



New! November Sustainability Heroes

The November 2018 Sustainability Heroes are Tara and Tim Kenyon, the Co-Chairs of Sustainable Manville located in Somerset County. Read about how they juggle planet-friendly professions while raising a family and volunteering their time to help Manville Borough achieve 2018 Sustainable Jersey certification after two years of hard work. See how community asset mapping, stormwater mitigation, Lost Valley Nature Park and the Ale N' 'Wich 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.

Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon Early Bird Ticket Prices Extended through November 6

The Sustainable Jersey annual luncheon takes place on the first day of the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. The Annual Luncheon is on Tuesday, November 13 from 12-2pm. **Ticket prices will increase on November 7.** To get the early bird price, register by November 6.

Annual Luncheon Highlights

- Pre-Luncheon Networking Session (10:30am - Noon)
- Luncheon (Noon - 2:00pm)
- Conveyance of Special Awards
- Recognition of the 2018 Sustainable Jersey Certified Communities

REGISTER for Early Bird Pricing by November 6

- \$35 per person for elected and appointed municipal officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members
- \$75 per person for all other attendees

*NOTE: **Costs increase November 7** to \$50 for elected and appointed officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members; \$100 other attendees. To get early bird pricing, make sure to register by Nov. 6.*

SESSION SPOTLIGHT: Pathways for Protecting and Improving Community Water Resources

This session will lay out best practices and new tools your community can implement to achieve improved water quality and sustainable water sources. Learn about the new Green Infrastructure Toolkit, the Watershed Explorer mapping and planning tool, and the Sustainable Jersey Gold Star in Water and its components, such as: planning and installing green infrastructure; assessing and restoring ground water recharge; and passing stormwater and riparian zone protection ordinances. *CPWM-2.0 Tech; Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary-1.5 Tech; Zoning Official-1.5 Tech; Land Use Administrator-1.5 Tech; CRP-1.5; CPC-1.5*



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Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program



The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey (TNC) is partnering with Sustainable Jersey and The Watershed Institute to offer this program to municipalities, school districts, and local non-profit and conservation organizations to support their efforts to undertake floodplain reforestation initiatives on public land. Program participants will receive technical assistance to design planting projects and funding to cover materials (only trees, tubes, and stakes) 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, December 14, 2018

Recorded Webinar

An informational webinar was held to learn about why floodplain reforestation is important and what it involves; how to select a site and develop a planting plan; the technical assistance and funding available; and how to apply to be part of the program. The webinar recording and presentation can be found on our website [here](#).

New Blog: Planting Trees to Restore NJ's Floodplains

This year Sustainable Jersey partnered with the Nature Conservancy on the Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program, to help catalyze floodplain restoration efforts across the state. Over \$48,000 was awarded to seven New Jersey municipalities and one school district for floodplain reforestation projects. This important work, completed by volunteers in Sustainable Jersey communities, contributes to creating a more sustainable New Jersey. Learn more about the work accomplished on [The Dodge Blog](#).



448 Municipalities Participating

Welcome new registrant Allentown Borough in Monmouth County, we look forward to certifying you! Did you know 79% of the towns in New Jersey are participating in Sustainable Jersey, encompassing 89% of the state's population? Find out the status of your town on the [Participating Communities Map](#).

2019 Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program

Registration is now open for the 2019 Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program. Offered by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, this program introduces non-scientists to the science underlying the key environmental issues in the Garden State and offers them training to solve problems in their respective communities. Participants may enroll in a program in January or February 2019, in one of the following counties: Atlantic, Essex, Middlesex, and Somerset. Participants do not need to be county residents to participate in the program. This is a wonderful opportunity for green teams to gain training that will help them work on Sustainable Jersey certification for their town. For more information, visit the [website](#).

[REGISTER](#) - Select the county in which you plan to take courses. Registration fee applies.

Award Recognition Nominations

2019 New Jersey Future Smart Growth Awards

Nominations are now open for New Jersey Future's 2019 Smart Growth Awards. These awards honor projects, policies, and plans in New Jersey that embody the principles of smart growth - compact development in centers near jobs and amenities, a range of housing options, a range of transportation choices, innovative repurposing of existing buildings, preservation of valuable open space, and protection against the threat of a changing climate. For more information, visit their [website](#).

[Application Deadline](#): Friday, January 18, 2019

Green Team Resources

Informing Your Community about Energy Cost Saving Incentives

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 the NJCEP Outreach Team Manager at Outreach@NJCleanEnergy.com.

Funding Opportunities

It Pay\$ to Plug In: New Jersey's Electric Vehicle Charging Grants Program

It Pay\$ to Plug In provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is designed to expand New Jersey's growing network of electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing residents, businesses, and government agencies to purchase and drive electric vehicles. EVs dramatically reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality for everyone.

It Pay\$ to Plug In has expanded its eligibility criteria to include workplaces, public places, and multi-unit dwellings (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses). The program is open to businesses, governments, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Private residential dwellings other than multi-unit dwellings are not eligible for grants.

Upon completion of work in accordance with the eligibility criteria, DEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs up to a maximum of:

- \$750 per Level 1 charging station
- \$5,000 per single-port Level 2 charging station
- \$6,000 per dual-port Level 2 charging station

All application forms can be found on [DriveGreen NJ](http://DriveGreen.NJ). Please direct questions to the Bureau of Mobile Sources at DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov.

Installation of electric vehicle charging stations by the municipality qualifies for points under the [Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure](#) action. Your municipality may also consider using the siting opportunity for the charging station(s) to [Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly](#) for additional points.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **Nov. 6:** Last day to register for early bird Annual Luncheon pricing
- **Nov. 13:** Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon
- **Dec. 14:** Roots for Rivers Grant Application Deadline

For more information visit www.sustainablejersey.com

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