

Need Inspiration? Meet the 2018 Sustainability Champions and Award Winners at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

The Sustainable Jersey municipal awards recognize the outstanding work being done at the local level. The Sustainability Champion award recognizes municipalities that have scored the most points in the Sustainable Jersey certification program in three population categories. Which New Jersey towns will receive this title in 2018? Meet the champions at the 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 Today for Early Bird Pricing!

- \$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 5 to \$50 for elected and appointed officials, public and non-profit employees, and green team members; \$100 other attendees

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SUSTAINABLE JERSEY ANNUAL LUNCHEON

November 13, 2018

Jersey City receives 2017 Creativity & Innovation Award

A wide range of event sponsorships are available. Please contact Sustainable Jersey's Development Director, Joe Grillo, at 609-771-2831 or grillog@tcnj.edu for more information, or visit our website.

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Wanted: Innovative Energy Projects







The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for <u>municipalities</u> and <u>school districts</u>. For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will support projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

To learn more about eligibility requirements for municipalities, click <u>HERE</u>. To learn more about eligibility requirements for school districts, click <u>HERE</u>.

This cycle will award:

• Two (2): \$30,000 grants

• Nine (9): \$10,000 grants

Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 11:59pm

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar was held to learn more about the application process, online submission procedures, eligible projects, and tips for a successful grant application. The recording and presentation can be found on the <u>Municipal</u> and <u>Schools</u> websites.

Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation: Find Out How to Get Your Points

This course will review the Sustainable Jersey green infrastructure actions. If your municipality is struggling with localized flooding or unhealthy waterways, you must come to this workshop. There are 35 points available for green infrastructure planning and another 45 points available for green infrastructure implementation in the Sustainable Jersey program. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program has already completed green infrastructure plans for over 140 Sustainable Jersey municipalities. Come find out if you are one of them and how you can adopt these plans for Sustainable Jersey points. If a plan is not already developed for your municipality, information will be shared with you on how to get one done.

Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm Duke Farms - Farm Barn/Orientation Center 1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 REGISTER

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm Wheaten Art Center - Event Center 1000 Village Drive, Millville, NJ 08332 REGISTER

Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event

Building a Sustainable Future: Strategies for a Successful Community

The Tri-County Sustainability Alliance will host this event for sustainability enthusiasts and local green team members to gain resources to assist with outreach, expertise, education and more.

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 6:00pm - 9:00pm Rowan College at Gloucester County 1400 Tanyard Road, Deptford Township, NJ 08080 REGISTER



2018 National Solar Tour

This tour is a partnership between the American Solar Energy Society and Solar United Neighbors, and is a chance for people across the country to meet their neighbors and check out their solar systems. It's an opportunity to see local renewable energy in action, ask home and business owners about their experience going solar, and network with other solar tourists in your area. The tour will take place October 6 and 7. For more information, visit their website.

Complying with NJ Stormwater Regulations Workshop

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions will host this workshop to discuss how the use of green stormwater infrastructure can provide cost-effective, environmentally-beneficial solutions to problems like street flooding, stream damage, and degraded water quality. Municipalities that have made a difference in managing stormwater will be highlighted, along with how to amend/add to existing ordinances for better resource management.

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Duke Farms - Orientation Farm Barn 1122 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 REGISTER - Fee applies for non-members

Accelerate Land Reuse for Community Revitalization Workshop

This workshop, sponsored by the Center for Creative Land Recycling, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, NJ Business Action Center, and US EPA, addresses legal liability, regulatory issues, funding resources, assessment/remediation, and community engagement to turbo charge redevelopment projects. Caroline Ehrlich, Executive Director of Woodbridge Township's Redevelopment Agency and Sustainable Jersey Board member, joins the, "Lightning Rounds: Ask the Expert" panel to spotlight Woodbridge's experience in gaining support and funding for brownfield redevelopment projects and answer your questions on municipal leadership. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to speak with public and private sector experts during an "Office Hours Consultation." For more information, please click the Register link(s) below.

Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 8:30am - 2:30pmMiddlesex Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872
REGISTER

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 8:30am - 2:30pm The Salvation Army Kroc Center 1865 Harrison Avenue, Camden, NJ 08105 REGISTER

2018 Environmental Congress

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions will hold its 45th Annual Environmental Congress on October 12. This statewide gathering brings together Environmental Commissions, local officials, agencies, citizen groups, and environmental organizations. For more information, visit their website.

Thursday, October 12, 2018, 9:00am - 4:00pm
The Conference Center at Mercer County Community College
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
REGISTER - Fee applies

Other Opportunities

2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects throughout the state. The program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank,

and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. For more information, along with categories eligible for nomination, visit the website.

Application Deadline: Friday, October 5, 2018, at 5:00pm

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 <u>Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®</u>, please contact Kimberly Hoff at <u>Kimberly.hoff@NJCleanEnergy.com</u> 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 <u>Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program</u> (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 <u>Clean Energy Program</u>, 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

NJDOT Commitment to Communities Initiative

Applications are now being accepted for several of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2019 State Aid programs. The initiative is designed to ensure local governments succeed in delivering transportation projects that improve the quality of life for those traveling in and through New Jersey. Each of the four programs are evaluated independently, affording local governments the opportunity to receive funding from more than one grant program. **The application deadline for all programs is October 8, 2018**. For more information, visit the website.

Municipal Aid Program

This program funds local transportation projects, such as those that support walking and biking within the community. All municipalities are eligible to apply.

Bikeways

This one million dollar program is intended to fund bicycle projects that create new Bike Path Mileage. Special consideration will be given to bikeways that are physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier. On-road bike lanes and other bike routes and facilities are also eligible for funding. All municipalities and counties are eligible to apply.

Safe Streets to Transit

This one million dollar program encourages counties and municipalities to construct safe and accessible pedestrian linkages to transit facilities in order to promote increased usage of transit by all segments of the population.

Transit Village

This one million dollar program will award grants for traditional and non-traditional transportation projects that enhance walking, biking and/or transit ridership within a half mile of the transit facility. Eligible applicants include municipalities <u>designated as a Transit Village</u>.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- Sept. 19: Green Infrastructure Workshop
- Sept. 21: Atlantic-Cape May Hub Event
- Oct. 4: Tri-County Sustainability Alliance Event
- Oct. 31: Gardinier Grant Application Deadline
- Nov. 13: Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

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