



## New! September Sustainability Hero

The September 2018 Sustainability Hero is Dr. Diane C. Bates who is a professor of sociology at The College of New Jersey. Read about how for over 18 years she has shared her insights into environmental sociology through her teaching, research and writing. See how the Sustainable Jersey Diversity and Equity Task Force, Superstorm Sandy, Anthel Elementary School Green Team, Ecuadorian Amazon and Humboldt State University fit into her 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 to be recognized as a sustainability hero, complete the [submission form](#) and e-mail it to us at [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com).



## Reserve Your Spot! Join us for the 2018 Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon

Join us in Atlantic City for the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon - the premier celebration for New Jersey's sustainability community. This gathering includes leaders in the sustainability movement representing businesses, academic institutions, and over 445 New Jersey municipalities participating in the Sustainable Jersey program.

### 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*

### Event Sponsorship Information

A wide range of event sponsorships are available. Please contact Sustainable Jersey's Development Director, Joe Grillo, at 609-771-2831 or [grilloj@tcnj.edu](mailto:grilloj@tcnj.edu) for more information.



Share this event on social media using #SustainableJersey



---

## Mark your Calendar: Informational Webinar on Funding Opportunity for Energy Projects Monday



The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for [municipalities](#) and [school districts](#). 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 [HERE](#). To learn more about eligibility requirements for school districts, click [HERE](#).

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 will be held to learn more about the application process, online submission procedures, eligible projects, and tips for a successful grant application. If you are unable to attend the webinar, or would like to reference it at a later date, the webinar recording and presentation will be posted on both the [municipal](#) and [school](#) websites.

**Monday, September 10, 2018, 3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
[REGISTER](#)

---

## August Blog: Getting College Students Involved in Community Service

Most people who are lifelong volunteers are active because they feel strongly about a cause or want to connect with their community. Helping busy college students find community service opportunities while in school is a great way to inspire a lifetime of civic participation. This is especially important for students who are living in a place other than their home town for four years while earning their degree. Learn about how The College of New Jersey's Center for Community Engaged Learning and Research (CELRL) presents students with community engagement activities that integrate educational experiences with community service, student development, and civic participation. [Read the 2018 August Dodge Blog.](#)



---

## 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**

Wheaton Art Center - Event Center  
1000 Village Drive, Millville, NJ 08332

[REGISTER](#)

---

## Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event

### C-Change Primer Seminar

The Atlantic Cape-May Hub will host this multi-media introductory seminar on the science of climate change developed by the non-partisan C-Change Conversation group in consultation with scientists, business leaders, and public policy experts working on the issue.

**Friday, September 21, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Ocean City Free Public Library  
1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226

[REGISTER](#)



### 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](#)



---

## Other Upcoming Events

### National Drive Electric Week 2018

National Drive Electric Week, September 8-16, 2018, is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles that highlights the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. Holding a Drive Electric event in your municipality can contribute toward the completion of Sustainable Jersey's [Make Your Town EV Friendly](#) action. To see which communities are holding events, and for further information about hosting your own event, click [here](#).

### 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 - 2:30pm**

Middlesex 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**

### **ANJEC 2018 Environmental Achievement Award Nominations**

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) Environmental Achievement Award program recognizes exceptional projects carried out by Environmental Commissions and groups. Projects begun no earlier than January 1, 2016 and were completed by August 31, 2018 are eligible. Award categories include: environmental commission project; non-profit or community organization or board; and a recurring project. For more information, click [here](#).

**[Application Deadline:](#) September 7, 2018 by 5:00pm**

### **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

### 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](mailto:Outreach@NJCleanEnergy.com).

---

## Funding Opportunities

### Safe Routes to School Grants - Deadline Extended

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 support new and alternative transportation opportunities. 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. For more information, click [here](#).

**Application Deadline Extended:** September 18, 2018

### 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 [designated as a Transit Village](#).

## Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **Sept. 10:** Gardinier Grant Webinar
- **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

For more information visit [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com)

## Our Sponsors

Sustainable Jersey is Underwritten by



Grants Program Underwritten by



**PSEG**  
*We make things work for you.*



Platinum Sponsors



**PSEG**  
*We make things work for you.*

Silver Sponsor



Bronze Sponsors



---

Follow us to stay up to date on the latest program happenings!



[Join Our Mailing List](#)

---

[www.SustainableJersey.com](http://www.SustainableJersey.com)