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**2022 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program  
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★ This star next to the grantee’s name indicates that the project includes a collaboration between the municipality and its school district

**Recipients of \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey Grants (alphabetical by county)**

County	\$20k Recipient	Description
Atlantic	Pleasantville City	<b>Mobile Farmers Market:</b> In order to increase local food access and improve community health, the City will use its grant to create a mobile food market in partnership with C.R.O.P.S. The market will accept SNAP benefits and will host community education workshops, such as healthy cooking and grow-your-own produce classes. A multitude of other organizations, such as The Arc of Atlantic County, Fulfill (the former Monmouth/Ocean food bank), and Future Leaders (nonprofit day care), will act as partners of the project.
Bergen	New Milford Borough ★	<b>Environmental Resource Inventory:</b> The Borough will partner with organizations such as the Bergen County Audubon Society and Hackensack Riverkeeper to use its grant to create an ERI. The ERI will be used by multiple municipal departments to inform land development and planning decisions. The Borough hopes to provide residents with the opportunity to submit resources and to participate in related educational activities. The local high school also plans to utilize the ERI in its curriculum.
Gloucester	Pitman Borough ★	<b>Everybody Bikes and Walks Pitman:</b> The Borough will use its grant to implement complete streets recommendations based on a 2018 study that led to an update to the 2020 master plan. This will include high visibility crosswalks, beacons, and ADA ramps. These improvements will make the community safer for walking and biking, thus encouraging residents to utilize those modes of transportation over motorized vehicles, and will also increase the number of safe routes to schools.
Hunterdon	Lambertville City ★	<b>North Union Street Park Transformation:</b> Following the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida, the City will work with Lambertville Goes Wild to use its grant to transform a half-acre vacant lot into a green oasis that will serve a dual purpose. The park will serve as a place of recreation for residents while also being equipped with green infrastructure to help prevent future flooding from storms. The City intends to work with a multitude of local organizations along with the schools to make this project a reality.
Monmouth	Rumson Borough ★	<b>Emerald Necklace Gardens:</b> The Borough will use its grant to install three rain gardens and a bioswale at three locations. These green infrastructure projects will not only help protect the community from flooding issues, but will also be used for educational purposes. The Borough will employ “Rain Garden Ambassadors” who will educate residents via workshops and webinars on the importance of rain gardens and how they can create their own.
Ocean	Stafford Township	<b>Climate Adaptation Plan:</b> The Township will create a Climate Adaptation Plan that will outline the vulnerability of the community and ways to improve resiliency against natural disasters caused by climate change. The Township will utilize various mapping tools to determine sea level rise scenarios and then create action plans to address each one. The public, especially residents living in high-risk areas, will be asked to provide their input during the process.
Union	Westfield Town	<b>Bike Oases:</b> In order to establish its downtown as a bike-friendly shopping destination, the Town will use its grant to create four “Bike Oases” at the entry points to the business district that can be used to house bikes while residents go shopping. Each oasis will also include places for residents to rest, charge phones and make bike repairs. A bicycle tour, called the “Tour de Westfield”, that will involve promotions from local businesses, will be held as a way of promoting this project.

**Recipients of \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grants (alphabetical by county)**

<b>County</b>	<b>\$10k Recipient</b>	<b>Description</b>
Burlington	Chesterfield Township	<b>Environmental Resource Inventory:</b> The Township will use its grant to update its 2006 ERI. Since its creation, the community has experienced extensive housing development and tree damage, so an update is needed. A public forum will be held to discuss the ERI and hear from stakeholders, such as residents, farmers, and business owners. Organizations such as Friends for the Abott Marshlands, Honey Brook Organic Farm, and Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center will be project partners.
Camden	Haddonfield Borough ★	<b>Community Countertop Composting:</b> The Borough will use its grant to develop a composting system for residents who want to compost but are not able to do so in their backyard. Countertop composters will be provided to residents and a bucket pickup program will be created. The collected compost will be taken to the community garden, run by Crows Woods Gardens, for use and distribution. Composters will also be provided to the elementary and middle schools for educational purposes.
Essex	West Orange Township Public Schools ★	<b>Bioretention Systems:</b> The district will work with the municipality and Rutgers Cooperative Extension to use the grant funds to construct bioretention systems at its three elementary and two middle schools. Besides mitigating stormwater issues, the gardens will also act as “living classrooms” for students to learn about green infrastructure. The Environmental Commission will work with the district to create educational sessions and develop corresponding curriculum.
Mercer	Hamilton Township	<b>Environmental Resource Inventory:</b> The Township will use its grant to update its 2011 ERI. As a transit hub and a location for many open space and recreational areas, it is important for the Township to update its ERI to include development changes and the current status of natural resources. The ERI will be used by municipal departments to make informed land use and planning descisions within the community.
Middlesex	Highland Park Borough	<b>Managing Stormwater at the Library:</b> In order to mitigate flooding issues the building faces during storms, the Township will work with Rutgers Cooperative Extension to use its grant to install a rain garden at the library. This will be one of ten green infrastructure projects already in the community. Grant funds will also be used to create educational signage at each site in order to create a self-guided tour that tells the Borough’s green infrastructure story and educates residents on how to create their own rain garden.
Middlesex	Monroe Township High School, Monroe Township School District	<b>Clean Water Initiative:</b> In order to provide a clean and sustainable water source to the school community, the school will use its grant funds to install three water bottle refilling stations. The stations will be monitored by the school environmental action club to see how effective they are at encouraging reusable water bottle use and decreasing the number of disposable plastic bottles entering the waste stream. Updates will be shared with the community via the club’s website and social media.
Monmouth	Ardena Elementary School, Howell Township Public School District	<b>Outdoor Classroom:</b> The school will use its grant to create an outdoor classroom. A student and staff survey was used to to get input on how the outdoor classroom should be designed and what kind of activities it should support. The classroom will be used for both academic and social-emotional purposes— for example. science teachers can use the space and its native plants for science lessons and students can use the space as a place to relax or study with their peers.
Monmouth	Colts Neck Township	<b>Environmental Resource Inventory:</b> The Township will use its grant to update its ERI, which was created in 1984. A consultant will be hired to help with the mapping components, and the municipality will work with the public to make narrative updates. The new ERI will be adopted as part of a new master plan, which is also being updated since its creation in 2004, and will help the Township when it comes to applying for grants, recognizing environmental concerns and making development and planning decisions.

