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## #SustainableStateNJ: Empowering Local Action for Collective Impact

Sustainable Jersey is gearing up for the one-day New Jersey Sustainability Summit that takes place on June 21 at The College of New Jersey. Participants will hear from change-makers across the political, private and public sectors to collaboratively shape a path toward a more sustainable New Jersey. Focusing on how actions at the local level have an impact on the collective, over 45 of the leading practitioners and subject matter experts will participate in twelve sessions to discuss the issues communities are facing today at the local level. The keynote speaker is Chris Daggett, the President and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. He will share his insights on the long-term implications and relevancy of collective impact. Register for this empowering and thought-provoking Summit: <http://bit.ly/2017SummitRegister>.



## #SJGrants: 65 Schools and Municipalities Awarded Sustainability Grants

Thirty-one municipalities and thirty-four schools were selected to receive a Sustainable Jersey Small Grant funded by the PSEG Foundation. Grants ranged from \$20,000 to \$2,000. Projects include: an outdoor science lab, a watershed management plan, a green pavilion with a living roof, an invertebrate conservation plan, wildlife habitat conservation, a plastic bag reduction campaign, hydroponic and aeroponic gardens, wind and solar energy charging stations, recycling and more. Read about the [municipal recipients](#) and the [school recipients](#). The PSEG Foundation has contributed over one million dollars in funding to the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program.



## #TechForSustainability: Coding for Community Winners Announced

Sustainable Jersey's Coding for Community competition connected towns with a talented pool of tech experts to solve local issues. The collaboration resulted in outstanding solutions; for example, Indraneel Purohit partnered with Haddonfield Borough on a solution called the Data Visualization Dashboard. Representing Team Dashability, Purohit said, "The contest was an interesting way to partner with

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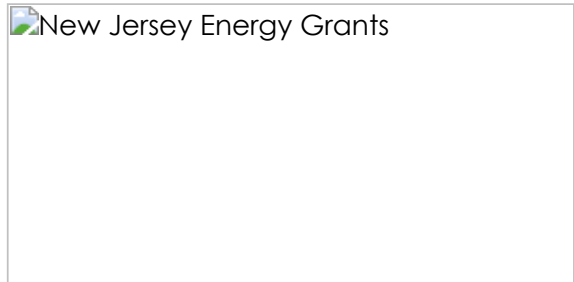
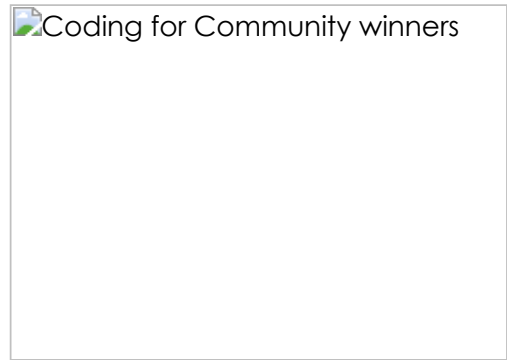
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municipalities. We learned from the experience and created something that will enable municipalities to share their progress in the Sustainable Jersey program." Read about the winning teams and the solutions developed: [15 sustainable solutions to community challenges](#).

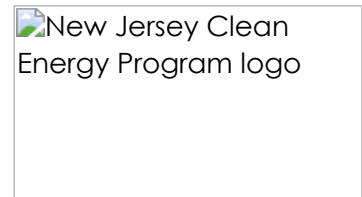
### #SJHubs: Sustainable Jersey Regional Hubs

The Essex County Hub is working toward regional collaboration on energy actions including community solar, community choice energy aggregation and more. The Atlantic-Cape May Hub hosted an event called "Communicating Effectively with Municipal Leaders." Participants learned key skills and best practices to help turn challenges into opportunities for collaboration. Sustainable Jersey Hubs are located in [Atlantic-Cape May](#), [Burlington-Camden-Gloucester](#), [Essex](#), [Hunterdon](#), [Mercer](#), Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset counties.



