



2024 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program Funded by the PSEG Foundation

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

County	\$2k Recipient Municipality	Title
Bergen	Oakland Boro	Green Team Support: Sustainable Oakland
Burlington	Florence Twp	Cultivating Community Harmony: Pollinator Garden
Camden	Somerdale Boro	Green Team Support: "Let's Go Green Somerdale!" Campaign
Essex	Irvington Twp	Irvington Community Garden
Mercer	Hopewell Boro	Green Team Support: "A Greener Community" Campaign
Middlesex	Highland Park Boro	Green Team Support: Sustainable Highland Park Website Revamp
Monmouth	Belmar Boro	Green Team Support: Community Outreach Campaign
Monmouth	Little Silver Boro	Supporting a New School Green Team
Morris	Riverdale Boro	Green Team Support: Sustainable Riverdale "Be in the Know!" Campaign
Ocean	Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Green Team Support: Community Awareness and Public Education
Union	Cranford Twp	Cranford Community Tree Canopy Program
Union	New Providence Boro	Green Team Support: New Providence Green Challenge

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

County	\$2k Recipient School	School District	Title
Camden	Rosa International Middle	Cherry Hill	The Sustainable School Library
Hudson	Dr. Charles P. Defuccio P.S. # 39 Elementary	Jersey City	The Panther Retreat: Outdoor Classroom
Hudson	Jotham W. Wakeman P.S. # 6 Elementary School	Jersey City	School Garden
Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp Elementary	East Amwell Twp	Bee-Friendly Environment
Mercer	Hopewell Elementary	Hopewell Valley Regional	Nature Harmony Outdoor Classroom
Mercer	Stony Brook Elementary	Hopewell Valley Regional	Outdoor Courtyard Classroom
Monmouth	Howell Township Middle - South	Howell Twp	10,000 Tree Planting Project
Monmouth	Ocean Township Elementary	Twp Of Ocean	Digital Schools Skills: Spartan Studio
Monmouth	Ocean Township Intermediate	Twp Of Ocean	Indoor Friendship Garden
Monmouth	Wanamassa Elementary	Twp Of Ocean	Digital Schools Skills: Spartan Studio
Monmouth	Wayside Elementary	Twp Of Ocean	Digital Schools Skills: Spartan Studio
Morris	Lincoln Roosevelt Elementary	Roxbury Twp	R.I.S.E. - Roxbury Inspiring Sustainable Entrepreneurs
Passaic	Passaic Preparatory Academy	Passaic City	Rain Garden
Passaic	Paterson STEAM High	Paterson	School Garden and Green Team Support
Salem	Penns Grove Middle	Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional	Growing Food Sustainably with Hydroponics
Somerset	Franklin High	Franklin Twp	Sustainable Solution: Access to Healthy Water

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

County	\$10k Recipient	Description
Camden	Barrington Boro	Reclaim the Rain: The grant will support initiatives listed in the municipal green infrastructure plan, specifically efforts to provide residents with the tools and resources needed to effectively manage stormwater on their properties. The green team will create a demonstration rain garden will be created, hold rain barrel and dry well workshops and engage the community through outreach and events.

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Essex	Verona Twp	Community Garden: The grant will be used to add 40-50 additional raised bed plots to the existing community garden, located at H.B. Whitehorne Middle School, which already serves 50 families. Volunteers will tend to plots dedicated to growing crops for the senior housing complex and community food bank. The new section of the garden will be ADA compliant so that residents of all abilities can participate.
Gloucester	East Greenwich Twp	Outdoor Environmental Library: The grant will be used to build an outdoor library and additional “free libraries” in Mickleton Park, which acts as a hub dedicated to sharing environmental information to visitors. The park already includes a pollinator garden and walking trail. Books focused on sustainability issues will be supplied and trees, provided by the Shade Tree Commission, will be planted around the new space.
Union	Summit City	Environmental Resource Inventory: The grant will be used to update the City’s 2011 Environmental Resource Inventory (ER). The ERI will serve as an essential tool in planning the City's future environmental initiatives, providing transparency to the public, and supplementing the City's Master Plan. The Great Swamp Watershed Association and the Reeves-Reed Arboretum will serve as a project partners.

