability Hero. If you have recommendations for someone on your green team, municipal staff, school staff or task force that's a sustainability hero, complete the [submission form](#) and e-mail it to us at [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com).



## Does Your Green Team Have a One Day Project that Could Use 10-20 Energetic Volunteers?

As part of the partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey, we are pleased to announce an opportunity for Sustainable Jersey communities to enlist students from The College of New Jersey to support your municipality's green team on a specific project that contributes to your Sustainable Jersey certification. The volunteer service activity must take place on one of the following days:

- Saturday, September 17
- Saturday, October 15
- Saturday, November 5
- Saturday, November 12

For more information, click [HERE](#).

**Application Deadline: Monday, August 22 at midnight**



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY SOLAR CHALLENGE

## Join the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge!

Find out how you can drive solar power in your community while saving residents time and money. Join the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge to make your community one of the statewide leaders in solar power.

In partnership with the online solar marketplace EnergySage, the Solar Challenge will provide a simple, cost-effective way to help municipalities drive the installation of solar power among homeowners and businesses. Up to 10 municipalities will be accepted into the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge.

Participating communities in the Solar Challenge will receive:

- \$3,000 grant and technical support to set up a local Solar Challenge
- Custom online solar marketplace dedicated to your community and its program
- Customizable marketing materials
- Ability to earn Sustainable Jersey points toward certification
- Opportunity to compete for a \$10,000 award given to the municipality that achieves the highest number of solar contracts (based on percentage of population)

To learn more about the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge, visit our [website](#). The recording and presentation from the July 20 "Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge" webinar is now available on the [Webinar Recordings & Presentations page](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, August 26, 2016 at 11:59 pm**

### **Applicant Informal Q&A Webinar**

Join us for an informal Q&A style webinar to answer your questions about participating in the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge. We'll go over the application process and help you understand how your local Solar Challenge team can deliver a successful campaign. We will answer questions about the customizable marketing materials that local Solar Challenge teams can use in their community outreach and help with questions about the customer experience of online shopping for a solar system, including financing options, solar technology, and the benefits of solar for your community. Speakers will include Sustainable Jersey staff and representatives from EnergySage.

**Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## **Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Webinar**

### **Lessons from the Field: EDF Climate Corps Fellows Document Municipal and School Progress in Sustainable Jersey**

This summer, with the help of funding from New Jersey Natural Gas, three townships and five school districts received an Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Fellow to provide on-site assistance with advanced sustainable energy projects.

Learn how this unique opportunity helped host townships and school districts bridge the gap between available resources and energy-efficient initiatives. The EDF Fellows will share lessons learned that can help your community with actions in the Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools programs.

**Thursday, August 11, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## **Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event**

### **Tapped Film Screening**

The Monmouth County Regional Hub is dosing its summer film series on the dangers of single-use plastics with the documentary "Tapped." The movie will discuss public health, environmental hazards, and social justice issues related to the plastic bottle water industry. Information will also be provided on how private companies are working to commoditize our water supply. Speakers from Food & Water Watch and Clean Ocean Action will share how plastic water bottles are harming our waterways in Monmouth County and beyond, and what you can do to stop it.

This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, contact [hubs@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:hubs@sustainablejersey.com).

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Wall Township Court Room  
2700 Allaire Road, Wall Township, NJ 07719



## Other Upcoming Events

### Sustainability Night with Major League Soccer's Red Bulls

The New York Red Bulls will host a sustainability night when they face the Montreal Impact August 13. Enjoy the game with your fellow school and municipal green team friends and other sustainability-minded people. As you watch the New York Red Bulls take on the Montreal Impact, you can share ideas for sustainable programs and make new connections with leaders from across the state. The groups/green teams with the most attendees will be announced on the board during the game. For more information, click [here](#).

**Saturday, August 13, 2016, 7:00pm - 10:00pm**  
600 Cape May Street, Harrison, NJ 07029

For a list of other upcoming events, visit our [Events & Trainings Page](#)

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## USGBC Gala Award Nominations

Each year the United States Green Building Council recognizes and presents Gala Awards to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in green building and sustainability. Municipalities are eligible to apply for the Innovation and Sustainability Best Practices category. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

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## Funding Opportunities

### It Pay\$ to Plug In

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities have teamed up to launch a new "It Pays To Plug In" grant program. The first phase of the program will provide \$725,000 in reimbursement grants to offset some of the costs to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations. The grants are a component of the state's "Drive Green New Jersey" initiative that also includes a website with information about the different types of electric vehicles available, how to charge them, affordability, and impact on air quality. The grants are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis of up to \$250 for each Level 1 charging station installed, and up to \$5,000 for each Level 2 charging station installed. Eligible applicants include public, private, for-profit, nonprofit, educational and governmental entities. Owners of parking facilities used by commuters or employees of other companies are also eligible. Learn how your municipality or school district can take advantage of this grant opportunity and earn points towards Sustainable Jersey Certification! For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: As Funding Allows**



### Renewable Electric Storage Program

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is offering this program which provides financial incentives for electric energy storage systems that are integrated with Class 1 renewable energy projects installed behind-the-meter at non-residential customer sites. This program will support the installation of renewable electric storage systems in government, commercial, institutional and industrial entities for the purpose of providing emergency back-up power for essential services, offsetting peak loads, and/or helping stabilize the electric distribution system through the provision of frequency regulation services. The open enrollment program offers an incentive of \$300 per kWh of energy capacity, and the maximum incentive per project is \$300,000 or 30% of the project's total cost, whichever is less. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Open Enrollment**

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