



Sustainable Jersey for Schools at the 2019 New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop

Each year Sustainable Jersey for Schools exhibits during the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Workshop, and provides a variety of trainings on different topics. The conference will take place next week from Monday, October 21 - Thursday October 24. For more information about the 2019 "Imagine. Create. Lead." NJSBA Workshop, visit their [website](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com)

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Sessions

Attend one of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions and learn about best practices in schools and districts across the state. More information on the Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions listed below can be found on our [website](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com).

21st Century Schools

Monday, October 21, 11:30am - 1:00pm

The Grass is Greener with Grants

Tuesday, October 22, 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Sustainability Champions

Tuesday, October 22, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Declaring War on Waste

Wednesday, October 23, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Learning from Energy Exemplars

Wednesday, October 23, 1:30pm - 2:30pm



Sustainable Jersey for Schools Upcoming Certification Webinars

Leveling Up: Going for Silver & National Recognition

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Bronze certification is just the beginning of your school's sustainability journey! Learn how to make a plan to take your certification to the next level and get recognized for Silver certification (350 points and up). For those already Silver certified, learn how to translate your Sustainable Jersey materials into a Green Ribbon School certification at the national level!

Wednesday, October 30, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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Planning for Re-Certification

Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification is good for three years at a time. If you are one of over 30 schools with a certification expiring in August 2019, you will want to attend this informative webinar on the re-certification process. Participants will learn how to determine which actions need to be updated for re-certification and how to make a game plan for maintaining Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification for 2019 and beyond!

Wednesday, November 20, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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Sustainable Jersey for Schools Upcoming Energy Webinars

Funding and Incentives from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program offers a variety of incentives for energy projects, including enhanced incentives for Urban Enterprise Zones, Opportunity Zones, schools and local governments. Join us for this webinar for an overview of the Sustainable Jersey and [Sustainable Jersey for Schools Energy Efficiency actions](#), a review of the available incentives, and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program updates. Case studies of successful implementation of energy efficiency actions, including details of cost and energy savings, will be included in the webinar.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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Getting Started on Energy Actions: How Energy Savings Improvement Plans Fund Energy Upgrades

For schools and municipalities looking to take a comprehensive approach to energy upgrades, Energy Savings Improvement Plans (ESIPs) can be an important financing tool. Many schools, municipalities, and other eligible entities have benefited from the ESIP program. This webinar reviews how an ESIP can enable school districts and municipalities to upgrade equipment and reduce their carbon footprint by using the energy savings from the upgrades to finance the project.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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Sustainable Practices Working Sessions



New Jersey School Boards Association, in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering members and school district personnel opportunities to attend a one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session as part of its commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability goals. In addition to the September session there will be two more in November and February, both of which offer the same content. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. For more information click [here](#).

In each session participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the [Sustainable Jersey for Schools](#) certification program. Board members will receive and four [board member academy credits](#) and four [Green Leader credits](#) for participating in a working session. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited.

Thursday, November 21, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Rutherford Hall
1686 County Road 517, Hackettstown, NJ 07840
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Thursday, February 20, 9:00am - 3:30pm
ACUA
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
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New! Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is partnering with Sustainable Jersey and the Watershed Institute to offer another round of Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program. The program will support municipal, school district, and local non-profit and conservation organization efforts to undertake their own floodplain reforestation initiatives.

Program participants will receive technical assistance to design restoration projects and funding to cover the material costs of eligible expenses that only include native tree/shrubs, tree protection tubes, stakes and up to two delivery fees. All other expenses will be the financial responsibility of the applicant. Projects costing between \$1,000 and \$20,000 are eligible. Click [here](#) for more information. We encourage applicants to review the Information Application Packet [here](#) and sign up to participate in the informational webinar before submitting the application.

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held to provide guidance on how to select a project site and create a project plan, among other details of the grant and technical assistance program.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 1:30pm - 2:30pm

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To learn more about this opportunity and to access the online grant applications, click [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at grants@sustainablejersey.com or at 609-771-3189.

Application Deadline: Friday, December 13, 2019.



With funding from a 2018 Roots for Rivers Reforestation grant, 125 volunteers came together to plant over 700 new trees and shrubs along the Passaic River during Chatham Borough's annual Spring Clean

Grant Cycle for Energy Projects



The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for [municipalities](#) and [schools](#). Collaboration on projects between municipalities and schools is encouraged. For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund energy projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. The cycle will award **two \$30,000 grants and nine \$10,000 grants**. These grants support energy projects that help participating schools gain points toward the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. Check to see if your school is eligible [here](#).

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar was held to learn more about the application process, online submission procedures, eligible projects, and tips for a successful grant application. The recording and presentation can be found [here](#).

To learn more about this opportunity and to access the online grant applications, click [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at grants@sustainablejersey.com or at 609-771-3189.

