



Mayors and Local Leaders Gather on Climate Goals

Mayors from across New Jersey agree it is time they take a leadership role on climate change. Over 175 mayors, officials and leaders from municipalities large and small attended the sold-out NJ Mayor's Climate Summit on Saturday. At the event, the first twelve mayors formally pledged to work with Sustainable Jersey to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in their towns. Read the pledge [here](#). First Lady Tammy Murphy made a surprise visit to impress upon the audience that the Administration will be a partner with local governments in reaching our collective climate goals. View a highlight reel of the First Lady's comments and the full mayors news conference [here](#). For speaker presentations and more details on the event, click [here](#).



Additional mayors are encouraged to sign the pledge and consult with Sustainable Jersey on strategies to get your town moving towards the [Gold Star Standard in Energy](#). For more information, contact Nancy Quirk at 609-771-2902, quirkn@tnj.edu.

New! February Sustainability Hero Announced

The February 2018 Sustainability Hero is Mike Hornsby, the former Chair of the West Windsor Environmental Commission. Read about how Mike has spent the last 40 years making New Jersey more sustainable. See how climate change, electric vehicles, NJIT, the Manhattan Project, Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Company and John Nash 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.



Take a Dip in the Funding Pool



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Is your municipality ready to test the sustainability project waters? Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a grants program cycle for municipalities. The 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](#).

Recorded Webinar

An informational webinar was held to review the online application process, requirements, and tips for successful applications. View the recording and presentation [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 11:59pm

This Week! Plan Your Recertification

Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification

Is your town's certification expiring in 2018, 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 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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Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (NEW TIME!)

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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 200 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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View all recorded webinar presentations [HERE](#)

Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event

Sharing Positive Energy

Energy efficiency measures are one of the best ways to reduce your town's greenhouse gas emissions. Join the Atlantic-Cape May Hub to learn about strategies for your town to move the commercial and residential sectors towards greater energy efficiency. You will hear about incentives from utilities and the NJ Clean Energy Program, and case

studies from the ground. Sustainable Jersey's Energy Program Manager, Nancy Quirk, will also discuss an overview of the [Gold Standard in Energy](#), which includes solar and electric vehicle strategies for you municipality.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

NJM Insurance Group
840 12th Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037

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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 Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey, we are please to announce an opportunity for Sustainable Jersey communities to enlist students from The College of New Jersey to support your municipality's green team on a specific project that contributes to your Sustainable Jersey certification. Sample projects include but are not limited to:

- Establishing and/or maintaining community gardens or 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

All projects must be within an hour drive of The College of New Jersey. For more information, including available service days, click [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: Monday, February 19, 2018 at midnight



If interested, but unable to submit an application by this date, contact Megan Nicholson at nicholm@tnj.edu or 609-771-2421.

Other Upcoming Events

Bringing Together Sustainability Experts in New Jersey

The Sustainability Speaker Series (S3), sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Sustainability, provides a forum to share ideas and strategies to expand social, environmental and economic sustainability within New Jersey. S3 brings together sustainability experts and New Jersey leaders from diverse sectors to discuss how organizations can incorporate sustainability into business decisions. Events are open to everyone, including businesses, colleges, government officials, schools, nonprofits, and residents. For more information visit their [website](#).

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Thursday, February 22, 2018, 9:30am - 11:00am

Earth Friendly Products Manufacturing Plant
50 Lackawanna Avenue, Parsippany, NJ 07054
REGISTER - email Sustainability@dep.nj.gov

Incorporating Health into Planning and Decision-Making

The New Jersey Health Impact Collaborative (NJHIC) will lead an introductory training on health impact assessment as a tool to promote community health and equity in planning processes and decision-making. Participants will engage in group exercises related to HIA steps, discuss opportunities and challenges to integrating health into planning and policy

processes, and learn about new statewide collaborative initiatives and emerging tools to build capacity for health advancement in planning, and to support health in all policies. For more information, visit their [website](#).

A town can earn 10 points toward Sustainable Jersey certification for the [Health in All Policies Professional Development](#) action if three elected or appointed officials, or staff members attend this training. Attendees must include at least one from the planning board, one the health department, and one from the governing body.

Friday, February 23, 2018, 9:00am - 3:00pm
State Operator Training Center
18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
[REGISTER](#) - Cost: \$125; \$95 for two or more people

For more upcoming events visit our [Events & Trainings page](#)

FREE Tree Seedlings through the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign

Are you planning an Arbor Day event this year and looking for a cost-effective way to get trees to plant? Through the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign, your community can receive up to **2,000 FREE tree seedlings** to distribute to residents to help create defining neighborhoods and replenish those that have been lost over time. The seedlings will be available for pickup between March 29 and May 4. A tree planting and educational event focused around Arbor Day is one activity that would contribute to Sustainable Jersey's [Community Education and Outreach action](#), and may also help support the [Tree Planting Programs action](#).

[Application Deadline](#): February 26, 2018

Funding Opportunities

Upstream Action Acceleration

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and New Jersey Health Initiatives support a broad range of community-focused service delivery projects aimed at creating healthier communities across New Jersey. This current call for proposals is intended to further Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's vision of building a Culture of Health by supporting existing community-focused, cross-sector coalitions to advance their efforts in adopting and implementing "upstream" environmental, policy, and systems change strategies, and accelerate their work in areas they have already identified as priorities to improve community health. For more information, visit their [website](#).

[Call for Proposals Deadline](#): March 1, 2018 at 3pm

Deadline Extended: Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has established a compressed natural gas (CNG) grant program available for Class 5 through 8 vehicles. The \$200,000 grant program will fund the incremental cost of a CNG powered vehicle over the equivalent diesel vehicle. Awards will be capped at \$25,000 per vehicle and \$50,000 per applicant and will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Eligibility is open to vehicles registered in New Jersey. Eligible applicants for the grant program include municipalities, political subdivisions, incorporated nonprofit entities, corporations and limited liability companies or partnerships registered to do business in New Jersey. For more information, visit their [website](#).

[Application Deadline](#): April 2, 2018

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!

- **Feb. 7:** Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification Webinars
- **Feb. 21:** Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified Webinar
- **Feb. 21:** Sharing Positive Energy Regional Hub Event
- **Feb. 28:** PSEG Grant Application Deadline

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