



## Join Us at Sustainable Jersey's Annual Luncheon

### *Celebrating sustainability excellence, innovation and leadership in New Jersey*

Join us November 13, 2018, in Atlantic City to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of New Jersey municipalities. This event brings together nearly 400 local, regional, and state government officials, green team members, industry professionals, and sustainability leaders. It's a fantastic opportunity to re-connect, collaborate and celebrate your collective achievements!

#### Highlights:

- Pre-Luncheon Networking Session (10:30am - Noon)
- Luncheon (Noon - 2:00pm)
- Conveyance of Special Awards
- Recognition of the 2018 Sustainable Jersey Certified Communities

#### **REGISTER** Today for Early Bird Pricing!

- \$35 per person for elected and appointed municipal officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members
- \$75 per person for all other attendees



*South Plainfield receives bronze certification*

*NOTE: Costs increase November 5 to \$50 for elected and appointed officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members; \$100 other attendees*

#### Event Sponsorship Information

A wide range of event sponsorships are available. Please contact Sustainable Jersey's Development Director, Joe Grillo, at 609-771-2831 or [grilloj@tcnj.edu](mailto:grilloj@tcnj.edu) for more information.

Share this event on social media using #SustainableJersey



## Wanted: Innovative NJ Sustainable Energy Projects



The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for [municipalities](#) and [school districts](#). For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

To learn more about eligibility requirements for municipalities, click [HERE](#). To learn more about eligibility requirements for school districts, click [HERE](#).

This cycle will award:

- Two (2): \$30,000 grants
- Nine (9): \$10,000 grants

**[Application Deadline](#): Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 11:59pm**

### Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held to learn more about the application process, online submission procedures, eligible projects, and tips for a successful grant application.

**Monday, September 10, 2018, 3:00pm - 4:00pm**

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## Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

### Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation: Find Out How to Get Your Points

This course will review the Sustainable Jersey green infrastructure actions. If your municipality is struggling with localized flooding or unhealthy waterways, you must come to this workshop. There are 35 points available for green infrastructure planning and another 45 points available for green infrastructure implementation. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program has already completed green infrastructure plans for over 140 Sustainable Jersey municipalities. Come find out if you are one of them and how you can adopt these plans for Sustainable Jersey points. If a plan is not already developed for your municipality, information will be shared with you how to get one done.

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm**

Duke Farms - Farm Barn/Orientation Center  
1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

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**RESCHEDULED SOUTH JERSEY DATE COMING SOON**

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## Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event

### C-Change Primer Seminar

The Atlantic Cape-May Hub will host this multi-media introductory seminar on the science of climate change, developed by the non-partisan C-Change Conversation group in consultation with scientists, business leaders, and public policy experts working on the issue.

**Friday, September 21, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Ocean City Free Public Library  
1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226

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**Atlantic  
Cape May  
Counties**

### Building a Sustainable Future: Strategies for a Successful Community

The Tri-County Sustainability Alliance will host this event for sustainability enthusiasts and local green team members to gain resources to assist with outreach, expertise, education and more.

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## Other Upcoming Events

### National Drive Electric Week 2018

National Drive Electric Week, September 8-16, 2018, is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. Holding a Drive Electric event in your municipality can be submitted as part of Sustainable Jersey's [Make Your Town EV Friendly](#) action. To see which communities are holding events, and for further information about hosting your own event, click [here](#).

### 2018 National Solar Tour

This tour is a partnership between the American Solar Energy Society and Solar United Neighbors, and is a chance for people across the country to meet their neighbors and check out their solar systems. It's an opportunity to see local renewable energy in action, ask home and business owners about their experience going solar, and network with other solar tourists in your area. The tour will take place October 6 and 7. For more information, visit their [website](#).

### Accelerate Land Reuse for Community Revitalization Workshop

This workshop, sponsored by the Center for Creative Land Recycling, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, NJ Business Action Center, and US EPA, addresses legal liability, regulatory issues, funding resources, assessment/remediation, and community engagement to turbo charge redevelopment projects. Caroline Ehrlich, Executive Director of Woodbridge Township's Redevelopment Agency and Sustainable Jersey Board member, joins the, "Lightning Rounds: Ask the Expert" panel to spotlight Woodbridge's experience in gaining support and funding for brownfield redevelopment projects in Woodbridge and answer your questions on municipal leadership. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to speak with public and private sector experts during an "Office Hours Consultation." For more information, please click the Register link(s) below.

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 8:30am - 2:30pm**

Middlesex Fire Academy  
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872

[REGISTER](#)

**Thursday, October 18, 2018, 8:30am - 2:30pm**

The Salvation Army Kroc Center  
1865 Harrison Avenue, Camden, NJ 08105

[REGISTER](#)

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## Does Your Green Team Have a One-Day Project that Could Use 10-20 Energetic Volunteers?

