



New! July Sustainability Hero

The July 2016 Sustainability Hero is Meishka Mitchell who is the Vice President of Neighborhood Initiatives at Cooper's Ferry Partnership. Read how Meishka has championed sustainable planning and revitalization in the City of Camden while establishing herself as a leader in the community. See how the Camden SMART Initiative, bald eagles, Camden's Sustainability Site Plan Ordinance and the First Nazarene Baptist Church 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.



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY SOLAR CHALLENGE

Join the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge!

Find out how communities can drive solar power in their communities 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
- Pre-designed customizable marketing materials
- Opportunity to earn Sustainable Jersey points toward certification
- \$10,000 award for 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](#).

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

Informational Webinar

Join us for an informational webinar to learn more about the Solar Challenge and application process.

Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Program Partner



Get Plugged In - Actions & Incentives to Encourage Electric Vehicles

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!

An informational webinar will be held to learn more about the program and how to apply.

Tuesday, July 19, 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 and 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.

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

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



Other Upcoming Events

Integrating Health into Comprehensive Planning Workshop

There is a growing interest in and awareness of the role that the built environment plays in supporting healthy individuals and communities. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Healthy Communities Task

Force will host this hands-on workshop to provide a better understanding of how to integrate health into the community planning process. This training can also earn points for Sustainable Jersey's [Health in All Policies Professional Development](#) action, which requires at least two hours of training for three individuals, including at least one staff or appointed official from the planning board, governing body, and local health department.

Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 9:00am - 4:00pm

190 North Independence Mall West, 8th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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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](#)

Recycling Awards Program Nominations

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), in conjunction with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR), annually recognizes excellence in recycling. The goal is to highlight the success of agencies, businesses, individuals, government, schools and others who go beyond the norm to advance recycling and to make these examples available to others who may emulate them. Recipients are presented at ANJR's annual recycling symposium. For more information visit their [website](#).

[Recycling Awards Application Deadline](#): Monday, August 1, 2016 at COB

Funding Opportunity

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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