## Sustainable Jersey & Sustainable Jersey for Schools

## Lessons from the Field: EDF Climate Corps Fellow program

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Finding the ways that work







## **Environmental Defense Fund 2016 Fellows**



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## Partnership Opportunity



#### Schools

- 59 Certified
  - 204 Districts
  - 501 Schools

Communities and School Districts & Schools
 bridge the gap between available resources and
 energy-efficiency initiatives.



#### **Municipalities**

- 437 (78%) NJ municipalities participating
- 88% of NJ's population lives in these communities
- 193 municipalities certified:
  - 160 towns at bronze level
  - 33 towns at silver level





## **Goals of the EDF Fellowship**

- Start and Complete SJ Energy Actions
- Identify energy efficiency opportunities
- Provide feedback and recommendations on SJ program from the field

PROSPERITY	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	POINTS
	Energy Audit*	(5-20)
	Building Efficiency Measures*	(5-30)
	Energy Tracking & Management	(5-20)
	Sustainable Energy Transition Plan	(10-20)

PLANET	CLIMATE MITIGATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY	POINTS
	School Carbon Footprint*	10
	On-site Renewable Generation System- Solar	(5-40)
	On-site Renewable Generation System- Geothermal	10
	Buy Renewable Electricity	10
	Collaborate with Municipality on Government Energy Aggregation Program	10



## **Priorities of the EDF Fellowship**

- 1. Benchmark energy consumption
- 2. Recommendation roadmap for Sustainable Jersey points
- Conduct energy audit through
  New Jersey Clean Energy Program
- 4. Identify building efficiency measures
- 5. Complete documentation for SJ actions





## **Morris County**

Energy Benchmarking and Energy Tracking and Management Systems.

Carbon Footprint Calculations for Canfield Avenue and Rockaway Valley Schools, and Boonton Township.

Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) action for Boonton Township.



## **Morris County**

## **Recommended Building Efficiency Measures**

#### **Canfield Avenue School**:

- 1. Installation of 5 kW Wind System (Vertical Axis Wind Turbine).
- 2. Installation of 31 remote mounted occupancy sensors.

Potential Energy Savings: 23,505 kWh (4% of Energy Consumption).

#### **Rockaway Valley School**:

- 1. Lighting Upgrades from fluorescent to LEDs
- 2. Installation of 36 remote mounted occupancy sensors.
- 3. Upgrade of 8 Exit signs to LEDs.

Potential Energy Savings: 269,051 kWh (64% of Energy Consumption).







## **Howell Township**



- Bronze to Silver
- LGEA
- Energy Savings
  Improvement Program
- Estimated savings:
  - \$3.2 million 34% 🖊
  - 14.6 million kWh
  - 11,971 Metric Tons CO<sub>2</sub>



## **Howell School District**

- Green Team
- Power Save Schools
- Energy Savings
  Improvement Program
- Estimated savings:
  - \$12.1 million 27-30%
  - 54.3 million kWh
  - 53,968 Metric Tons CO<sub>2</sub>





## Ocean County

- LGEAs for Tom's River and Manchester Townships
- Green Teams for Brick School District and individual schools
- PowerSave Schools grants for two Brick schools
- Guide for SJ Points in Energy











## Creation of an Energy Guide





# Lessons Learned





## Lessons Learned

- Finding out the key players
- Forming a green team
- Sustainable professional development for staff
- Encourage energy tracking going forward
- Mapping out programs
- Communicating success stories