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Monmouth	Hazlet Middle School, Hazlet Township Public School District	<b>Reducing Waste in the Cafeteria:</b> The school will use its grant to purchase a new dishwasher, reusable plastic trays and dish carts for the cafeteria in order to decrease the amount of waste generated and sent to the landfill. Students in the school garden club identified this issue as a priority, noting that 75% of students purchase lunch on a daily basis so the impact of switching to reusable trays would be huge. Maschio's, the school food services provider, is working with the school on a composting initiative and will help support this project.
Monmouth	Memorial Elementary School, Howell Township Public School District	<b>Reimagining Classrooms for Today's Learners:</b> As the school sees a return from virtual to in-person learning, it is important to focus on the social and emotional well being of students. The school will use its grant to purchase flexible seating for its classrooms such as standing desks, wobble chairs, fidget stations and more. These options will ensure a comfortable learning environment for all students, help re-socialize students to the classroom setting and hopefully lead to a decrease in problematic behavior.
Monmouth	Raritan High School, Hazlet Township Public School District	<b>Rocket Fitness Initiative:</b> The school will use its grant to improve its overall physical and mental health by creating an outdoor fitness trail. A hiking club will be created that will utilize the new trail, along with the physical education department. Other health and wellness initiatives, such as a healthy food choices campaign, will be started for both students and staff following the success of this project.
Morris	Riverdale Borough ★	<b>Community Garden:</b> The Township will work with local Boy Scouts to use its grant to create a community garden at the senior community center, which is located within walking distance of the elementary school and food pantry, making it the perfect location. Besides being open to residents, plots will be reserved for the school so that it can be integrated into the curriculum and also for the food pantry so that fresh produce can be donated to those in need.
Ocean	Bay Head Borough School District ★	<b>Flooding Mitigation:</b> As part of a coastal community, the school is at risk of flooding from extreme storms and rising sea levels made worse by climate change. The school's basement, which is used as classroom and office space, is frequently flooded, thus making the space unusable and a health risk due to potential mold formation. As recommended in the Borough's Hazard Mitigation Plan that was created following flooding from Superstorm Sandy, the school will work with the Borough to use its grant to increase the resiliency of the school.

**Recipients of \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Grants (alphabetical by county)**

<b>County</b>	<b>\$2k Recipient</b>	<b>Title</b>
Bergen	Fair Lawn Borough	Website Upgrade and Enhanced Communications
Burlington	Evesham Township	Community Pollinator Garden
Essex	Millburn Township	Pedestrian Improvement Project at the Paper Mill Playhouse
Hudson	North Bergen Township ★	Transforming a Park into a Community and School Garden
Hudson	Number 33 Elementary School, Jersey City Public Schools	Lions Learning Garden
Hunterdon	Clinton Township	Green Fair and Electric Vehicle Car Show
Hunterdon	East Amwell Township	Emerald Ash Borer Education and Tree Planting Initiative
Hunterdon	Raritan Township ★	Municipal and School Pollinator Garden
Middlesex	Monroe Township	Green Team Support
Monmouth	Howell Township	Community Pollinator Garden
Monmouth	Ocean Township	Stormwater Management Plan and Control Ordinance
Morris	Chester Township	Transform a 7-Acre Field into a Pollinator Paradise
Ocean	Brick Township	Pollinator Garden at the Community Garden
Ocean	Mantoloking Borough	Pollinator and Native Species Educational Campaign
Somerset	Somerville Borough	Community Garden