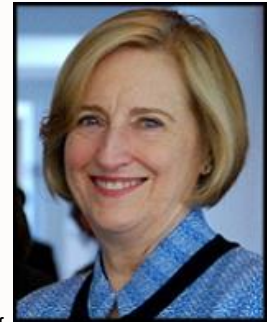




## New! February 2016 Sustainability Hero

The February 2016 Sustainability Hero is Mary Reece, the Chair of Sustainable Montgomery and director of special projects for the Foundation for Educational Administration. Read about how Mary is leading sustainable change at the municipal and schools levels. See how the Young Audiences of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, Creative New Jersey, the Montgomery Township Diversity Survey, art-based professional learning, Kresge's Department Store and Thailand 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](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com).

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## 433 Municipalities Participating!

Welcome new registrant Delanco Township in Burlington County. We look forward to certifying you! Now 77% of the state's municipalities are participating in the Sustainable Jersey program!

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## Is Your Town Leaving Actions on the Table?

If your town is planning to apply for certification or recertification this year, there are some actions that you want to include in your submission! All full action descriptions contain a detailed resources section with links to programs that provide assistance and guidance to complete actions. For example, the [Tobacco-Free for a Healthy New Jersey](#) statewide project can assist you with completing the [Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places](#) action. Also, once you have been approved for the Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal, you are eligible to earn points for four other actions in the Tree & Woodlands Management category, and potentially earn a total of 60 points! Sign up for one of the webinars below to learn more about the recertification and certification process.

### Upcoming Webinars

#### Stay in the Game! Strategize your Recertification

Is your town's certification expiring in 2016? Or even if it is not expiring, does your green team plan on applying for recertification to keep the momentum going? This webinar is for you. Gather helpful information to avoid a lapse in certification and/or recertify at a higher point level.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

[REGISTER](#): 1:00pm - 2:00pm AND 7:00pm - 8:00pm \*Select the time of the webinar you wish to attend from the drop down menu

## Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified

This webinar is geared toward registered but not yet certified towns. We will share proven strategies and tools to help map out a path to certification within six to twelve months.

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

[REGISTER](#)

**Initial Application Deadline: Sunday, June 5!**

## Does Your Green Team Have a One Day Project that Could Use 10-20 Energetic Volunteers?

As part of the partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey, we are pleased to announce an opportunity for Sustainable Jersey communities to enlist students from The College of New Jersey to support your municipality's green team on a specific project that contributes to your Sustainable Jersey certification. The volunteer service activity must take place on one of the following days:

- Saturday, April 9
- Wednesday, April 20
- Saturday, April 23
- Saturday, April 30

For more information, click [HERE](#).

**[Application Deadline](#): Monday, February 15th at midnight**



## Does Your Municipality Need Technical Assistance with Energy Related Initiatives?

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide a powerful program to assist municipalities and school districts within the NJNG service territory in implementing Sustainable Jersey energy actions. The program will provide a trained EDF Fellow, typically a MBA or similar graduate with specialty training in energy project assessment and development, to work for 10 weeks (40 hours per week) during the summer of 2016 at no cost to the municipality or school district. For more information visit the [school](#) or [municipal](#) websites.

**[Application Deadline](#): Friday, March 18 at 11:59pm**



## Other Upcoming Events

### Strategic Public Communications: Leadership Certificate

Are you interested in working on the new Emergency Communications Planning and/or [Municipal Communications Strategy](#) actions? If so, then attend this series of trainings, from the Center for Executive Leadership in Government at Rutgers University, and co-sponsored by Sustainable

Jersey. This is a GREAT opportunity to get advanced training on how to implement these two new actions at a very discounted price. A variety of training dates are available in early March. For more information visit their [website](#).

[REGISTER](#) - REDUCED FEE for Sustainable Jersey participating municipalities

## **Fixing Flooding: One Community at a Time Conference**

The Rutgers Water Resources Program is hosting a day long conference to educate stakeholders and engage them in addressing the impacts of stormwater runoff from impervious cover. Sustainable Jersey's Co-Director, Donna Drewes, will give a presentation how educational programs, like Sustainable Jersey for Schools, can help change behavior. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Friday, February 26, 2016, 8:30am - 4:00pm**

Middlesex County Fire Academy  
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872

[REGISTER](#)

**For a list of all other upcoming events, visit the Sustainable Jersey [Events & Trainings](#) page**

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## **Funding Opportunities**

### **NJ DEP Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant Program**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is requesting proposals from organizations and government entities to implement approved watershed based plans or total maximum utility loads, green infrastructure projects, and natural solutions to address erosion and water quality impairment through implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control projects. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 11, 2016**

### **2016 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Project Grants**

ANJEC is now accepting applications from environmental commissions for grants of up to \$1500 each for local open space stewardship projects. To view samples of previous grant projects, click [here](#).

**[Application Deadline](#): Friday, April 30, 2016 at 4:30pm**

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

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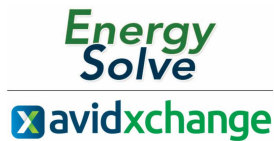
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