



The Time is Now to Start Planning your 2017 Certification & Recertification!

Upcoming Webinars

Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification

Is your town's certification expiring in 2017? 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 15, 2017

[REGISTER](#): 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[REGISTER](#): 7:00pm - 8:00pm *New time added!

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 22, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Recorded Webinar

Moving Up to Silver Certification

Does your green team have eyes on silver certification? A variety of resources are available to assist you! Start by viewing the "Moving Up to Silver Certification" webinar [recording](#) and [presentation](#) to learn about strategizing with your online application, discuss actions with high success rates, and share insights from the successful silver certified communities of Ewing and Hanover.

Initial Application Deadline: Sunday, June 4!

**Special Opportunity for Municipalities and
School Districts Served by NJNG!**

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

Sustainable Jersey Small Grants - The Best Odds Around!



Don't miss out on funding to support sustainability initiatives in your town. PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for municipalities. Almost half of Sustainable Jersey participating communities have received a small grant. Has yours?

Four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants are available to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey actions. At a minimum, **apply for a \$2,000 grant**. The chances of being awarded a grant are high and it's a great opportunity to jump start your green team efforts..

The application deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2017. For more information, click [HERE](#) or click on the informational webinar below to learn more or call 609-771-2938 for more information.

Sustainable Jersey Municipal Webinar

View the [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Events

Register Ready Hands on Training

Sustainable Jersey, in partnership with the NJ Office of Emergency Management, will offer this training on the Register Ready platform to help municipalities identify and track their vulnerable residents in case of an emergency as outlined in the [Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies](#) action. It will provide hands-on exercises on the Register Ready capabilities including registering citizens online, gaining access to completed applications, using the admin dashboard, managing users, generating reports, and more.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 9:00am - 12:00pm

The College of New Jersey, Business Building, Room 205
2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08628

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What You Need to Know about the Changes to the Energy Actions Webinar

This webinar will help municipalities understand the 2017 changes to Sustainable Jersey's suite of energy actions. Learn about changes to existing actions, as well as new actions which have been added to the program. Find out how to maximize your points, and make strides to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money!

Technical Assistance Calls

In addition to the webinar, Sustainable Jersey staff will also be available for Technical Assistance Calls so that your green team can ask questions about what is needed for certification on these actions. Please see below for the dates and times for the calls. Call-in information will be sent closer to each date.

- March 23, 2017, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- April 26, 2017, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- May 16, 2017, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Don't Let your Actions Go to Waste! Updates to the Suite of Waste Management Actions

Sustainable Jersey has implemented changes several actions in the Waste Management category. These changes provide opportunities to earn more points for recycling initiatives.

Consolidated Actions

- The [Non-Mandated Materials Recycling](#) (5 to 60 Points) action now includes bulky rigid plastic, carpet & foam padding, and shrink wrap as eligible for points, along with additional opportunities depending on the materials recycled.
- The [Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling](#) (5 to 15 Points) action combines the Construction Waste Recycling action (from the Green Design category) with the Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling Ordinance action (from Waste Management) into this new action, which addresses the recycling of construction and demolition waste from both municipal facilities and other activities.

New Action

- [Household Hazardous Waste](#) (5 to 15 Points), recognizes municipalities that create permanent household hazardous waste collection programs for two or more materials.

Retired Actions

- The following actions have been retired and consolidated into the actions identified above: Bulky Rigid Plastics, Carpet & Foam Padding, Shrink Wrap, and Construction Waste Recycling.

Want to learn more? Sign up for one of the upcoming [recertification webinars](#), or visit the [Program Updates page](#).

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, March 25
- Saturday, April 1
- Wednesday, April 5
- Saturday, April 8
- Saturday, April 22

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

Application Deadline: Priority Consideration: Monday, February 13 at midnight



*Ewing Township Community Garden
Clean Up*

Other Upcoming Events

Redevelopment Forum

New Jersey Future will host a day long Redevelopment Forum and bring together more than 500 municipal and state leaders and leading professionals in planning, development, law, transportation, architecture, construction, environmental conservation and historic preservation to share best practices and lessons learned. Sustainable Jersey's Program Director for Community Engagement, Lauren Skowronski, is participating on the panel discussion, "Data-Driven Cities: Effective Civic Engagement and Decision-Making". For more information, visit their [website](#).

Friday, March 10, 2017, 9:00am - 3:45pm

Hyatt Regency
Two Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Funding Opportunities

ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Project Grants

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is now accepting applications from environmental commissions for grants of up to \$1500 each for local open space stewardship projects. For a list of eligible projects and more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: April 7, 2017

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

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