



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit Local Action - Collective Impact

The theme of the 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit will focus on local action to achieve broader impact. Sustainable Jersey brings a unique mix of public and private, state and local partners together to support communities in achieving remarkable progress. How can we all work better together to build local capacity for change and have a collective impact?

Last year, over 300 people attended the 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit to help us build consensus on the future we want. This year we will focus on tools and resources to help communities and businesses work together to make that future a reality with a special focus on key issues such as water resources, energy, waste, civic engagement, and strengthening local economies. More information and registration link coming soon!



Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinar

Ecological Solutions to Community Coastal Hazards

The triple bottom line benefits of green infrastructure and other ecological approaches to flood management and erosion control are becoming increasingly important given the trends in heavier precipitation events, increasingly intense storms and sea level rise. This webinar will feature a team of ecologists, engineers and planners who have been working with NJ coastal communities for the past two years on strategies to help minimize flood risks, protect fish & wildlife habitats and strengthen overall community resilience to coastal flooding.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

Recorded Webinars to Help You Prepare for Certification

Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified

Is your town planning to or thinking about applying for certification this year for the first time? This webinar is for you! This webinar shares proven strategies and tools to help map out a path to certification within six to twelve months. View the [recording](#) and [presentation](#) to learn more.

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.

Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification

If your town is planning to recertify this year, this webinar covers program and action updates you need to know about in 2017, identifies action areas to update to make recertification easier, and provides resources to help you along the way. View the [recording](#) and [presentation](#) to learn more and put you on the path to recertification.

Initial Application Deadline: Sunday, June 4!

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 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

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

[REGISTER](#) - \$110 NJ Future Members, municipal employees and non-profits; \$150 non-members

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

The New Jersey Tree Foundation and Public Service Electric & Gas are offering this FREE seminar on planting the right tree, in the right place, the right way. Topics include the importance of utility mark-outs prior to planting, Emerald Ash Borer, vegetation management policies for safe and reliable delivery of electric service, and ash tree re-use. **This seminar is worth 3 Continuing Education Units needed for Sustainable Jersey's [Community Forestry Plan](#)**

[and Tree Cover Goal action.](#)

Friday, March 31, 2017, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Hopewell Municipal Complex, Auditorium
201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ

REGISTER - RSVP to LSimms@NJTreeFoundation.org

New Jersey WasteWise Business Network Meeting

The next meeting of the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network will be held May 10. The meeting includes presentations on medical equipment reuse and refurbishment, municipal recycling enforcement and education strategies, what's new in glass recycling, a presentation on New Jersey's "Green Business Chamber of Commerce," and a presentation from Trex Recycled Plastic Lumber.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 9:30am - 12:30pm

NJ Forensic Science Technology Center Auditorium
1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691

REGISTER - RSVP to Steven Rinaldi at Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov

For a list of other upcoming events, visit our [Calendar page](#)

443 Municipalities Participating

Welcome new registrants Egg Harbor Township in Atlantic County and South River Borough in Middlesex County. We look forward to certifying you! Now 89% of New Jersey's population lives in a registered/certified Sustainable Jersey community!

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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