



## New! June Sustainability Hero

The June 2017 Sustainability Hero is Tracey Woods the Chair of the Maplewood Township Green Team in Essex County. Read about how Tracey and the green team are taking networking and collaboration to the next level to accomplish their sustainability goals. See how drip irrigation, Home Performance with Energy Star, the People's Climate March and Saks Fifth Avenue 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).



## 50 Experts Lead 12 Sessions at the 2017 NJ Sustainability Summit

Water, energy, education, recycling, the arts - you name it and we have a session planned. A total of 12 sessions will allow you to dig deeper into the dimensions of sustainability. Experts and industry professionals will lead each session and review current challenges. You'll come away with a clear sense of the state of the movement, new ideas about what can be done to make progress, an expanded network of fellow practitioners, and the inspiration to go back and continue to drive change one municipality or school at a time.

Join us at the 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit. This event attracts over 300 diverse participants from across New Jersey. Attendees will participate in thought provoking conversations that focus on engaging government, community, schools, business and academia in sustainable action. Read all of the breakout session descriptions [here](#).

### Event Details

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 8:30am - 4:00pm, at The College of New Jersey

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# Want to Adopt Policies in Line with the Paris Climate Agreement?

## Sustainable Jersey Municipalities Can Lead on Climate Action Now and We Have a Road Map

New Jersey municipalities are on the cutting edge of making real-world decisions that are required to achieve the climate goals at a local level. To take meaningful action, your municipality can work on the Sustainable Jersey Gold Star in Energy and/or to do specific actions such as a [Renewable Government Energy Aggregation](#) program. These actions guide your municipality on the steps you should take to reduce emissions. Sustainable Jersey towns and cities are setting the pace and scale of action that is needed to put the world on a climate safe pathway. Learn more at the [2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit](#). #SustainableStateNJ

## Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Webinar

### The Art of Sustainability: Creative Placemaking and Your Community

This webinar will provide an overview of all of the arts and creative culture actions in the Sustainable Jersey program, and will focus on the newest action, [Municipal Commitments to Arts and Creative Culture](#), which rewards municipalities for building a more welcoming environment for artistic and cultural activity through land use ordinances and other regulations, contractual relationships with cultural organizations, municipal ownership of spaces reserved for cultural and creative activities, tax abatements that help creative people to live or work in the community, and art-specific strategies in the municipality's Master Plan. Speakers will talk about how they have utilized their creative assets to make their communities more vibrant, both economically and artistically.

Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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## SolSmart Workshops

SolSmart is a national solar designation and technical assistance program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative. The SolSmart program provides national recognition for municipalities that demonstrate that they are 'open for business' for solar by having solar-friendly zoning ordinances, solar-friendly permitting and inspection processes, as well as a willingness to promote solar to community businesses and residents, as with the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge.

SolSmart Workshops are intensive, action-oriented sessions designed to empower communities to make significant progress toward clearing solar market barriers and achieving SolSmart Bronze, Silver, or Gold designation. Workshops are multi-day events, the duration of which are driven by the capacity, needs, and priorities of community hosts.

SolSmart staff travel to your community for educational and working group sessions. For more information, contact them at 703-828-4531, [solsmart@solarfound.org](mailto:solsmart@solarfound.org), view the [SolSmart Workshop information sheet](#), or visit their [website](#).

## Green Fair Resource

### 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 [here](#).

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