Application Deadline: Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 11:59PM

New Sustainable Jersey for Schools Funding Opportunity Available! 2019-2020 Grants Cycle Funded by NJEA



The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), as a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program Underwriter, is contributing \$180,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program cycle. With this contribution, NJEA has provided \$1,250,000 to support a sustainable future for children and communities across the state. This cycle offers **ten \$10,000 district or school project grants and forty \$2,000 school green team grants**. The funding support efforts to implement projects that help participating schools gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and make progress toward a sustainable future. Check to see if your school is eligible [here](#).

Informational Webinar

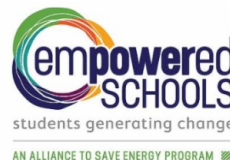
An informational webinar was held to learn more about the application process, online submission procedures, eligible projects, and tips for a successful grant application. The recording and presentation can be found [here](#).

To learn more about this opportunity and to access the online grant applications, click [here](#). To download a PDF of the flyer to share with others in your school community, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at grants@sustainablejersey.com or at 609-771-3189.

Application Deadline: Thursday, October 31 at 11:59PM



There's Still Time to Become a PowerSave School!



Sustainable Jersey has partnered with South Jersey Gas and the Alliance to Save Energy to bring the PowerSave Schools program to schools within the South Jersey Gas territories. Twenty nine additional Sustainable Jersey registered schools, along with eleven returning, will be admitted for the 2019-2020 school year. PowerSave Schools directly engages students with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) principles to promote energy literacy throughout lesson plans, activities and competitions. For more information and guidelines for the SJG PowerSave Schools program, visit our [website](#).

The PowerSave activities are parallel to [action items](#) in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, with the opportunity for schools to earn points toward certification while integrating student and faculty engagement that results in innovating energy-efficient projects and ideas for best practices which other schools can learn from. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled to start this fall

Other Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Field Trip New Jersey Grant Opportunity

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation of New Jersey has established Field Trip New Jersey, a fund that makes field trips possible for more students across an even wider range of disciplines and interest areas. Field Trip New Jersey will provide \$100,000 annually to help school children in under-served communities across New Jersey access the arts and culture, historical landmarks, nature preserves, science institutions, and college campuses. Field Trip New Jersey will award a maximum grant of \$700 per school per year for bus expenses. For more eligibility information click [here](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, October 18, 2019

New Jersey Audubon School of Environmental Sustainability

The New Jersey Audubon School of Environmental Sustainability (NJASES) will provide teachers with training on the environment and conservation issues while empowering students to take positive sustainability actions in their schools and communities. Participants will receive a \$200 stipend and additional support/training for completing additional Eco-Schools pathways and STEM projects. The NJASES is being offered to elementary and middle school teachers of South Jersey through generous funding from the OceanFirst Foundation. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2019

Environmental Protection Agency's P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - as part of its People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Award Program - is now seeking applications proposing to research, develop, design, and demonstrate solutions to real world challenges. The P3 program is a unique competition open to teams of college/university students working to design solutions toward the mutual goals of improved quality of life, economic prosperity and protection of the planet - people, prosperity, and the planet. This year's topics include sustainability- reducing solid (or food waste) as a P3 research area. Click [here](#) for more information.

Application Deadline: November 19, 2019

New Jersey School Boards Association and United States Army's STEAM Tank Challenge

The STEAM Tank Challenge, sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association along with the United States Army, encourages students in the areas of STEAM - science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math to invent something new, modify an existing product, or identify a situation or problem that needs a resolution. The program provides personal support and guidance through training and consultation, to help inspire students to become the next generation of entrepreneurs, inventors, scientists, artists, and engineers. This competition can aid with the [Integrated Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math \(iSTEAM\)](#) Sustainable Jersey for Schools action. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Application Deadline: December 6, 2019

It Pay\$ to Plug In: New Jersey's Electric Vehicle Charging Grants Program

It Pay\$ to Plug In provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is designed to expand New Jersey's growing network of electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing residents, businesses, and government agencies to purchase and drive electric vehicles. EVs dramatically reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality for everyone.

It Pay\$ to Plug In has expanded its eligibility criteria to include workplaces, public places, and multi-unit dwellings (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses). The program is open to businesses, governments, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Private residential dwellings other than multi-unit dwellings are not eligible for grants.

Upon completion of work in accordance with the eligibility criteria, NJDEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs up to a maximum of:

- \$750 per Level 1 charging station
- \$5,000 per single-port Level 2 charging station
- \$6,000 per dual-port Level 2 charging station

All application forms can be found on [DriveGreen NJ](#). Please direct questions to the Bureau of Mobile Sources at DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov.

Installation of electric vehicle charging stations by the municipality qualifies for points under the [Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure](#) action. Your municipality may also consider using the siting opportunity for the charging station(s) to [Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly](#) for additional points.

