

# 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** REGISTER

#### **Program Partners**





# Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinar

## Pathways and Incentives to Financing Clean Energy

Join us for this educational webinar to learn more about energy efficiency incentives offered by utility companies that will reduce costs. Incentives are available for homeowners, businesses, non-profits, and local government agencies. Learn about the latest changes in the New Jersey Clean Energy Program as well as incentives available to help finance energy efficiency upgrades to municipal buildings and schools. Hear about Sustainable Jersey's Pathways to Clean Energy guidance concept, to help you identify the most cost effective pathway to achieving energy savings.

Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm REGISTER

### Bag It! Film Screening

The Monmouth County Regional Hub is opening its summer film series on the dangers of single-use plastics with the documentary "Bag It!" The movie demonstrates the negative impacts of single use plastic bags such as destroying marine life, waste & recycling issues, and hormone disruption. Following the movie, a brief presentation will take place by Noemi de la Puenta from the NJ Environmental Lobby on the issue and what you can do to help curb the problem.

This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, contact hubs@sustainablejersey.com.

Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 6:30pm - 8:30pm Whole Foods of Marlboro 113 U.S. 9, Marlboro Township, NJ 07726



### **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**

### Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place the Right Way Seminar

The New Jersey Tree Foundation and PSEG will offer this FREE seminar, which will review the importance of utility mark-outs prior to planting, the Emerald Ash Borer, vegetation management policies to ensure safe & reliable delivery of electric service and grants. This seminar is worth 3 CEU credits for towns with a Community Forestry Plan in approved status. These CEU credits can help towns meet the requirements of Sustainable Jersey's <a href="Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal">Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal</a> action. For more information, visit their <a href="website">website</a>.

Thursday, July 21, 2016, 9:00am - 12:00pm Passaic County Public Safety Academy, Room 122-A&B 300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ 07470

REGISTER - RSVP by Friday, July 15 to Lisa Simms at LSimms@NJTreeFoundation.org

### 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 <a href="Health in All Policies Professional">Health in All Policies Professional</a>
<a href="Development">Development</a> 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 REGISTER 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

## Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

Applications for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)'s 2016 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards is now available. The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. To learn more about the nomination categories, please visit their website.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 by 5:00pm

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