



Did You Know Grants and Resources are Available for Tree & Woodlands Management Actions?

Grant and resource opportunities are available to assist with the completion of Sustainable Jersey's Tree & Woodlands Management actions. Completing all of these actions can earn your municipality up to 60 points toward its certification!

Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place the Right Way Seminar

The New Jersey Tree Foundation and PSE&G are offering a FREE seminar on Planting the Right Tree in the right Place, The Right Way. The training will also cover the importance of utility mark-outs prior to planting, Emerald Ash Border, vegetation management policies, and grants that are available. This training earns CEUs needed for towns that wish to apply for Sustainable Jersey's [Community Forestry Plan and Tree Cover Goal](#) action. For more information and to RSVP, visit their [website](#).

Friday, March 25, 2016, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Edison PSE&G Training Center
234 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

2016 Community Stewardship Incentive Grant Program

The NJDEP Community Forestry Program is proud to announce the release of \$2.3 million dollars in grant funding through the 2016 Community Stewardship Incentive Grant program. Funding is available for three types of municipal tree projects: tree resiliency planning, tree hazard mitigation activities; and reforestation and tree planting projects. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: April 12, 2016

Green Communities Grant Application

Communities that need assistance in creating a Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) are eligible for the Green Communities Grant. The grant is offered every year for municipalities and counties. Currently the grants are up to \$3,000 with a 100% match, that can be made of in-kind and volunteer hours at the federal volunteer rate. For more information visit their [website](#).

Only Four Months Until the Certification Application Deadline!

If you were unable to attend one of our recent webinars on recertification, or attaining certification for the first time, you're in luck! Webinar recordings and presentations have now been posted on our [Past Webinars and Trainings page](#). Don't miss the opportunity to get ahead of the curve and start working on your application now by listening to just one hour of helpful information.

Stay in the Game! Strategize your Recertification

- Webinar [recording](#) and [presentation](#)

Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified

- Webinar [recording](#) and [presentation](#)

Initial Application Deadline: Sunday, June 5!

Last Chance to Provide Input!

Last year's New Jersey Sustainability Summit participants told us they wanted to spend more time in smaller sessions focusing on topics related to initiatives they are currently pursuing or hope to in the future.

To make sure we get the choices right, we want to hear from you! Please take our 5 minute survey available [HERE](#) to help us develop the breakout sessions you want to attend by **February 29**.



~Registration Opens March 2016~

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



Sustainable Jersey's Re-vAMPed Municipal Energy Actions

Over the past year, Sustainable Jersey has implemented changes to the Energy program actions including the implementation of new renewable energy actions and revisions to the slate of Energy Efficiency actions to award points based on energy savings. These changes up the ante in requiring ongoing tracking of energy progress. They also reward higher performance with more points. Implementing the new actions will result in municipalities having a much more sophisticated internal capacity to pursue energy and cost savings.

Learn about how these changes may affect your municipality's certification application and what you can do to maximize your energy related points.

You will not want to miss this webinar if your municipality has been approved for the On-Site Solar, Energy Audits for One Building, or Inventory and Upgrade All Buildings actions, or you are planning to apply for certification in 2016.

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](#).

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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

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Incorporating Health into Planning and Decision-Making

The New Jersey Health Impact Collaborative (NJHIC) will lead an introductory training on health impact assessment as a tool to promote community health and equity in planning processes and decision-making. Participants will engage in group exercises related to HIA steps, discuss opportunities and challenges to integrating health into planning and policy processes, and learn about new statewide collaborative initiatives and emerging tools to build capacity for health advancement in planning, and to support health in all policies. This course is eligible for 10 points toward certification in the Sustainable Jersey program for completion of the [Health in All Policies Professional Development](#) action. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Friday, April 29, 2016, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Rutgers University Inn & Conference Center
178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Rutgers Eco Complex, Auditorium
1200 Florence-Columbus Boulevard, Bordentown, NJ 08505

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

Funding Opportunities

Get Active NJ Grants

The New Jersey Prevention Network, through funding from the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Tobacco Control, Nutrition and Fitness, the Get Active NJ program will provide technical assistance, training and incentives to assist municipalities to find ways to educate stakeholders on policies that can help promote walking and the many benefits this can have on their communities. Funding for these activities may be eligible for points in the Sustainable Jersey Health & Wellness category of actions. For more information visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: March 28, 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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