



New! March Sustainability Hero

The March 2018 Sustainability Hero is Tanya Oznowich who has served as the Environmental Education Supervisor at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the past 30 years. Read about how Tanya has spent her career raising awareness and integrating environmental education into schools, communities and homes. See how the Cleveland Metroparks, the NJ Commission on Environmental Education, Woodsy Owl and the NJ Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education 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.

Municipalities are on the Front Lines of Climate Change

Our friends at the Rutgers Climate Institute produced [this compelling 3 minute video](#) on the Sustainable Jersey program and how municipalities are leading the charge to combat the negative effects of climate change. Watch as the mayors of Hoboken, Woodbridge, Chatham Borough, and Glen Rock share what they have been doing locally.

Special Opportunity for Municipalities and School Districts Served by NJNG! FREE Technical Assistance with Energy-Related Initiatives



Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide free technical assistance to municipalities and schools **within the NJNG service territory**. The program will provide a trained EDF Fellow, typically an MBA or similar graduate with speciality training in energy project assessment and development, to work for 10 weeks during the summer of 2018 at **no cost** to implement Sustainable Jersey energy efficiency and/or renewable energy actions. For more information visit our [website](#).

Sample Projects

Are you curious about the types of projects that EDF Climate Corps fellows have worked on since 2015?

In 2016, EDF Fellow Christopher Lavellee used utility bill data to create energy baselines for two townships that enabled them to apply for free Local Government Energy Audits (LGEA) through the NJ Clean Energy Program. Chris also spurred the development of both school district and individual school green teams in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, and encouraged schools to apply for the PowerSave Schools program--a funding resource that incorporates energy-efficiency as part of the curricula to better educate students on sustainability. The work done by Chris ultimately saved the schools money and earned them points towards their Sustainable Jersey certifications.

Learn more about the projects supported [here](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11:59pm

Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

Success Stories in Commercial Energy Efficiency

This webinar will highlight successful approaches used by Sustainable Jersey green teams to implement commercial energy efficiency programs in New Jersey communities. By encouraging local businesses to complete energy efficiency improvements through the Direct Install program, green teams are helping to reduce community energy usage and the local carbon footprint, leading to a more sustainable future for the community as a whole. Completion of the [Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach](#) action could also potentially meet one of the requirements for earning a [Gold Star in Energy](#).

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Success Stories in Residential Energy Efficiency

This webinar will highlight successful collaborations between green team members and municipal officials to implement effective outreach programs to increase adoption of the Home Performance with Energy Star and Comfort Partners programs offered to homeowners by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. Completion of the [Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach](#) action could also potentially meet one of the requirements for earning a [Gold Star in Energy](#).

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Save the Date! 2018 New Jersey Sustainability Summit

Every year Sustainable Jersey brings a unique mix of public, private, state and local partners together to support communities in achieving remarkable progress. Last year, over 300 people attended the 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit to find ways that we can all work together to build local capacity for change and have a collective impact. Stay tuned for more information and registration link coming soon!

Thursday, June 21, 2018 at The College of New Jersey

View all recorded webinar presentations [HERE](#)

Other Upcoming Events

Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions

The Association of Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and other experts will hold this training focused on

Environmental Commissions (EC). Topics include: responsibilities and powers of an EC; funding opportunities; site plan review; creating/updating an ERI/NRI; Municipal master plan; and reviewing and updating ordinances. Points are eligible in the Sustainable Jersey Program for the completion of the [Environmental Commission](#), [EC Site Plan Review](#), and [Natural Resources Inventory](#) action. For more information, visit their [website](#).

[REGISTER](#) - there is a fee to register for this event

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 9:00am - 1:30pm

Washington Township Municipal Building (Gloucester County)
523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ 08080

SAVE THE DATE! Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Information Meeting

Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 7 directing the Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities to take all necessary regulatory and administrative measures to ensure New Jersey's timely return to full participation in RGGI. An informational meeting will be held about New Jersey's return to RGGI, including background on the changes that have occurred over the last 10 years in the energy space, and dialog on the key regulatory issues that need to be addressed for a smooth transition. For more information please contact NJRGGI@dep.nj.gov.

March 29, 2018 in the DEP's Public Hearing Room

New Jersey WasteWise Business Network Meeting

The next meeting of the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network will feature presentations on how to use social media to promote your recycling program, office supply reuse programs, recycling electronics from the business sector, and a case study of Raritan Valley Community College's award winning Waste Reduction, Recycling and Sustainability Programs. **New Jersey Certified Recycling Professionals will earn 2.5 recertification credits for attending.**

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9:30am - 12:00pm

New Jersey Forensic Science Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691

REGISTER - email Steven Rinaldi at Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov

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

Funding Opportunities

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](#)

2018 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Projects Grants

The Association of Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is now accepting applications from environmental commissions for grants of up to \$1500 each for local open space stewardship projects. Eligible projects include things like creating an [Open Space Plan](#) and [Easement Inventory & Outreach](#), which can garner points in the Sustainable Jersey program, as well as multi-town plans to link open space or trails, management of invasive species and much more. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: April 13, 2018

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program Stewardship Grant

This grant, supported by the NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program, provides funding to support local governments and shade tree commissions with the implementation of an approved comprehensive Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). There are two grant categories available for funding: resiliency planning and reforestation and tree planting. A webinar will be held March 23 at 12:00pm on eligibility requirements, and will provide application/proposal guidance. Register for the webinar [here](#). For more information about the grant level of funding available in each category, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: April 23, 2018

Living Shorelines Grant & Technical Assistance Program

The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey (TNC-NJ) is offering grants and technical assistance to help communities overcome barriers to implementing living shorelines as a nature-based solution to coastal erosion, and other coastal hazards. TNC-NJ will be offering grants ranging from \$5,000 up to \$35,000 for design, permitting, and/or construction of living shorelines. Eligible applicants include non-profits, community associations, academic institutions, local governments, and consultants. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: May 4, 2018

The Recycling Partnership Cart Grant

The Recycling Partnership is a national nonprofit that uses highly leveraged grants coupled with technical assistance to help improve and empower communities. This grant will provide funding (up to \$7/cart) and technical assistance to upgrade residential curbside recycling programs by providing carts to households as well as education. Applications are open to counties, municipalities, and solid waste authorities/districts with 4,000 or more households. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: Rolling

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!

- **April 4:** Commercial Energy Efficiency Webinar
- **April 13:** EDF Fellow Application Deadline
- **May 2:** Residential Energy Efficiency Webinar
- **June 21:** Sustainability Summit

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