Other Upcoming Events and Trainings

Advancing Your School Health Index Score Webinars

Action for Healthy Kids will be holding a mini-webinar series focused on helping advance School Health Index scores. Each week will focus on one of the five modules of the School Health Index while sharing best practices, resources and tips for success. Topics for these webinars include school nutrition, physical activity, staff involvement, and family/community engagement. These webinars can assist school personnel with completing the [Student and Staff Wellness](#) Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Physical Activity

Wednesday, October 15, 1:00PM

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Staff Involvement

Wednesday, October 23, 1:00PM

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Family & Community Engagement

Wednesday, October 30, 1:00PM

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Zero Waste & Better Health Webinar

The Center for Environmental Health in conjunction with the Center for Green Schools will host this webinar focusing on two schools that have transitioned to reusable materials - what motivated them, what challenges they have encountered, and what has worked well. The speakers will also highlight recent research from the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) confirming the presence of fluorinated, "non-stick" PFAS chemicals in lunchroom food trays. This training supports the Green Challenges and Innovative Projects [Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions](#). Click [here](#) to learn more.

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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Indoor Air Quality Training

The Pediatric/Adult Asthma Coalition of New Jersey has arranged to provide assistance to public employers in meeting the Designated Persons Training requirements contained in the PEOSH Indoor Air Quality Standard by arranging training sessions throughout New Jersey. There will be one training each month until June, with the first program on October 4. This program will address any questions/changes about the IAQ Standard as well as the roles of the school nurse in these standards. This training supports the [Asthma Friendly Schools and Indoor Air Quality Review](#) Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

Friday, November 15, 2019

Metuchen, NJ

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mahwah, NJ

Friday April 24, 2020

Newark, NJ

Friday December 13, 2019

Waretown, NJ

Friday, March 6, 2020

Westampton, NJ

Friday, May 22, 2020

Washington, NJ

Friday, January 24, 2020

Sicklerville, NJ

Friday April 3, 2020

Bridgewater, NJ

Friday, June 5, 2020

Neptune NJ

Integrated Pest Management Training

Integrated Pest Management training sessions are offered for school IPM Coordinators and other school personnel with administrative responsibilities in accordance with the new IPM laws. IPM Coordinators receive certification of attendance to fulfill the mandatory training requirement as stated in the NJDEP Pesticide Control Program regulations. These sessions help IPM Coordinators implement the new IPM law with regards to such things as: non-pesticide pest management, parental notification, the 72 hour notification rule, low-impact pest management; record keeping, and dealing with pest emergencies. Participants will receive 4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). This training support the [Integrated Pest Management action](#) toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

Friday, October 25, 2019
Neptune, NJ

Friday, January 10, 2020
Sicklerville, NJ

Friday, April 17, 2020
Bridgewater, NJ

Friday, November 8, 2019
Westampton, NJ

Friday, February 7, 2020
Mahwah, NJ

Friday May 8, 2020
Paterson, NJ

Friday, December 6, 2019
Waretown, NJ

Friday, March 13, 2020
Metuchen, NJ

Friday, May 15, 2020
Newark, NJ

Developing Impactful Arts Integration Series

The New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association's Foundation for Educational Administration, in collaboration with NJ Arts Education Partnership will host this six-part training series (2 workshops and 4 webinars) to immerse participants in the fundamental components of high-quality arts integration. Arts integration is an effective strategy for cultivating positive climate and culture, as well as deepening student engagement. This training supports the Professional Development for Sustainability, School Climate & Culture, and ISTEAM Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Workshop dates:

Monday, October 28, 2019, 9AM-3PM
FEA Conference Center
12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ
08831

Monday, March 2, 2020, 9AM-3PM
FEA Conference Center
12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ
08831

Webinar dates:

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6:30PM-7:30PM
Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:30PM-7:30PM
Thursday April 9, 2020, 6:30PM-7:30PM
Thursday, May 14, 2020, 6:30PM-7:30PM

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Resources

Environmental Protection Agency's "Knowledge to Action" Indoor Air Quality Webinars

Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

All pre-recorded webinars are available [here](#)

Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy

Topics include: Construction Debris Management, Sustainable Food Waste & Materials, Waste Reduction Model, State & Local Organic Ban Planning, Disaster Debris Recovery Tools, and more.

All pre-recorded webinars are available [here](#)

North American Association For Environmental Education's Sustainability Webinar Series

Each month the North American Association for Environmental Education holds hour-long webinars concerning key interests to environmental professionals, with the goal of raising the bar of environmental education programs. Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more! Upcoming live webinars to be announced.

All pre-recorded and upcoming webinars are available [here](#)

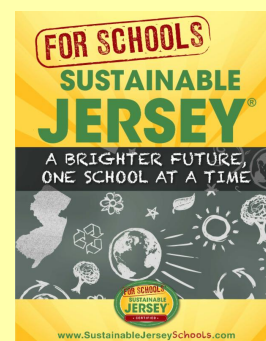
Mark Your Calendars!

See below for important dates of Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities and more!

- **Oct. 30:** Leveling Up: Going for Silver & National Recognition webinar
- **Oct. 31:** Gardinier & NJEA Grant Application Deadline
- **Nov. 20:** Planning for Re-Certification webinar

Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)



We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com

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