



New! August Sustainability Hero

The August 2018 Sustainability Hero is John Henry, STEAM & Sustainable Schools Specialist at the New Jersey School Boards Association. Read about how he has devoted the last fifteen years to advancing sustainability across a broad range of educational venues from K-12 schools, colleges and universities, government agencies and state departments of education. See how NASA, the U.S. Green Building Council, a STEAM Tank Challenge and the NJ Green Program of Study 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.

Wanted: Innovative NJ Sustainable Energy Projects



The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for both [municipalities](#) and [school districts](#). For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund energy 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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FREE Complete Streets Training for Municipalities

The full day workshop covers a range of topics, including what complete streets are and why they are important; policy, implementation and design guidance; and funding sources. For more information, visit the [Sustainable Jersey website Events & Trainings page](#), or click on the link below to register.

This workshop qualifies for 6.5 New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Continuing Competency credits (CPCs) and 6.5 AICP Certification Maintenance credits (CM) through Rutgers University

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
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Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

Strategically Maximizing the Energy Efficiency of Your Building Portfolio Webinar

Combining New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) incentives with a strategic vision can help schools and municipalities finance energy efficiency upgrades to their facilities. Planning efforts can start with Energy Tracking and Management to highlight current energy use. The next steps involve assessing energy upgrade projects and identifying available incentives from both NJCEP and utilities that can help bring projects from planning to implementation.

For the past four summers, Sustainable Jersey has partnered with New Jersey Natural Gas and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to provide onsite technical energy assistance to local officials. This program has matched highly trained EDF Fellows with New Jersey schools and municipalities to identify energy savings opportunities through an individualized strategic approach.

Come join us for this one hour webinar as this year's EDF Fellows guide you through the process they used to help their clients address their unique energy needs. Learn how measuring current energy use and planning for energy efficiency can help your school or municipality identify opportunities for leveraging NJCEP and utility incentives to maximize potential energy savings -- and cost savings -- for your facilities.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
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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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Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Wheaten Art Center - Event Center
1501 Glasstown Road, Millville, NJ 08332

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July Blog: Sustainable Jersey - This is what a movement looks like

The 2018 New Jersey Sustainability Summit included over 350 change-makers from across the political, private, and public sectors of New Jersey. An inspiring keynote address from First Lady Tammy Murphy, followed by 12 breakout sessions, gave green teams, environmental commissions, committed local citizens, business administrators and local leaders information and tools to work toward a Sustainable New Jersey. Read about how Sustainable Jersey is helping create a movement from the bottom up in the [July Dodge Blog](#).



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 rain gardens
- 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.***

New Action Unveiled!

Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the [Enhanced Stormwater Management Control Ordinance](#) is now available! This action awards points to municipalities that adopt a Stormwater Management Control

Ordinance that goes beyond state minimum requirements to improve water quality and reduce local flood risks. The ordinance seeks to achieve these higher goals through new retention requirements, a lower threshold for applicability to development and redevelopment, and additional requirements for green (vs. gray) infrastructure. This action awards between 10 and 30 points based on the scope of work completed.

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 begun 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

Green Team Resources

Informing Your Community about Energy Cost Saving Incentives

As a partner with Sustainable Jersey, *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*™ (NJCEP) Outreach Team offers assistance to Sustainable Jersey Regional Hubs and Green Teams to provide a deeper understanding of NJCEP and its benefits to your community. NJCEP offers incentives to undertake energy audits and energy efficiency upgrades, such as the [Direct Install](#) program for businesses and the [Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®](#) and [Comfort Partners](#) programs for residents.

The Outreach Team is available to present NJCEP details at your Hub or Green Team meetings, providing literature and answering questions via phone or email. This information can help Hub/Green Team members become more comfortable sharing NJCEP with local residents and businesses. The NJCEP Outreach Team is available to present or participate in public outreach events organized by Hubs and Green Teams.

These resources can help your municipality earn points for the [Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach](#) action and the [Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach](#) action. Both of these actions can help your municipality achieve the [Gold Star Standard in Energy!](#)

To discuss ideas and options, contact the NJCEP Outreach Team Manager at Outreach@NJCleanEnergy.com.

Funding Opportunities

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!

- **August 14:** Energy Efficiency Webinar
- **August 21:** Complete Streets Workshop
- **Sept. 2:** Volunteer Services Application Deadline
- **Sept. 10:** Gardinier Grant Webinar
- **Sept. 19 & 26:** Green Infrastructure Workshops
- **Oct. 31:** Gardinier Grant Application Deadline

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