



New! June Sustainability Hero

The July 2018 Sustainability Hero is Christine Symington the Program Director for Sustainable Princeton. Read about how her leadership skills and ability to manage complex projects has made her the go-to person in Princeton as it relates to energy and the larger sustainability movement. See how a climate action plan, a green business recognition program, electric vehicle charging stations and sci-fi 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.



Complete Technical Assistance Program and Training

Sustainable Jersey, the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and Together North Jersey are offering free technical assistance and training to support implementation of complete streets at the municipal level.

Complete Streets are roads designed for all users, including motor vehicles (cars, buses, and trucks), bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. The successful implementation of this concept requires a focus on context and the unique needs of the community.

COMPLETE STREETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program will support efforts to implement complete streets projects in nine municipalities through free direct technical assistance to complete a specific task. No direct funding to municipalities is provided. Municipalities in the NJTPA's 13-county region (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties) are eligible to apply. Visit the [Sustainable Jersey website Grants & Resources page](#) to learn more about this unique opportunity. **Any questions must be submitted in accordance with the guidance at the [Sustainable Jersey website Grants & Resources page](#).**

Application Deadline: Friday, July 27, 2018

FREE COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING FOR MUNICIPALITIES - NEW DATE ADDED!

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.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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447 Municipalities Participating

Welcome new registrant Riverside Township in Burlington County - we look forward to certifying you! Did you know that 79% of New Jersey municipalities are participating in Sustainable Jersey, encompassing 89% of the state's population? Find out the status of your town on the [Participating Communities Map](#).

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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Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm

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

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Other Upcoming Events

Together North Jersey Institute: Pedestrian Safety Workshop

This workshop will walk participants through a series of strategies aimed at creating safe and vibrant places for pedestrians. It will explore where pedestrian-related improvement should be prioritized, what makes a place more pedestrian friendly, how to slow traffic, and how infrastructure design standards can help accomplish these goals. The workshop will also highlight programs that communities can use to plan, build and even help pay for pedestrian safety improvements, and potentially put you on the path to earning points for the [pedestrian related actions in the Sustainable Jersey program](#).

Friday, July 13, 2018, 8:30am - 12:30pm

New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program

On July 6, 2018, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities released a Public Notice and Request for Comments in the matter of the New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program (Docket No. QO18060646). The Request for Comments is available [HERE](#). Please address all inquiries pertaining to this matter to communiysolar@njcleanenergy.com.

A stakeholder meeting will be held by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) on July 24, to discuss a number of issues to inform the development of the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. The Pilot Program will enable utility customers to participate in a solar energy project that may be remotely located from their properties and receive a credit on their utility bills for their participation. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 10:00am - 6:00pm

Rutgers University College Avenue Student Center, Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor
126 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

NJDEP Recycling Awards Application

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in conjunction with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers, annually recognizes excellence in recycling. The goal is to highlight the success of government agencies, businesses, individuals, organizations and others who go beyond the norm to advance recycling and make these examples available to others who may emulate them. You are encouraged to self-nominate, or nominate an organization/individual that you believe is doing an excellent job. For more information, visit the [website](#).

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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

Funding Walk and Bike Friendly Communities

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 supporting new and alternative transportation opportunities. Two funding opportunities are currently available.

Safe Routes to School Grants

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. A grant workshop will be held to provide information and tips and strategies for a strong application. Applications are due August 23. For more information on the grants, click [here](#).

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grants are community-based, non-traditional transportation projects (land and water) which expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment. Applications are due August 23. For more information, click [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **July 27:** Complete Streets Technical Assistance Application Deadline
- **August 21:** Complete Streets Workshop
- **Sept. 19 & 26:** Green Infrastructure Workshops

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