



## 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit Registration NOW OPEN!

### **REGISTER** Today!

Plan now to attend the 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit and be part of the collaborative enterprise needed to ensure a sustainable future for New Jersey and beyond! For more information, visit our [website](#).

### Summit Highlights Include:

- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Strauss, Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts at Climate Central.
- Release of an updated Sustainable State of the State report. Read the 2015 NJ Sustainable State of the State report [here](#).
- Preview the Sustainable Jersey **GOLD** Standards for the energy and waste dimensions.
- More breakout sessions so you can bring home a wealth of practical knowledge and resources to help advance sustainability efforts in your town. Read the session descriptions [here](#).



**Location:** The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

**Cost:** \$35: Elected and Appointed Officials, Public and Non-Profit Employees, and Green Team Volunteers  
\$100: All other attendees

## Questions about Certification or Recertification? We Are Here to Help!

This year the deadline to submit an application for certification is **Sunday, June 5 at midnight**. Whether your town is applying for certification for the first time, or planning to recertify, don't miss the opportunity to be part of the growing number of communities recognized for their sustainability efforts!

### Regional Hub Assistance

Eight Regional Hubs have formed across New Jersey comprised of green team and environmental commission members, municipal and county representatives, businesses, and community and nonprofit leaders. Join a regional hub today and gain valuable assistance through the certification process.

For more information, click [here](#), or contact our Regional Hub Coordinator, Lauren Skowronski, at 609-771-3129 or [skowronl@tcnj.edu](mailto:skowronl@tcnj.edu).

### Questions? Call or Email Us!

If you are working on your application and are uncertain as to whether or not your documentation will qualify for points, or if you need guidance on how to complete an action, give us a call! Winnie Fatton and Samantha McGraw will be glad to assist you!



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## 434 Municipalities Participating!

Welcome new registrant Middlesex Borough in Middlesex County, we look forward to certifying you! View all the participating communities [here](#).

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## Other Upcoming Events

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

The New Jersey Tree Foundation and PSE&G are offering a FREE seminar on Planting the Right Tree in the right Place, The Right Way. The training will also cover the importance of utility mark-outs prior to planting, Emerlad Ash Border, vegetation management policies, and grants that are available. This training earns CEUs needed for towns that wish to apply for Sustainable Jersey's [Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal](#) action. For more information and to RSVP, visit their [website](#).

**Friday, March 25, 2016, 8:30am - 12:00pm**

Edison PSE&G Training Center  
234 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

### Institute for Sustainable Enterprise's 10th Anniversary

The Institute for Sustainable Enterprise, at Fairleigh Dickinson University, is holding its 10th Anniversary and CHRMS 25 Anniversary celebration to advance its work as a catalyst for sustainable enterprises and fund scholarships for students to study sustainability. Topics discussed during the event include sustainability as a cornerstone for future economic development, the critical role of business leaders, and the launch of the New Jersey Sustainable Economy Roundtable. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7:00pm - 10:00pm**

Westin Governor Morris Hotel  
2 Whippany Road, Morristown, NJ 07960

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### Creating, Branding and Promoting Local & Regional Destinations Workshop

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Main Street New Jersey and Improvement District Programs are hosting this workshop to help communities realize maximum potential in the local economy. Learn key strategies and tactics for building communities as destinations and then promoting them effectively. Topics covered during the workshop can help your town complete the four Local Economies [actions](#).

**Thursday, April 27, 2016, 9:00am - 4:30pm**

Grant Plaza  
619 East Landis Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360  
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### Incorporating Health into Planning and Decision-Making Training

The New Jersey Health Impact Collaborative (NJHIC) will lead an introductory training on health impact assessment as a tool to promote community health and equity in planning processes and decision-making. Participants will engage in group exercises related to HIA steps; discuss opportunities and challenges to integrating health into planning and policy processes; and learn about new statewide collaborative initiatives and emerging tools to build capacity for health advancement in planning and support health in all policies. This course will meet the requirements for Sustainable Jersey's new [Health in All Policies Professional Development](#) action. Send three people from your municipality and earn 10 points toward certification. See the action for details. For more information, visit the NJHIC [website](#).

**Friday, April 29, 2016, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Rutgers University Inn & Conference Center  
178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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**Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Rutgers Eco Complex, Auditorium  
1200 Florence-Columbus Boulevard, Bordentown, NJ 08505

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**For a list of all other upcoming events, visit the Sustainable Jersey [Events & Trainings](#) page**

## Funding & Technical Assistance Opportunities

### 2016 Community Stewardship Incentive Grant Program

The NJDEP Community Forestry Program is proud to announce the release of \$2.3 million dollars in grant funding through the 2016 Community Stewardship Incentive Grant program. Funding is available for three types of municipal tree projects: tree resiliency planning, tree hazard mitigation activities; and reforestation and tree planting projects. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: April 12, 2016**

### Green Communities Grant Application

Communities that need assistance in creating a Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) are eligible for the Green Communities Grant. The grant is offered every year for municipalities and counties. Currently the grants are up to \$3,000 with a 100% match, that can be made of in-kind and volunteer hours at the federal volunteer rate. For more information visit their [website](#).

### 2016 Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant Program

The Aetna Foundation will fund up to \$2 million in grants in the continental United States for programs that increase opportunities for health in underserved, low-income communities focusing on healthy behaviors, community safety, built environment, social/economic factors, and environmental exposures. This is a highly competitive, multi-staged funding opportunity and application process. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Stage One Application Deadline: April 15, 2016 at 3pm**

### 2016 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Project Grants

ANJEC is now accepting applications from environmental commissions for grants of up to \$1,500 each for local open space stewardship projects. To view samples of previous grant projects, click [here](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 30, 2016 at 4:30pm**

For a list of other funding opportunities, visit our [Grants Portal](#)

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