



## Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program Application Deadline July 27

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.



Image courtesy of NJDOT

### 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.**  
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy  
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
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## 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**

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

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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.**



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## 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.

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## Other Upcoming Events

### 2018 National Solar Tour

This tour is a partnership between the American 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](#).

### 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](mailto: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

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## 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

### 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.

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## 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 support 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, 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 for 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](#).

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

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