



New! October Sustainability Hero

The October 2016 Sustainability Hero is David Hess, the Vice-Chair of Sustainable Moorestown. Read about how David's 43-year career in industrial engineering has served him well as the point person for keeping Sustainable Moorestown moving forward to achieve silver-level Sustainable Jersey certification. See how the Browning-Hess Farm, Moorestown Creates, Moorestown Open Space Committee, Moorestown Upper Elementary School, Live Civilly, the Phillies and the Brigantine City green team 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.



Register Today for the 2016 Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

[REGISTER](#) today!

Ticket prices are \$35 for elected and appointed officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members; \$75 for all other attendees.

Sustainable Jersey Session Spotlight at the NJLM Conference

The Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon takes place on the first day of the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. The three-day event offers more than 100 panels, clinics, workshops and other sessions including [nine](#) facilitated by Sustainable Jersey. Many luncheon attendees also register for the [conference](#) and stay the day, or longer, to take advantage of this great learning opportunity.



Here's sneak peak at one of the Sustainable Jersey sessions. CEU credits are available for most Sustainable Jersey sessions.

Achieving Sustainable Jersey Certification by Connecting the Dots

Thursday, November 19, 2016, 2:00pm - 3:40pm

Successful green teams have learned to reach out to municipal boards, commissions, and departments to understand the wide range of sustainability initiatives the community has already undertaken and build support for taking it to the next level. Gather tips and strategies for connecting with the different facets of municipal government and community organizations to document accomplishments, build your action portfolio, and achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Speakers include:

The Hon. Gayle Brill Mittler, Mayor of Highland Park
John Cowie, Trustee, Barnegat Fire Department

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Wanted: Innovative NJ Sustainable Energy Projects



The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for municipalities and school districts. For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. One **example** of an eligible project is a solar powered bus stop shelter. For other project ideas, view the webinar [presentation](#).

To learn more about eligibility requirements for municipalities, click [HERE](#).
To learn more about eligibility requirements for school districts, click [HERE](#).

This cycle will award:

- Two (2): \$30,000 grants
- Nine (9): \$10,000 grants

Application Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016 at midnight



440 Municipalities Participating

Welcome new registrants Harriston Township (Gloucester County) and South Amboy (Middlesex County) to the program - we look forward to certifying you!

Attend the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference and Make Progress on your Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal Sustainable Jersey Action

Earning "Approved Status" from the NJ Community Forestry Program is a major requirement for successfully completing the Community Forestry and Tree Cover Goal Action. One fast way to earn the 8 CEU's your town needs each year for approved status is to send at least two individuals to the NJ Shade Tree Federation 91st Annual Conference on October 28-29, 2016 at Bally's Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Shade Tree Commissions are an important resource for municipal green teams. The Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal action is a prerequisite for all the Tree & Woodlands Management actions which could earn your municipality **up to 60 points** toward certification. In addition to earning CEU's, the [NJ Shade Tree Federation](#)

[Conference](#) can help attendees successfully complete the Sustainable Jersey Tree & Woodlands action suite. The conference will provide valuable information and resources on the Emerald Ash Borer, removing dead ash trees, tree pruning and planing, environmental benefits of trees, developing municipal tree cover goals, and much more!

Friday, October 28 - Saturday, October 29, 2016

Bally's Hotel & Casino

1900 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

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Other Upcoming Events

Transforming Your Community to Support Health

Do you want to live in a walkable neighborhood where you can walk to shops, restaurants, work, school and parks? The New Jersey Department of Health, along with others, will hold a workshop to learn how to improve walking, bicycling, and transit conditions in your community.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Robert Wood Johnson Fitness & Wellness Center (Hamilton)

3100 Quakerbridge Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619

REGISTER - Email Pamela.Howard@doh.nj.gov with your 2-3 member community team

Forests, Urban Trees, and Climate Change

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission will hold this workshop to provide those who are responsible for the health of trees in forests, on streets, in parks, in yards, and on academic and corporate campuses a better understanding how trees in our region are expected to respond to the inevitable threats of climate change. These threats include more hot days, fewer days below freezing, longer periods of drought, heavier storms, and stronger winds. Expert panelists will talk briefly about what their research indicates is happening, as well as what they have learned about keeping current tree species healthy and selecting species going forward.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 9:30am - 12:00pm

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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NJ Radon Partners Training Workshop

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Radon Section will host this training to bring together radon professionals and others with interest in protecting people from the dangers of radon gas. The program will include a panel discussion to help facilitate a strategy for New Jersey to increase radon testing and mitigation and how to promote radon awareness. Three tracks for the day are available: Radon Technicians, Radon Specialists, or Professionals (Non-Radon Certified). For more information, visit their [website](#).

Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Pines Manor Ballroom

2085 Lincoln Highway (Route 27), Edison, NJ 08817

[REGISTER](#)

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

[REGISTER](#)

Funding Opportunities

Transportation Alternatives Program Grants

This program, funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, will provide funding for non-traditional transportation projects (land and water) developed at the local level to expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life and protect the environment. Workshops were held to help applicants prepare the application. If you were unable to attend, you can view the webinar [recording](#) and [presentation](#). For more information, visit the New Jersey Safe Routes to School [website](#).

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 10, 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

Radon Awareness Program

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Radon Bureau provides outreach assistance to promote radon testing in homes. For communities participating in the Radon Awareness Program (RAP), NJDEP provides radon informational materials and up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of test kits. For more information and the application form, click [HERE](#).

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

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

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