



A Moment of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect upon all of the things for which we are thankful. And our list is certainly full this year! We are brimming with hope and energy for 2017 after last week's New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Congratulations to the 74 towns that were certified and recertified this year, and thank you for coming out in force to the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon.

Thank you to all the panel speakers and everyone that attended the Sustainable Jersey sessions to learn how we can move sustainability initiatives forward in New Jersey. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, the green teams, task force members and everyone that makes the Sustainable Jersey program possible.

Finally, we offer sincere gratitude to our underwriters, sponsors, and partners. This has been a stand-out year. New Jersey communities are showing no signs of slowing in their commitment to sustainability. We will keep moving forward with your continued participation!

New Funding Available for Municipalities and Schools



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Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a Small Grants Program cycle for municipalities and \$100,000 to support a Small Grants Program cycle for schools.

The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey actions. **The application deadline is Tuesday, February 27, 2017.** For more information, click [HERE](#).

The schools cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts or schools, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. **The application deadline is Friday, February 3, 2017.** For more information, click [HERE](#).

Informational Webinars

Two informational webinars will be held to review the online application process, requirements, and tips for successful applications.

Sustainable Jersey Municipal Webinar

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinar

Thursday, December 1, 2016, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

How to Better Serve Special Needs Residents in Emergencies

This workshop is offered in partnership with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, and will provide an overview of the leading practices for using [Register Ready](#) to more effectively anticipate the needs of vulnerable populations during emergencies. The workshop will include presentations by experts dedicated to serving individuals with access to functional needs as well as experience emergency managers. Participants will walk away with strategies, outreach materials, and tangible ideas they can immediately implement to improve the disaster resilience of their community residents.

Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Cumberland County College, Luciano Conference Center
3322 College Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360

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Friday, December 16, 2016, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Livingston Township, Senior/Community Center
204 Hillside Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039

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Moving Up to Silver Certification Webinar

Is your municipality interested in attaining silver certification? If so, then you should attend this webinar to get tips from silver certified municipalities and Sustainable Jersey staff on how to make the transition, and the actions that can set you on the fast path to silver!

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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

Other Upcoming Events

Jersey Water Works Conference

This day long event will bring together more than 300 state and local decision-makers, practitioners and stakeholders to amplify the importance of addressing New Jersey's water infrastructure, explore innovative solutions and celebrate the Jersey Water Works collaborative as an effective, comprehensive approach to achieving statewide impact. The conference will feature: national and local speakers, an announcement of commitments to action by the members of Jersey Water Works, and a panel discussion about the City of Newark and its water infrastructure challenges and opportunities. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Friday, December 2, 2016, 9:00am - 2:30pm

NJ Performing Arts Center
1 Center Street, Newark, NJ 07102

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Funding Opportunities

Green Infrastructure Demonstration Showcase

A key feature of New Jersey Future's Mainstreaming Green Infrastructure program is the advancement of demonstration projects that illustrate the powerful benefits of green stormwater infrastructure in public- and private-sector development or redevelopment. New Jersey Future will select two high-profile green infrastructure demonstration projects - one public-sector and one private-sector - located in one of the William Penn Foundation's Delaware River Initiative Areas: the Highlands of northwest New Jersey or the Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer area of southern New Jersey. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, December 9, 2016

New Jersey Healthy Corner Store Initiative (HCSI)

The New Jersey Healthy Corner Store Initiative is offering mini-grants to support local healthy corner store initiatives throughout the state. Mini grants of up to \$1,500 per store (or up to \$5,000 per city) are available for the implementation of Healthy Corner Store strategies, such as mini-conversions, that will increase the availability and marketing of healthy foods. Eligible applicants include corner store owners, non-profit organizations, or other community-based partnerships working to increase the sale of healthy food in New Jersey corner stores.

All questions should be directed to njcornerstore@thefoodtrust.org or 215-575-0444 ext. 2323.

Application Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2016

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

Something to Smile About :)

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