



New! April Sustainability Hero

The April 2017 Sustainability Hero is Erica DeMichele, the Supervisor of Curriculum for Delran Township School District located in Burlington County. Read about Erica's accomplishments with the Delran Township School District; the district received a New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award and earned one of four statewide spots in the NJ STEM Ecosystem Alliance. See how New Jersey Learns, solar panels, STEAM Up, the Public Interest Research Group, Rhode Island, rats, the Philadelphia Zoo, Uganda, and Martha Stewart 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.

444 Municipalities Participating

Welcome new registrant Tuckerton Borough in Ocean County. We look forward to certifying you! Now 79% of New Jersey's municipalities are participating in the program. Find out the status of your town on the [Participating Communities Map](#).

Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinars

Landscaping for a Healthy Environment

This webinar will help you learn about actions and resources in both the Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools programs that can help municipalities and schools provide landscapes that reduce stormwater runoff, and minimize water use through use of sustainable landscaping practices. The webinar will feature a demonstration of the Jersey-Friendly Yards website, an easy-to-use, comprehensive source of information for creating attractive, low-maintenance landscaping that is not only better for the environment but also saves time and money.



Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
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Special Opportunity for Municipalities and

School Districts Served by New Jersey Natural Gas!

FREE Technical Assistance with Energy-Related Initiatives



Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide to free technical assistance to municipalities and schools within the [NJNG service territory](#). 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 during the summer of 2017 at **no cost** to implement Sustainable Jersey energy efficiency and/or renewable energy actions. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2017 at 11:59pm

Technical Assistance Calls about Changes to Energy Actions

Sustainable Jersey staff will be available for "Technical Assistance Calls" on the revisions to the suite of Energy Actions. If your green team has questions about these actions, mark your calendars and call in.

Technical Assistance Call Dates

- April 26, 2017, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- May 16, 2017, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

How to Join the Call

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/842038685>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2070

United States: +1 (224) 501-3316

Access Code: 842-038-685

First GoToMeeting? Try a test session: <http://help.citrix.com/getready>

Essex County Hub Sustainability Night at Red Bulls Arena

Join the Essex County Hub for Sustainability Night as the New York Red Bulls play the Columbus Crew. Take advantage of a **special ticket offer** and enjoy the game with Sustainable Jersey Hub members, your fellow school and municipal green team friends, U.S. Green Business Council-NJ members and other sustainability-minded people! All are welcome!

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7:30pm

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Other Upcoming Events

Thriving Together, the 2017 Creative Placemaking Leadership Summit

This conference will focus on how creative placemaking can improve quality of life for disadvantaged people, successful partnerships, and maintaining and growing creative placemaking over the long term. It focuses on the 'how to' of creative placemaking. Sustainable Jersey will be facilitating a session on the suite of actions related to creative placemaking. Bring your Creative Team and take part in the interactive Sustainable Jersey session which will help you plan your arts and creative culture initiatives. For more information, visit the conference [website](#).

Friday, May 5, 2017, 8:30am - 4:00pm

New Jersey Institute of Technology
323 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Newark, NJ 07102

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To see other upcoming events, visit our [Calendar page](#)

Earth Day & Green Fair Resources

Submit Your Earth Day Event to NJDEP

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has administered the [Earth Day - New Jersey website](#) for almost 20 years! In celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and New Jersey Earth Week (April 23 - 29), you can submit details about your municipal and/or school public programs and have them featured on NJDEP's [Events Calendar page](#). This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your environmental, green, and sustainability efforts.

New Jersey Clean Energy Program Event Tabling

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program is available to staff tables and/or conduct presentations at green fairs. This statewide clean energy initiative is administered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to promote energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy. Financial incentives are available through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program for residential, commercial, and municipal customers. Please complete an online event request form at <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/speaker>.

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