

# Sustainable Jersey Webinar Series

## “Healthy Decisions – Healthy Communities”

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1:00 -2:00 pm

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## Webinar Agenda

### *Overview of **HEALTH IMPACT** Project and Sustainable Jersey*

Donna Drewes, AICP/PP, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey

### *Health in All Policies (HiAP) & Updated Complete Streets Actions*

Linda Weber, AICP/PP, Resiliency Director, Sustainable Jersey

### *Hoboken Green Infrastructure Health Impact Assessment*

Jon Carnegie, AICP, PP, Executive Director, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



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## HEALTH **IMPACT** PROJECT

ADVANCING SMARTER POLICIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

■ [www.healthimpactproject.org](http://www.healthimpactproject.org)

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# “Assessing Healthy Outcomes of Post-Sandy Decision Making”

## Healthy Outcomes Project Team

- Rutgers University - Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and Rutgers Biomedical & Health Sciences
- New Jersey Future
- The Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey, Sustainable Jersey

## Key Project Components

- Conduct an HIA on voluntary buy-out scenarios in a flood prone neighborhood of Little Egg Harbor, Ocean County
- **Conduct an HIA on proposed stormwater management plan amendments to address chronic flooding in Hoboken, Hudson County, NJ**
- **Develop a municipal toolkit for integrating health considerations in local decision-making and the Sustainable Jersey™ certification process**
- Develop overarching recommendations for how the practice of HIA can be integrated into post-disaster planning and decision-making in US.



# Sustainable Jersey



Sustainable Jersey identifies actions to help towns and schools become more sustainable



Provides tools, resources, and guidance to make progress



Provides access to grants and funding for participating communities



# Municipal Certification Program



- Program started February 2009
- Incentive-based program
- Sustainable “actions” developed by 23 task forces
- “Green teams” drive municipal implementation of sustainable “actions”
- 432 (76%) NJ municipalities registered
- 193 municipalities certified:
  - 160 towns at bronze level
  - 33 towns at silver level
- 5,000+ actions completed and documented (since 2009)



# “Healthy Decisions – Healthy Communities”

How can we better incorporate health considerations into the local decision-making process?

**Health in All Policies**

**Health Impact Assessments**



# Health in All Policies (HiAP)

## Health in All Policies

“a collaborative approach to improving the health of all people by ***incorporating health considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.***”

Source: American Public Health Association

