



## Take a Dip in the Funding Pool



Is your municipality or school ready to test the sustainability project waters? This grant cycle will provide \$200,000 to support municipalities and \$100,000 to support school projects. Collaborative projects between municipalities and school districts are encouraged. Application deadlines are quickly approaching!

The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000, and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey [actions](#). For more information, click [HERE](#). **The application deadline is Friday, February 15, 2019.**

The schools cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants to schools or school districts, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey for Schools [actions](#). For more information, click [HERE](#). **The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2019.**

### Informational Webinars

Two informational webinars were held to review the online application process, requirements, and tips for successful applications. The recordings and power point presentations can be accessed below.

#### Sustainable Jersey Municipal Grants Webinar

Recorded webinar and presentation available [HERE](#)

#### Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Webinar

Recorded webinar and presentation available [HERE](#)

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## Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Webinars

### Moving Up to Silver Certification

Municipalities that are interested in attaining silver certification (whether they are currently certified at the bronze level or are just beginning to work on their certification) should attend this webinar to get tips from silver certified municipalities and Sustainable Jersey staff. Hear about how other towns have achieved the prestigious silver designation, and learn about actions that can fast track you on the path to silver!

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification

Is your town's certification expiring in 2019, and/or does your municipality wish to maintain its green team activities and certification? Now is the time to start planning for recertification! This webinar will provide helpful information to help you avoid a lapse and/or maintain your certification including: an overview of the certification cycle for the year; an update on new and existing actions including a change to non-expiring actions, and an explanation of variable point actions; suggestions to prevent leaving actions "on the table"; accessing and using your online application; why actions are not approved.

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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**Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

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## Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified

Calling all registered towns! Have you been thinking that 2019 is the year your town will join the over 200 Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities that are making progress toward a more sustainable future? Would you like to receive the prestigious Sustainable Jersey certification at this year's League of Municipalities Conference? This webinar will share proven strategies and tools to help map out a path to certification within six to twelve months.

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Foundations for Using Technology Effectively in Your Town

Technology can help local governments communicate with and engage the public in decision making in a more meaningful way. It is important to have a foundation for the digital programs put in place. This webinar will discuss the elements to a solid foundation of governance and how communities can benefit.

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Green Team 2.0: Building Your Capacity & Promoting Your Team

You've got your green team - what's next? This session will talk about recruiting, training, and retaining volunteers; promoting the work of your green team; keeping your green team active during transitions; and the pros and cons of starting your own 501(c)3 non-profit. This is an extended version of the presentation from the 2018 Sustainability Summit.

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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**Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

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## Other Upcoming Events

### Completing Your Annual NJUCF Accomplishment Report

Learn about the New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry (NJUCF) Program's Annual Accomplishment Report (AAR). The report is a fillable PDF and is the same format used last year. This webinar will walk you through the steps involved in filling out the form, focusing on areas such as the budget and the timeline section. Program participants must submit their 2018 Annual Accomplishments Report by February 15, 2019. The reports are used to assess the needs of the state's local urban and community forestry programs in order to provide the most needed and relevant assistance possible. Submitting an AAR and remaining accredited with the NJUCF Program is critical to being able to earn points for the [Tree & Woodlands Management Actions](#) in the Sustainable Jersey program. In addition, participants can also earn 1 NJUCF CEU.

**Thursday, January 31, 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

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## Green Infrastructure and Transportation Workshop

Jersey Water Works and Together North Jersey are co-sponsoring this half day workshop to describe successful strategies for identifying project financing, developing partnerships, and creating operations and maintenance protocols for green stormwater infrastructure, through a discussion of case studies. A moderated panel on key issues and challenges will follow the speakers' presentations. Participants are eligible for AICP credits (pending approval).

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 9:30am - 12:30pm**

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority  
1085 Raymond Boulevard Newark, NJ 07102

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## 2019 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit

The New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition's annual Summit is a statewide meeting of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, elected officials, and other township leaders, transportation and urban planners, and others who are interested in making New Jersey a better place to live. Attendees will learn about current state and federal legal and policy issues affecting communities, provide information on various public funding sources, and give ample opportunity to network, identify and develop mutually beneficial relationships that can help communities become more bike and pedestrian friendly, and more livable. For more information, visit the [website](#).

**Saturday, February 23, 2019, 8:00am - 5:00pm**

The Conference Center, Mercer County Community College  
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

[REGISTER](#) - Registration fee applies

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## Arts Tank Competition

Arts Tank, a program of the South Jersey Cultural Alliance, is an effort to showcase model creative placemaking programs in South Jersey. This is a challenge for South Jersey towns in partnership with a local nonprofit located in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem counties, to engage their communities through a creative placemaking proposal built on arts, history, and culture. The top 5 finalists will compete by making presentations to the creative placemaking experts or "sharks" for the grand prize of \$5,000 on May 29. Municipalities can leverage work done on Sustainable Jersey's [Creative Placemaking Plan action](#) for this competition. For more information, visit the [website](#).

**Letter of Intent Deadline: Monday, February 25, 2019** (Email Karen Pinzolo at [kpinzolo@sjca.net](mailto:kpinzolo@sjca.net))

**[Application Deadline](#): Monday, April 1, 2019**

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## Green Infrastructure Champions Program

Green Infrastructure Champions are key players in implementing green infrastructure as a stormwater management approach town by town. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program offers training on green infrastructure planning and implementation; technical support to design green infrastructure demonstration projects; networking opportunities; and assistance with grant writing and submissions. For more information about becoming a Green Infrastructure Champion, contact Marian Glenn at [marian.glenn@shu.edu](mailto:marian.glenn@shu.edu), or Hollie DiMuro at [hdimuro@envsci.rutgers.edu](mailto:hdimuro@envsci.rutgers.edu).

### Green Infrastructure Champions Training Sessions

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, Jersey Water Works, and NJ Sea Grant Consortium are hosting the following three training sessions. All workshops will be held at the Rutgers EcoComplex located in Bordentown, NJ. More information on the specific topics of each session can be found [here](#). You can register for each of the sessions [here](#).

### Session Dates & Topics

- How to Identify Green Infrastructure Projects in Your Town, Friday, February 1, 9:30am - 11:30am
- Moving from Planning to Implementation of Green Infrastructure, Friday, February 15, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- Maintaining Green Infrastructure Practices/Projects, Wednesday, March 6, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **Jan. 30:** Moving Up to Silver Certification Webinar
- **Feb. 13:** Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification Webinars
- **Feb. 15:** PSEG Grant Application Deadline
- **Feb. 20:** Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified Webinar
- **Feb. 27:** Foundations for Using Technology Effectively in Your Town
- **March 6:** Green Team 2.0: Building Your Capacity & Promoting Your Team Webinars

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