



New! September Sustainability Hero

The September 2016 Sustainability Hero is Dr. Nancy Yard, the Principal and Green Team Coordinator for Holland Township School in Hunterdon County. Read about Dr. Yard's work accomplishing silver-level Sustainable Jersey certification for her school and integrating sustainability into her work as a principal. See how outdoor learning, a geodesic passive solar greenhouse dome, Education for Sustainability, Uganda, kinesthetic classrooms and rain barrels 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.



Need Inspiration? Meet the 2016 Sustainability Champions at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon November 15

The Sustainable Jersey municipal awards recognize outstanding work being done at the local level. The Sustainability Champion award honors the municipalities that have scored the most points in the Sustainable Jersey certification program in three population categories. Which New Jersey towns will receive this title in 2016? In 2015, the Sustainability Champions were: Woodbridge Township (Middlesex County), Chatham Borough (Morris County) and Harrington Park Borough (Bergen County).

Sustainable Jersey Luncheon Highlights:

- Pre-Luncheon Networking Session (10:30am - Noon)
- Luncheon and Ceremony (Noon - 2:00pm)
- Recognition of the 2016 Sustainable Jersey Certified Communities
- Conveyance of Special Awards including the Sustainability Champions



[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.

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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 both municipalities and school districts. For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund energy projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. One **example** of an acceptable energy project is a solar powered bus stop shelter. For other project ideas, view the recorded informational 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



Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Upcoming Event

Middlesex County Sustainable Hub Workshop

Is your green team just starting off and you need a jump start or advice? Has your green team been around for a while, but could use a boost? Attend a FREE workshop and get the information and inspiration that you need. The workshop will include networking, panel discussions, and resource providers.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

East Brunswick Cultural Arts Center
721 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

[REGISTER](#)

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

Other Upcoming Events

Transportation Alternatives Program Training Workshops

As part of the Transportation Alternatives Program grant opportunity in the Funding Opportunities block below, FREE workshops will be held to learn tips and strategies for applying for this funding. All workshops will be held from 10am - noon. For more information, visit the New Jersey Safe Routes to School [website](#).

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy

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Friday, September 23, 2016

Passaic County Community College

[REGISTER](#)

Monday, September 26, 2016

Rutgers-Camden Campus Center

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Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Cumberland County Community College

[REGISTER](#)

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

New Jersey WasteWi\$e Business Network Meeting

The next meeting of the WasteWise Business Network will feature presentations on green building design for the workplace, food waste recycling, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's award winning green purchasing program, and more! This is a FREE event and those who are NJ Certified Recycling Professionals will earn 2.5 recertification credits for attending.

REGISTER - RSVP to Steven Rinaldi at Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov

Health Impact Assessment: Incorporating Health into Planning and Decision-Making

A Health Impact Assessment (HIA) can be used to evaluate a proposed plan or project's potential effects on the health of a population. HIA provides evidence-based recommendations aimed at enhancing positive health impacts and minimizing negative ones. In this session, facilitators from the Planning Healthy Communities Initiative will lead an introductory training on health impact assessment as a tool to promote community health and equity in planning processes and decision-making. For more information, visit their [website](#).

This workshop qualifies as HIA training for eligible individuals under Sustainable Jersey's [Health in All Policies Professional Development Action](#). See the action for more information regarding eligible individuals and additional requirements to receive full credit for the action.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 9:00am - 3:00pm

University Inn and Conference Center

178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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

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 to help applicants prepare the application will be held September 20, 23, 26, 28 all from 10am - 12pm. 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

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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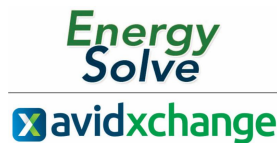
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