



## A Moment of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect upon all of the things for which we are thankful. And our list is certainly full this year! We are brimming with hope and energy for 2018 after last week's New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Congratulations to the 82 towns that were certified and recertified this year, and thank you for coming out in force to the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon, which was the most highly attended Luncheon on record with over 400 people!

Thank you to all the panel speakers and everyone that attended the Sustainable Jersey sessions to learn how we can move sustainability initiatives forward in New Jersey. You can view all of the session presentations [HERE](#). Thank you to the Board of Trustees, the green teams, task force members and everyone that makes the Sustainable Jersey program possible.

Finally, we offer sincere gratitude to our underwriters, sponsors, and partners. This has been a stand-out year. New Jersey communities are showing no signs of slowing in their commitment to sustainability. We will keep moving forward with your continued participation!

## New Funding Available for Municipalities and Schools



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Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a grants program cycle for municipalities and \$100,000 to support a grants program cycle for schools.

The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey [actions](#). For more information, click [HERE](#). **The application deadline is Wednesday, February 28, 2018.**

The schools cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts or schools, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey for Schools [actions](#). For more information, click [HERE](#). **The application**

deadline is Friday, February 9, 2018.

## Informational Webinars

Two informational webinars will be held to review the online application process, requirements, and tips for successful applications.

### **Sustainable Jersey Municipal Grants Webinar**

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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### **Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Webinar**

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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## Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Webinars

### **Opportunities for Adopting Electric Vehicles (EVs) in Municipal Fleets: A Primer**

Public sector fleets are seeing significant benefits from the deployment of electric vehicles (EVs). By eliminating gas consumption, EVs reduce costs to fleets, promote energy independence and help protect the environment. This webinar will provide information for decision-makers to consider in determining how and when to add EVs to municipal fleets. We will discuss procurement options as well as provide an overview of both the benefits and challenges of fleet electrification. The webinar will introduce a new fleet analysis tool developed to assist municipalities in comparing the total cost of ownership for light duty vehicles and share information about [EV Smart Fleets](#) - an upcoming multi-state public sector fleet EV procurement opportunity for state and local governments. Information about New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities EV Stakeholder process will be included in the webinar.

The webinar is a collaboration between Sustainable Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and EV Smart Fleets.

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

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### **Moving Up to Silver Certification**

Is your municipality interested in attaining silver certification? If so, then you should attend this webinar to get tips from silver certified municipalities and Sustainable Jersey staff on how to make the transition, and the actions that can set you on the fast path to silver!

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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### **Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification**

Is your town's certification expiring in 2017, and/or does your municipality wish to maintain its green team activities and certification? Now is the time to start planning for recertification! This webinar will provide helpful information to help you avoid a lapse and/or maintain your certification including: an overview of the certification cycle for the year; an update on new and existing action including a change to non-expiring actions, and an explanation of variable point actions; suggestions to prevent leaving actions "on the table"; accessing and using your online application; why actions are not approved.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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### **Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified**

Calling all registered towns! Have you been thinking that 2018 is the year your town will join the 208 Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities that are making progress toward a more sustainable future? Would you like to receive the prestigious Sustainable Jersey certification at this year's League of Municipalities Conference? This webinar will share proven strategies and tools to help map out a path to certification within six to twelve months. Learn how to mobilize

your green team, navigate the Sustainable Jersey website, select "start-up" actions, get assistance completing actions from non-profits and other groups, track your progress and more!

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Mayors' Climate Summit

Mayors and community leaders across New Jersey have taken up the challenge of addressing climate change and implementing sustainability practices at a local level. Please join us to discuss what we must achieve locally, and understand the specific steps we can take today to succeed. It is vital for our mayors and communities to take a leading role in preserving the environment and protecting the public health of our citizens. The day will consist of three panels of experts, resource organizations, and local leaders discussing a pathway forward to enable New Jersey to succeed in meeting the challenges presented by climate change. This event is hosted by Mayor Phil Kramer of Franklin Township, Mayor Bruce A. Harris of Chatham Borough, and brought to you by NJ League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Rutgers University Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, and Sustainable Jersey. For more information click [HERE](#), and download the flyer [HERE](#).

**Saturday, February 3, 2018, 8:30am - 1:30pm**

Rutgers University Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy  
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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## Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event

### Middlesex Hub Green Drinks

If you live in Middlesex County, join us to celebrate the accomplishments of your community with others from around the county. All municipal and school green team members, and other sustainability minded individuals are welcome to attend. This event is hosted by Sustainable Highland Park.

**Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Pino's Gift Basket Shoppe and Wine Cellar  
13 North 4th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904

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## Other Upcoming Events

### Exploring Ecological Solutions for Coastal Community Hazards

The final event of this workshop series is hosted by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Barnegat Bay Partnership, and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and is designed for municipal officials, engineers, contractors, and anyone who is interested in or works on ecological projects, such as living shorelines or stormwater management. Hear from experts in the region and learn about designing, permitting, monitoring, and planning ecological projects.

**Technical Planning for Ecological Projects:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Rutgers Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis

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### Jersey Water Works Conference

This day long event will bring together more than 300 state and local decision-makers, practitioners, and stakeholders to amplify the importance of addressing New Jersey's water infrastructure, explore national models for innovative solutions and celebrate the work of Jersey Water Works and its members. The conference will feature the release of "Our Water Transformed," national and local speakers including Sustainable Jersey Executive Director Randall Solomon, and a panel discussion about water priorities for New Jersey's new administration. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:00am - 2:30pm**

New Jersey Performing Arts Center  
1 Center Street, Newark, NJ 07102

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## Coastal Resilience for People & Nature

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will host this free workshop to explore coastal resilience through nature-based solutions. The workshop will educate stakeholders on how these practices can be used in communities and how to address issues surrounding funding, planning, outreach, and monitoring these kinds of projects. All municipal officials, non-profit employees, engineers, contractors, and landowners are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Stockton Seaview Hotel  
401 South New York Road, Galloway, NJ 08205

[REGISTER](#) - RSVP by November 28

## Together North Jersey Transit Hub Workshop Series

The Together North Jersey Institute and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) are co-sponsoring a series of workshops to explore the opportunities for creating vibrant transit hubs in Northern New Jersey. The workshops are open to those who want to learn more about the elements of a strong transit hub, the opportunities it can bring to the community, and the process to create it. Additional workshops are coming soon. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Friday, December 15, 2017, 8:30am - 12:30pm**

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority  
One Newark Center, 17th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

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## New Jersey Clean Energy Program Compressed Natural Gas Heavy Vehicle Grant Program

If your municipality has been looking to switch from traditional trucks and buses and other heavy duty vehicles to compressed natural gas (CNG) ones, now may be the right time. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' CNG heavy vehicle grant program helps fund the incremental cost of a CNG powered vehicle over a comparable diesel vehicle. Awards will be capped at \$20,000 per vehicle and \$40,000 per applicant and will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis until funding is exhausted. For more information, along with eligibility requirements, visit their [website](#).

**[Application Deadline:](#) December 20, 2017**

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## Mark Your Calendars!

See below for important dates of Sustainable Jersey events, trainings, funding opportunities, and more!

- **Nov. 29:** Opportunities for Adopting EVs in Municipal Fleets Webinar
- **Dec. 6:** The Grass is Greener with a Sustainable Jersey Grant Webinar
- **Dec. 11:** Middlesex Hub Green Drinks
- **Jan. 31:** Moving Up to Silver Certification Webinar
- **Feb. 3:** Mayors' Climate Summit
- **Feb. 7:** Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification Webinar
- **Feb. 21:** Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified Webinar

For more information visit [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com)

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