



Registration Now Open for the Sustainability Summit!

New Jersey's premier sustainability event is back! The New Jersey Sustainability Summit will be hosting expert speakers and case studies on community approaches to energy, balancing sustainability with social equity, capacity building for school and municipal green teams, reducing single use plastics, and other topics essential to our individual and collective well being. For more information, click [here](#).

Thursday, June 21, 2018 at The College of New Jersey
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- \$35: Elected and appointed officials; public and non-profit employees, green team volunteers
- \$100: All other attendees



Plenary Session

New! April Sustainability Hero

The April 2018 Sustainability Hero is Ed Cohen, a founding member of the Mount Laurel Green Team and board president of Sustainable Cherry Hill. Read about how Ed has spent the last ten years working on community sustainability efforts and earning a reputation as a dedicated South Jersey sustainability champion. See how the Environmental Leadership Program, Ultimate Frisbee, the Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival, TriSCA and magic fit into the story on the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#).

To celebrate 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.



**One Week Left: Submit Your Application for
 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 an MBA or similar graduate with speciality training in energy project assessment and development, to work for 10 weeks during the summer of 2018 at **no cost** to implement Sustainable Jersey energy efficiency and/or renewable energy actions. For more information visit our [website](#).

Sample Projects

Are you curious about the types of projects that EDF Climate Corps fellows have worked on since 2015?

In 2016, EDF Fellow Christopher Lavellee used utility bill data to create energy baselines for two townships that enabled them to apply for free Local Government Energy Audits (LGEA) through the NJ Clean Energy Program. Chris also spurred the development of both school district and individual school green teams in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, and encouraged schools to apply for the PowerSave Schools program--a funding resource that incorporates energy-efficiency as part of the curricula to better educate students on sustainability. The work done by Chris ultimately saved the schools money and earned them points towards their Sustainable Jersey certifications.

Learn more about the projects supported [here](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11:59pm

Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

Success Stories in Residential Energy Efficiency

This webinar will highlight successful collaborations between green team members and municipal officials to implement effective outreach programs to increase adoption of the Home Performance with Energy Star and Comfort Partners programs offered to homeowners by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. Completion of the [Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach](#) action could also potentially meet one of the requirements for earning a [Gold Star in Energy](#).

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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View all recorded webinar presentations [HERE](#)

Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Events

Sustainable Essex Alliance Sustainability Mixer

Municipalities and schools across Essex County are making an impact with sustainability projects related to energy, resiliency, waste, public engagement and more. Mingle with your counterparts on green teams across the region and hear about exciting local projects happening in neighborhoods.

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

South Mountain Tavern

19 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

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Sharing Positive Energy - Take 2

Managing energy use at home, in the workplace, and at the municipal level is proven to have a significant impact on the environment. Come learn specific actions your community can take to improve energy use - a major component of the [Sustainable Jersey Energy Gold standard](#). Hear about available resources and case studies

to help get you there.

Monday, May 7, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Cape May Convention Hall
714 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204
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Other Upcoming Events

Fleets for the Future: Incorporating Electric Vehicles into Your Fleet Webinar

Fleets for the Future technical experts will discuss electric vehicle opportunities on the market today, how to assess the suitability in your fleet, and how incorporating electric vehicles into your fleet can help you reduce costs. They will also discuss information about the electric vehicle procurement best practices guide. **This webinar will help fleet managers with actions in the Sustainable Jersey [Energy - Transportation Initiatives](#) action category.**

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
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Funding Opportunities

2018 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Projects Grants

The Association of Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is now accepting applications from environmental commissions for grants of up to \$1500 each for local open space stewardship projects. Eligible projects include things like creating an [Open Space Plan](#) and [Easement Inventory & Outreach](#), which can garner points in the Sustainable Jersey program, as well as multi-town plans to link open space or trails, management of invasive species and much more. For more information, visit their [website](#).

[Application Deadline:](#) April 13, 2018

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program Stewardship Grant

This grant, supported by the NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program, provides funding to support local governments and shade tree commissions with the implementation of an approved comprehensive Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). There are two grant categories available for funding: resiliency planning and reforestation and tree planting. A webinar will be held March 23 at 12:00pm on eligibility requirements, and will provide application/proposal guidance. Register for the webinar [here](#). For more information about the grant level of funding available in each category, visit their [website](#).

[Application Deadline:](#) April 23, 2018

Living Shorelines Grant & Technical Assistance Program

The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey (TNC-NJ) is offering grants and technical assistance to help communities overcome barriers to implementing living shorelines as a nature-based solution to coastal erosion, and other coastal hazards. TNC-NJ will be offering grants ranging from \$5,000 up to \$35,000 for design, permitting, and/or construction of living shorelines. Eligible applicants include non-profits, community associations, academic institutions, local governments, and consultants. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: May 4, 2018

The Recycling Partnership Cart Grant

The Recycling Partnership is a national nonprofit that uses highly leveraged grants coupled with technical

assistance to help improve and empower communities. This grant will provide funding (up to \$7/cart) and technical assistance to upgrade residential curbside recycling programs by providing carts to households as well as education. Applications are open to counties, municipalities, and solid waste authorities/districts with 4,000 or more households. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: Rolling

For additional funding opportunities visit our [Grants Portal](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **April 13:** EDF Fellow Application Deadline
- **April 26:** Essex Hub Event
- **May 2:** Residential Energy Efficiency Webinar
- **May 7:** Atlantic-Cape May Hub Event
- **June 21:** Sustainability Summit

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