

## And the Winners Are...

Coding for Community is Sustainable Jersey's first civic tech competition, pairing New Jersey municipalities with technologists to develop solutions to local sustainability and public engagement issues. The competition kicked off January 27 and will conclude with demonstrations of tech solutions developed by the finalist teams. Awards will be presented to the winning team and runners up. Arrive early to secure parking and enjoy a light breakfast only served until 9:00am.

March 31, 2017, 9:00am - 12:30pm

The College of New Jersey, Library Auditorium, Basement Level 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08628

REGISTER - RSVP to Lauren Skowronski at 609-771-3129 or <a href="mailto:skowronl@tcnj.edu">skowronl@tcnj.edu</a>



## **Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinars**

## **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  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{REGISTER}}$ 

#### 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 REGISTER

# 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. <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/842038685">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/842038685</a>

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

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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 <u>NJNG service territory</u>. 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, dick <u>HERE</u>.

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

## **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 REGISTER

## 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

## 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

REGISTER - 15% discount for green team & creative team members who use the code "green"

To see other upcoming events, visit our Calendar page

## Holding an Earth Day Event? NJDEP Can Help You Promote It!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has administered the <u>Earth Day - New Jersey</u> <u>website</u> 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 <u>Events</u> Calendar page. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your environmental, green, and sustainability efforts.

## **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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