



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: It's Electric

The transportation sector contributes to nearly half of New Jersey's greenhouse gas emissions and is the largest source of air pollution that impacts community health. Planning for a transition to alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) is an important step that municipalities can take to reduce these sources of emissions. This session will provide ideas on how municipalities can encourage AFV adoption by readiness planning for development of fueling infrastructure such as EV charging stations. The session will also highlight fleet management practices that municipalities and schools can utilize to advance adoption of alternative fuel vehicles for transit, code officials, police, and other municipal vehicles.



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

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

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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 **six days 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 ensure 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

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



Upcoming Events

Free Workshop: Implementing Complete Streets at the Local Level

The concept of complete streets is to design streets for all users and all ability levels. The successful implementation of this concept requires a focus on context and the unique needs of the community. A variety of resources are available to assist municipal officials, staff, and the public in embarking on a connected and coordinated effort to advance implementation of complete streets at the municipal level.

This free workshop is a collaborative effort by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Sustainable Jersey, the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Together North Jersey. The full day training opportunity, scheduled on two different days at two different locations, is structured in four discrete sections, giving the participants the ability to make the most efficient use of their time by choosing the content that best meets their needs. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Workshop topics include:

- Crafting an effective complete streets policy
- Integrating complete streets into the local planning process
- Best practices in complete streets design
- Project development, design and delivery
- Building support through effective communications
- Federal, state and other funding resources available to support municipal efforts, including NJTPA's Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program

WORKSHOP DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS

Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 8:30am - 4:30pm

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
One Newark Center, 17th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

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Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Room 369
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Workshop Partners:



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.

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

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. Applications are due August 23. 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:

- 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

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Congratulations Bellmawr Borough on Your Community Garden!



On Tuesday, May 22, Bellmawr Borough officially opened its new community garden, located at the Bellmawr Senior Housing Complex. The garden was supported in part by a 2017 Sustainable Jersey \$10,000 grant funded by the PSEG Foundation.

"This grant will provide the opportunity to not only provide the Girl Scouts with the ability to physically grow a garden, but the interaction they will experience with their partners in this endeavor, our senior citizens, will be priceless. This project just makes Bellmawr better." said Councilman D'Angelo.

To learn more about the garden and the collaborating community groups that worked on the project, click [here](#).

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
- **June 26 & 27:** Complete Streets Workshops

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