



Reserve Your Spot: 2016 Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

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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 Sessions Spotlight at the New Jersey League of Municipalities 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 two of the Sustainable Jersey sessions. CEU credits are available for most Sustainable Jersey sessions.

Sustainable Jersey Program Update

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 9:00am - 10:40am

Learn about the new actions, opportunities, and resources introduced in 2016 and preview what is planned for 2017.

Waste Management Challenges and Opportunities at Local Level

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 10:45am - noon

Achieving state level goals related to solid waste, reuse and recycling, and hazardous waste is critical to becoming sustainable. Learn about the new and evolving technology that is essential to help deal with food waste, glass, and non-traditional plastics in the waste stream and what could make sense at the local level. Preview Sustainable Jersey's new Waste Management Gold Star standard and discuss how the existing and new actions can start moving communities toward accomplishing it.

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Wanted: Innovative NJ Sustainable Energy Projects



The Gardiner Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for municipalities and school districts. For this cycle, the Gardiner Environmental Fund will fund projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. One **example** of an eligible project is installing an electric vehicle charging station. 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



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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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](#).

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 are being held to share tips and strategies for applying for this funding. For more information, visit the New Jersey Safe Routes to School [website](#).

Last In-Person Workshop

Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 10:00am - Noon

Cumberland County Community College

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Store Design & Visual Merchandising

The New Jersey Downtown Institute will hold a day-long workshop teaching how to improve business competitiveness through effective store design, visual merchandising, and customer behavior insights. The workshop is designed for downtown management and revitalization program staff, board, and volunteers, business owners and operators, chambers of commerce, retail merchant associations, as well as elected and appointed officials. Information from this workshop could help your community work toward actions in the Local Economies suite.

October 19, 2016, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Los Faraones

111 East Font Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060

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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

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

[REGISTER](#): Cost: \$95 single registration; \$75 multi-person registration

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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