As part of the partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the Center for Community Engaged Learning and Research (CLER) at The College of New Jersey, we are pleased to announce an opportunity for Sustainable Jersey municipalities to enlist students from The College of New Jersey to support your green team on a specific project that contributes to your Sustainable Jersey certification. Possible projects include:

- Establishing and/or maintaining community gardens and raingardens
- Removing invasive species from a park as part of a larger community improvement plan
- Tree and shrub planting for reforestation and erosion control

- Community asset mapping in neighborhoods

Projects may take place from mid-September to early November. For more information, click [HERE](#).

**Application Deadline: Sunday, September 2, 2018 at midnight**

*Municipalities may submit more than one proposal for different projects on different days. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis up until the September 2 deadline. Applicants can expect to hear back within two weeks of submitting the application.*

***This opportunity does not conflict with the Sustainable Jersey Grant Program cycles.***



## Other Opportunities

### AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program Recruitment

The AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program is an environmental community service program administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Twenty members are selected each year to raise public awareness about water and watershed issues and to promote stewardship through direct community involvement. Ambassadors are placed with host agencies in each of New Jersey's twenty Watershed Management Areas and work with local non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools, utilities authorities, and citizens to improve water quality through education and restoration projects such as stream cleanups, invasive species removal, rain barrel workshops etc. Recruitment for the 2018-2019 term of the NJ Watershed Ambassadors program is currently underway. **Candidates are especially needed in Watershed Management Areas 9 (Lower Raritan/Lawrence Brook) and 10 (Millstone River Watershed).** For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, August 31, 2018**

### ANJEC 2018 Environmental Achievement Award Nominations

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) Environmental Achievement Award program recognizes exceptional projects carried out by environmental commissions and groups. Projects that begun no earlier than January 1, 2016 and completed by August 31, 2018 are eligible. Award categories include: environmental commission project; non-profit or community organization or board; and a recurring project. For more information, click [here](#).

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2018**

### 2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects throughout the state. The program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. For more information, along with categories eligible for nomination, visit the [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 5, 2018, at 5:00pm**

## Green Team Resources

### Home Energy Upgrades for You and Your Residents

If your environmental/green team is looking to obtain points towards the Sustainable Jersey Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach action to promote [Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®](#), please contact Kimberly Hoff at [Kimberly.hoff@NJCleanEnergy.com](mailto:Kimberly.hoff@NJCleanEnergy.com) or call her at 732-218-3410. Kimberly is a Market Outreach Manager with *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™* and can meet with your team to brainstorm on the best way to reach your residents.

New Jersey's [Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program](#) (HPwES) offers generous rebates and low-interest loans to homeowners to upgrade their homes to more energy efficient and comfortable dwellings. HPwES, which is administered by the Board of Public Utilities and its [Clean Energy Program](#), has upgraded the energy efficiency of over 30,000 homes in NJ since 2006. HPwES not only saves energy and money, it also addresses health and safety issues prior to making a home more energy efficient.

## Funding Opportunities

### Safe Routes to School Grants - Deadline Extended

Creating walkable and bikeable communities is a successful strategy for maintaining and restoring economic vitality and improving public health in any community. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to advancing projects that enhance safety, renew the aging infrastructure, improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and support new and alternative transportation opportunities. These grants may be used for infrastructure (construction) projects which encourage and enable students from grades K-8 to safely walk and bike to school within a two mile radius. Municipalities, counties, schools, and school districts are eligible to apply. For more information, click [here](#).

**Application Deadline Extended: September 18, 2018**

### NJDOT Commitment to Communities Initiative

Applications are now being accepted for several of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2019 State Aid programs. The initiative is designed to ensure local governments succeed in delivering transportation projects that improve the quality of life for those traveling in and through New Jersey. Each of the four programs are evaluated independently, affording local governments the opportunity to receive funding from more than one grant program. **The application deadline for all programs is October 8, 2018.** For more information, visit the [website](#).

#### Municipal Aid Program

This program funds local transportation projects, such as those that support walking and biking within the community. All municipalities are eligible to apply.

#### Bikeways

This \$1 million program is intended to fund bicycle projects which create new Bike Path Mileage. Special consideration will be given to bikeways that are physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier. On-road bike lanes and other bike routes and facilities are also eligible for funding. All municipalities and counties are eligible to apply.

#### Safe Streets to Transit

This \$1 million program encourages counties and municipalities to construct safe and accessible pedestrian linkages to transit facilities in order to promote increased usage of transit by all segments of the population.

#### Transit Village

This \$1 million program will award grants for traditional and non-traditional transportation projects that enhance walking, biking and/or transit ridership within a half mile of the transit facility. Eligible applicants include municipalities [designated as a Transit Village](#).

## Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **Sept. 2:** Volunteer Services Application Deadline
- **Sept. 10:** Gardinier Grant Webinar
- **Sept. 19:** Green Infrastructure Workshop
- **Sept. 21:** Atlantic-Cape May Hub Event
- **Oct. 4:** Tri-County Sustainability Alliance Event
- **Oct. 31:** Gardinier Grant Application Deadline
- **Nov. 13:** Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

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