### New Action Spotlight: Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

Making municipal buildings more energy efficient saves taxpayer money and contributes to solutions for our most pressing sustainability issues. Sustainable Jersey has a new action called Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities that awards points to municipalities on a sliding scale for taking increasingly more effective steps to reduce energy consumption, starting with energy audits and culminating with deep energy savings. Previously, the points for completing an energy audit and taking steps to implement energy efficiency measures were achieved through two separate actions. Most of the work done under this new action makes use of incentives provided by the [New Jersey Clean Energy Program \(NJCEP\)](#). For more information on how to complete this action visit: [Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities](#).



### \$120,000 Available to Fund Health and Wellness Actions in Schools

Grant applications from New Jersey public schools that serve students in middle and high school (including K-8 schools) are being accepted to support health and wellness initiatives. Funded by the New Jersey Department of Health, the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program will award thirty \$4,000 grants to implement specific health and wellness actions in schools. The grant can be used for actions such as: staff wellness programs, asthma friendly schools, healthy food choices, programs to promote physical activity and more. To see the full list of the actions that qualify for grant funds, review the [grant information packet](#) (<http://bit.ly/2o7w3hr>).

### Board Spotlight: Mayor Pikolycky

Mayor Bill Pikolycky is a member of the [Sustainable Jersey Board](#) and he served on the original New Jersey State League of Municipalities' (NJLM) Mayors Committee for a Green Future which preceded the Sustainable Jersey Board. In 1990, Pikolycky was elected the Mayor of the Borough of Woodbine after serving as a councilman for twelve years. Woodbine, located in Cape May County, is certified with Sustainable Jersey and has received a Sustainable Jersey Sustainability Champion award. Mayor Pikolycky is a member of the NJLM Executive Board and was inducted into the Mayors' Hall of Fame at the gold level. He served as president of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and he is currently a member of the Board of Directors. He is the chair of Pinelands Municipal Council and the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce awarded him the Conservation Leadership Award. A life-long resident of Woodbine and graduate of Millville High School, Mayor Pikolycky is also a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program at Rutgers University, the Real Estate Licensing Program at Cumberland County College and the Camden County Police Academy. Mayor Pikolycky is an active member of the local Ukrainian community and a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Millville.



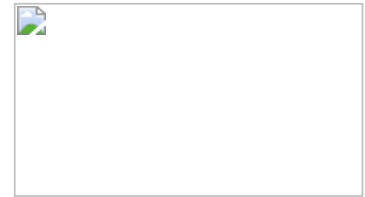
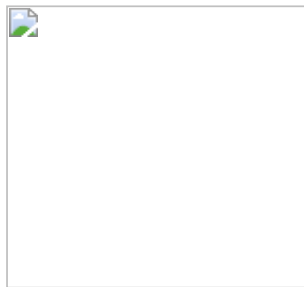
## Need inspiration?

Take a moment to read about three people doing impressive work in their communities. Also, catch up on the monthly Sustainable Jersey blog for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation?

- March Hero: [Wilma Morrissey, Chair, Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee \(Monmouth County\)](#).
- March Blog: [Helping NJ schools turn STEM to STEAM with art](#)
- April Hero: [Erica DeMichele, Supervisor of Curriculum, Delran Township School District \(Burlington County\)](#).
- April Blog: [15 sustainable solutions to community challenges](#)
- May Hero: [Ralph Cooper, Chair, Upper Township Green Team \(Cape May County\)](#).
- May Blog: [New Jersey Sustainability Summit 2017: Build your local action for increased collective impact](#)

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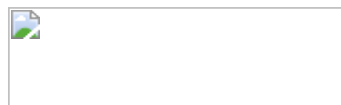
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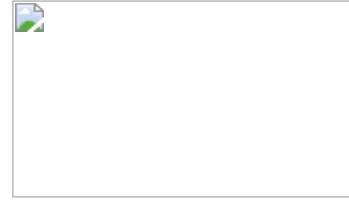
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