



2016 NJ Sustainability Summit Keynote Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Strauss

Plan now to attend the 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit on June 15 at The College of New Jersey. This one-day event includes 15 breakout sessions featuring more than 50 experts and practitioners and a key note address by Dr. Benjamin Strauss.

[Dr. Strauss](#) serves as vice president for Sea Level and Climate Impacts at Climate Central. He is a national expert and author of numerous scientific papers and reports on sea level rise. He appears often as an expert on national network news, nationally syndicated radio and documentary television. He was a founding board member of Grist.org and the Environmental Leadership Program. Strauss co-organized the 1994 Campus Earth Summit, and consulted to the Nathan Cummings Foundation on higher education and the environment. Learn more about the Sustainability Summit on our [website](#).



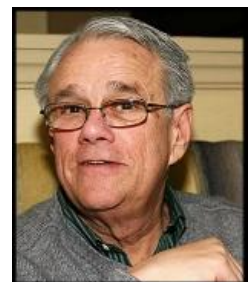
June 15, 2016, 8:30am - 4:30pm
The College of New Jersey
2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08628
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New! April Sustainability Hero

The May 2016 Sustainability Hero is John Riggs, Director of Planning and Environmental Protection, Monroe Township (Middlesex County). Read how John led the planning process for Monroe Township's acquisition of open space properties. See how the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, a Buffer Ordinance, Monroe Township Community Garden, Rider University and New Guinea impatiens 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.

Are You Ready to Hit Submit on your Sustainable Jersey Certification Application?

Don't let another year pass without achieving Sustainable Jersey certification - four applications have already been submitted! If your municipality is thinking about getting certified or recertified in 2016, there is only **one month left** until applications are due. All applications must be received by **June 5 at 11:59pm**.

Remember, although the majority of your actions should be completed by this date, additional documentation can be added during the application cycle.

GET CERTIFIED

Do You Have Questions or Need Assistance?

There are a variety of resources to assist you on the Sustainable Jersey website.

- [2016 Application Cycle](#) provides a timeline for review and resubmission process.
- Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification [webinar](#) and [presentation](#) explain the recertification process.
- Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified [webinar](#) and [presentation](#) explain the certification process for first time applicants.
- [Application User Guide](#) provides a detailed overview of using your online application and submitting for certification.

Additional resources can also be found on the [Green Team Resources page](#).

Do You Have Last Minute Questions?

A "Countdown to Certification" webinar will review what you need to know to insure that your application process is as smooth as possible. The webinar will review:

- 2016 application cycle
- Steps for submitting an application in June
- Overview of uploading documentation and submitting the application
- Your questions!



Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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If you have questions about your application, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha McGraw at 609-771-2938 or info@sustainablejersey.com.

Reminder: Certification Application Deadline Sunday, June 5 at 11:59pm!

New Actions Unveiled!

Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the detailed guidance is now available for three new actions: [Emergency Communications Planning](#), [Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies](#), and [Open Data Inventory and Management](#). Check them out to see if your town can earn points for initiatives it has already implemented or might want to undertake in the future!

Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Trainings

FREE Workshops: Building Local Resilience to Climate Change

These Sustainable Jersey Resiliency Program workshops will review tools and actionable steps that communities can take to be more prepared and resilient to the impacts of climate change. These are some of the most current resiliency tools available to New Jersey municipalities. Topics to be covered include the NJ Municipal Resilience Cycle, coastal and tidally influenced vulnerability assessments, extreme temperature event plans, emergency preparedness self-assessments ("Getting to Resilience"), emergency communications for vulnerable populations, and more. **2 AICP CM Credits available.**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 9:00am - 11:30am

Middlesex County Fire Academy

1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872

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Friday, May 20, 2016, 9:00am - 11:30am

ACUA Environmental Park

600 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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Sustainable Jersey's Essex County Hub Panel Discussion: Get Clicked!

Join the Essex County Hub for a discussion about digital communications and engagement and Sustainable Jersey's new suite of Public Information & Engagement actions. Topics include: How a municipality or green team can meet the demands of a tech-centered world; the most effective digital communications strategies; how your town can transition to digital government technologies for daily operations; what open data is and why it's important.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Millburn Library

200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041

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Pathways and Incentives to Financing Clean Energy

An energy efficient home or office not only saves money, it also makes your living space or workplace healthier and more comfortable. Upgrading heating and cooling equipment, increasing insulation, and making sure the building envelope is properly air-sealed can also significantly improve indoor air quality by reducing allergens, mold, and other pollutants.

Join us at this educational workshop to learn more about energy efficiency incentives offered by utility companies in your area. Incentives are available for homeowners, businesses, nonprofits, and local government agencies. At this workshop, you will learn about the latest changes in the New Jersey Clean Energy Program as well as about utility incentives directly from representatives of South Jersey Gas, New Jersey Natural Gas, and local utilities. Hear about Sustainable Jersey's Pathways to Clean Energy guidance concept, a new decision-making tool to help you identify the most cost effective pathway to achieving energy savings.

Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Recycling Center
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Offices
14 Maple Avenue #400, Morristown, NJ 07960

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Funding & Technical Assistance Opportunities

2016 Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) Grants

The SRTS grant program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Aid Program and is being administered by the NJDOT, in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO). Proposed projects must be located within two miles of a school that serves students in grades K-8. Funding for the 2016 SRTS Program will be available for the construction of infrastructure projects only, such as the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, multi-use paths, traffic calming measures, and other means to ensure the ease and safety of children walking or biking to school. For this solicitation, Urban Aid Communities determined by the Department of Community Affairs, and municipalities containing Schools Development Authority (SDA) Districts outlined by the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, may apply for design as well as construction funds. Any municipality, school district, or county is eligible to apply for funding. Non-profit organizations are not eligible as direct grant recipients for this solicitation. However, non-profit organizations may partner with a local public agency that will assume responsibility and administration for the grant. For more information visit their [website](#).

The grant opportunity will also be highlighted at Sustainable Jersey's upcoming **Funding Walkable and Bike Friendly Communities** workshops. [Register](#) today to learn more about this and other funding opportunities. Tips and strategies for preparing successful grant applications will be shared and representatives from NJDOT will be available to answer questions.

Application Deadline: Monday, June 27

Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge

Over the next several years, small and mid-sized municipalities will have the opportunity to compete in an innovative \$1.5 million challenge to develop practical strategies for measurably improving health outcomes while promoting health and wellness, equity and social interaction.

The Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge is the product of an innovative collaboration among the Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Counties. The competition aims to encourage communities to develop and share effective strategies that improve health across a range of domains. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: May 31, 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](#).

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

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