School and School District Recipients of \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grants (alphabetical by county)

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Bergen	Bogota Public School District	Bogota	The Green Guardians: The grant will be used to enhance the district’s recycling practices in the classroom and cafeteria. New recycling bins, training and signage will be implemented to help the entire school community improve the district’s recycling rates. A food waste audit will be held in each school to address food waste. Curriculum will be created that connects the project to climate change.
Essex	Roseville Community Charter School District	Roseville Community Charter	Community Outdoor Classroom: The grant will be used to create an outdoor learning space that can be used by the whole community. It will include raised bed gardens to grow produce and pollinator friendly plants. Workshops and educational forums on the benefits of growing food and living sustainably will be held. Master Gardeners of Essex County and the Greater Newark Conservancy will serve as project partners.
Essex	West Orange High School	West Orange	SustainaTree: The grant will be used towards a STEAM program where Honors Architectural and Engineering Design course students will work in partnership with DiveDesign. The project’s main goal is to help students make the connection between technology and sustainability. A new unit will be created to guide students through researching endangered tree species in the US, exploring their natural design characteristics, and using 3D printing technology.
Hunterdon	Readington Township School District	Readington Twp	EcoAction News: The grant will be used to empower student voices and action for sustainable communities by launching a student-led, community wide broadcast video program that promotes sustainability. Students serving as EcoAmbassadors will work with the WHY-PBS Media Lab to produce videos on sustainability projects in both English and Spanish. This program will help fill the gap left by the local newspaper shutting down.
Middlesex	Blanquita B. Valenti Community School	New Brunswick	Hydroponics Lab: The grant will be used to create a hydroponics lab that will be incorporated into the middle school science curriculum. Science supervisors will collaborate with community partners to conduct professional development trainings for teachers. Extra produce that is not donated to the cafeteria will be redistributed to families in need. Members of FoodCorps and the NJ School Climate Change Corps will serve as project partners.
Middlesex	Colonia Middle School	Woodbridge Twp	Therapeutic Garden: The grant will be used to create a therapeutic horticultural garden to foster life skills and an appreciation of nature in students, including the district’s special needs students. The space will be modeled off the Environmental Education Center, which is part of the Somerset County Parks Commission. It will include areas for sensory stimulation, calming spaces, and hands-on activities.

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Somerset	Franklin Middle School Sampson G. Smith Campus	Franklin Twp	School Garden Improvements: The grant will be used to enhance the school's garden. Pollinator friendly plants will be added to the space along with rain barrels and new seating so that the garden can be used as an outdoor classroom. This project will also be used to help enhance the ELA climate change curriculum. The new garden and other sustainability initiatives happening at the school will be shared with the community via a Sustainability Night event.

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Burlington	Evesham Twp	Stormwater Management Initiatives: The grant will be used towards initiatives focused on improving the community's stormwater management, including a native tree planting and rain barrel community program. Residents will have access to workshops and incentives to participate. This program complements the Township's successful rain garden rebate program. Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance will serve as project partners.
Essex	Bloomfield Twp	Clinton Street Tree Farm Project: The grant will be used by the green team to plant a tree farm on dormant municipal property, which is located in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard area. This will improve the site's ability to mitigate flooding in the area and will also provide a local, sustainable source of trees to be planted throughout the community. Friends of Watsessing Park Conservancy and NY/NJ Baykeeper will serve as project partners.
Essex	Montclair Twp	Community Native Landscapes: The grant will be used to support the community transition to sustainable landscaping practices following the Township's recent adoption of an ordinance that bans gas-powered leaf blowers. Besides educational events and resources being provided, a demonstration native lawn will be installed and residents will be provided with courtesy soil testing and consultations from landscape architects to inspire their own native lawns.
Hunterdon	Clinton Town	Supporting Nocturnal Pollinators: The grant will be used to improve areas to better serve as habitats for nocturnal pollinators, such as fireflies, by planting pollinator friendly plants and reducing disruptive activities like excessive mowing and light pollution. Planting efforts will be spearheaded by the Clinton Conservancy Gardens, with guidance from Raritan Headwaters. The green team will work with Dark Sky New Jersey and their utility company towards decreasing light pollution in these areas.
Monmouth	Holmdel Twp	Environmental Resource Inventory: The grant will be used to update the Township's 2001 Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). An up-to-date ERI informs the Township as it makes land-use decisions and is an important part of the Master Plan. The ERI will be shared with the community through a partnership with the school district, maps and posters for displays at recreational areas, events and media outlets. Citizens for Informed Land Use and Friends of Holmdel Open Space will serve as project partners.
Monmouth	Tinton Falls Boro	Environmental Resource Inventory: The grant will be used to create the Borough's first Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) that will be celebrated throughout the community with its unveiling on Environmental Commission Awareness Day. The Borough will work with a variety of stakeholders, including students and faculty from Monmouth County Regional High School; residents, businesses, and environmental organizations.
Somerset	Montgomery Twp	Watershed Improvement Plan: The grant will be used to create a Watershed Improvement Plan in order to get a head-start on meeting the new Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit provisions that go into effect in 2025. The plan supports efforts towards regional watershed planning and will help address flooding and water quality issues. The plan will also support efforts to encourage the community to do their part to The Watershed Institute will serve as a project partner.