2018 New Jersey Sustainability Summit

Sustainable Jersey brings together a unique mix of public and private, state and local partners to support communities in working toward a sustainable future. You will participate in thought provoking conversations that focus on engaging government, community, schools, business and academia in sustainable action. Review the list of breakout sessions here.

Session Spotlight: Whole Community Approaches to Sustainable Energy

Municipalities can support numerous community efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions, including solar outreach programs and programs to promote energy efficiency in homes and businesses. For example, Community Choice Aggregation allows a municipality to negotiate for electricity supply that includes a higher percentage of renewable energy than the state-mandated Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Learn strategies for reaching residents and navigating the processes from communities that are pursuing these efforts.

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

- $35: Elected and appointed officials; public and non-profit employees, green team volunteers
- $100: All other attendees

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Innovative Sustainability Projects Become a Reality

On Tuesday, May 8, Sustainable Jersey announced the thirty-two municipalities selected to receive a Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSEG Foundation. Four $20,000 grants, eight $10,000 grants and twenty $2,000 grants were distributed to fund a variety of projects including turtle habitat protection, environmental resource inventories, an electric vehicle charging station, single use plastic reduction campaigns, pond restoration, composting and food waste diversion, creative placemaking in a business district, raingardens, composting and food waste reduction, green team capacity building and more. Learn about the projects funded here.

Are You Ready to Hit Submit on your Sustainable Jersey Certification Application?

Don't let another year pass without achieving Sustainable Jersey certification. If your municipality is thinking about getting certified or recertified in 2018, there are only **two weeks left** until applications are due. All applications must be received by June 3 at 11:59pm.

Remember, although the majority of your actions should be completed by this date, additional documentation can be added during the application cycle.

Do You Have Questions or Need Assistance?

There are a variety of resources to assist you on the Sustainable Jersey website, as well as the Green Team Resources page.

- 2018 Application Cycle provides a timeline for review and resubmission process.
- Moving Up to Silver Certification webinar explains strategies to move from bronze to silver level certification.
- Stay in the Game! Strategize your Recertification webinar explains the recertification process.
- Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified webinar explains the certification process for first time applicants.
- Application User Guide provides a detailed overview of using your online application and submitting for certification.

Countdown to Certification Webinar

This webinar will be held to review what you need to know to insure that your application process is as smooth as possible. The webinar will review: 2018 application cycle, steps for submitting an application in June, overview of uploading documentation and submitting the application, and your questions.

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
REGISTER

If you have questions about your application, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha McGraw at 609-771-2938 or info@sustainablejersey.com.

Other Upcoming Events

Resilience Webinar Series

The Together North Jersey (NJTPA) Resilience Task Force and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) are co-sponsoring this three-part webinar series to explain approaches and tools available for resilience. The series emphasizes the path to implementation, highlights successful projects in North Jersey and elsewhere in the state, and provides information on funding opportunities. For more information, visit their website.

Climate Change & Wetland Restoration, Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
REGISTER

This webinar explains the importance of wetlands in mitigating the impacts of climate change and highlights funding sources and examples of successful wetlands projects implemented by North Jersey communities.

Green Infrastructure & Urban Resiliency, Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
REGISTER

This webinar explains the benefits of Green Infrastructure and the challenges associated with implementation and maintenance. It will also highlight successful projects implemented in North Jersey and available funding opportunities.

Resiliency Planning Tools, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
REGISTER

This webinar will briefly illustrate the key points of several online data analysis tools available to local decision

makers to understand the impacts of climate change. The webinar will also provide a live demonstration of some of these tools.

446 Municipalities Participating

Welcome Wildwood Crest Borough in Cape May County to the program. We look forward to certifying you! Did you know 79% of New Jersey's municipalities are participating in the program, comprising 89% of the state's population? View the status of your municipality on the Participating Communities Map.

Green Team Resources

Informing Your Community about Energy Cost Saving Incentives from NJCEP

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 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. For more information on the grants, visit their website.

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. For more information, visit their website.

Workshops

The following workshops will be held to provide information, tips, and strategies on developing successful

applications for the two grant opportunities:

- Monday, May 21, 2018, at 10am: Edward J. Bloustein School, Special Events Forum in New Brunswick
- Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10am: Cumberland County College, Forum Room in Vineland
- Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 10am: NJDOT Headquarters, Multi-purpose room in Trenton
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 10am: NJ Transportation Planning Authority, Training Room in Newark

REGISTER for all workshops

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **May 30:** Countdown to Certification Webinar
- **June 3:** Certification Application Deadline
- **June 21:** Sustainability Summit

For more information visit www.sustainablejersey.com

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