



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

Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program

The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey (TNC) is partnering with Sustainable Jersey to offer this program to municipalities and school districts to support their efforts to undertake floodplain reforestation initiatives on public or private land. Program participants will receive technical assistance to design planting projects and funding to cover materials (trees and protection) associated with plantings. Projects costing between \$1,000 and \$20,000 are eligible.

Activities resulting from this grant/technical assistance opportunity could potentially apply to the [Community Education & Outreach](#) or [Innovative Community Project](#) actions. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, March 16, 2018 at 11:59pm

Recorded Webinar

An informational webinar was held to learn about why floodplain reforestation is important and what's involved, how to select a site and develop a plan, the technical assistance and funding available, and how to apply to be part of the program. View the recording and webinar [here](#).

Living Shorelines Grants & 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. An informational webinar will be held Thursday, March 15 at 10:00am - register [here](#). For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: May 4, 2018

Sustainability in Action: Five Success Stories

In the Winter 2018 issue of the Sustainable Jersey Newsletter, five success stories were highlighted including: Pedal Power in Eldridge Park Elementary School; an Energy Aggregation Program in Essex County; work of a 2017 Environmental Defense Fund Fellow with a town and two school districts to help them reduce energy costs; Mayors' Climate Summit; and a tree inventory grant in Cranford Township. Read all of these inspiring stories [here](#).

Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

Bronze, Silver or Gold? Success Stories in Municipal Energy Efficiency

Municipalities large and small have experienced increased comfort and decreased utility bills from implementing energy efficiency upgrades in town halls, libraries, and recreation centers, among others. Learn how towns have utilized New Jersey's Clean Energy Program incentives to help achieve energy savings goals. Guidance will be provided on moving from energy audits to efficiency upgrades, transitioning from the Inventory and Upgrade All Buildings action, and municipal leaders will provide inspiring case studies.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

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

Redevelopment Forum

New Jersey Future's annual Redevelopment Forum is a day-long event that brings together more than 500 local and state officials, citizen activists, development professionals, architects, attorneys, planners, business leaders and students. Come learn best practices, share innovative ideas, and make our state a better place for tomorrow. Comprehensive workshops and panels feature impressive speakers with real world redevelopment experience. This year's panels cover a wide range of topics in redevelopment, including flooding, electric vehicles, marijuana regulation, affordable housing, redevelopment finance, and more. New this year will be two special sessions: a millennial "reverse" town hall and a series of rapid-fire five-minute presentations using the internationally successful Ignite format. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Friday, March 9, 2018, 8:00am - 4:45pm

Hyatt Regency

Two Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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

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 10, 2018, 9:00am - 1:30pm

Tatum Park, Health Room (Monmouth County)

151 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:00am - 1:30pm

Roxbury Community Center (Morris County)

72 Eyeland Avenue, Roxbury, NJ 07852

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.**

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

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

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 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.

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

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

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!

- **March 7:** Municipal Energy Efficiency webinar
- **March 16:** Roots for Rivers Reforestation Application Deadline
- **April 13:** EDF Fellow Application Deadline
- **June 21:** Sustainability Summit

For more information visit www.sustainablejersey.com

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