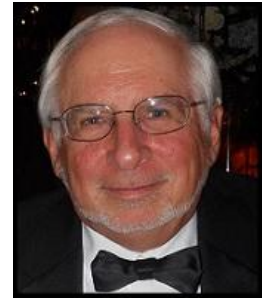




New! May Sustainability Hero

The May 2017 Sustainability Hero is Ralph Cooper, the Chair of the Upper Township Green Team located in Cape May County. Read how Ralph is engaging new green teams and community members to participate in the Sustainable Jersey program. See how the Upper Township Business Association, the Historical Preservation Society, donuts, Penn State University and Rachel Carson 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.



2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit Session Spotlight: Waste Not, Recycle More! Waste Management Strategies at the Local Level

Municipalities and schools play an important role in supporting the state level goals related to solid waste, reuse and recycling and hazardous waste. Learn about Sustainable Jersey's new Gold Star Standard in Waste. Review new and upgraded waste management actions and hear from municipal leaders who have implemented impactful local strategies, such as Pay-As-You-Throw and effective recycling, waste reduction education and enforcement, and material reuse networks. **This session is approved for 1.5 Classroom Credits for CRPs.**



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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Are You Ready to Hit Submit on your

Sustainable Jersey Certification Application?

Don't let another year pass without achieving Sustainable Jersey certification. If your municipality is thinking about getting certified or recertified in 2017, there is **less than one month left** until applications are due. All applications must be received by **June 4 at 11:59pm**.

Remember, although the majority of your actions should be completed by this date, additional documentation can be added during the application cycle.

Do You Have Questions or Need Assistance?

There are a variety of resources to assist you on the Sustainable Jersey website, as well as the Green Team Resources page.

- [2017 Application Cycle](#) provides a timeline for review and resubmission process.
- [Moving Up to Silver Certification](#) webinar explains strategies to move from Bronze to Silver level certification.
- [Stay in the Game! Strategize your Recertification](#) webinar explains the recertification process.
- [Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified](#) webinar explains the certification process for first time applicants.
- [Application User Guide](#) provides a detailed overview of using your online application and submitting for certification.

Countdown to Certification Webinar

This webinar will be held to review what you need to know to insure that your application process is as smooth as possible. The webinar will review: 2017 application cycle, steps for submitting an application in June, overview of uploading documentation and submitting the application, and your questions.

Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 1:00pm-2:00pm

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If you have questions about your application, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha McGraw at 609-771-2938 or info@sustainablejersey.com.



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

- 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>

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United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2070

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Access Code: 842-038-685

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Who Will Be Named the Solar Challenge Champion?

The [Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge](#) is now in its final month! To date 487 registrations (or solar quote requests) have been made in the seven participating towns, and six contracts have been signed. View the current standings on [Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge page](#).

Other Upcoming Events

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 from Trex Recycled Plastic Lumber and a presentation from Foam Cycle LLC on polystyrene (Styrofoam) recycling.

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

Creative Placemaking Series: Workshop #1: Introduction to Placemaking

Together North Jersey will present this first of a three-part series of workshops leading the use of Creative Placemaking to foster economic benefits in a community. This first session introduces the overarching Placemaking process to set the table for the subsequent workshops. It will show how Placemaking can be used by communities to engage residents, businesses, visitors, government and other stakeholders to develop strategies for creating exciting vibrant places to promote local growth and prosperity. Information from this workshop series can be used to help complete Sustainable Jersey's [Creative Placemaking Plan action](#). For more information, visit their [website](#).

Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 8:30am - 1:00pm

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
One Newark Center, Newark, NJ 07102

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

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, view the [SolSmart Workshop information sheet](#), or visit their [website](#).

Enter the #HealthyNJContest

The New Jersey YMCA State Alliance is hosting a social media contest to get more communities involved in promoting healthy lifestyles and building a Culture of Health in New Jersey. The #HealthyNJContest is a campaign to encourage local residents to share photos conveying their strides toward making health a shared value, creating healthier more equitable communities, and cross-sector collaboration to improve well-being. Three participants will win a \$500 grant for a charity of their choosing, to help their community build a culture of health. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Contest Duration: April 24 - June 2

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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