



New Action Spotlight: Future Ready Schools Certification (10-15 points)

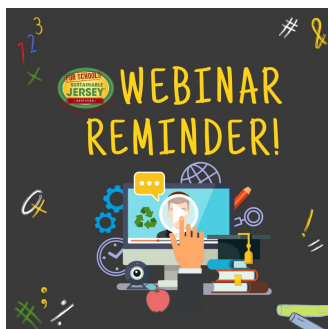
Is your school certified with the [Future Ready Schools](#) program? If so, you can receive up to 15 points towards your bronze or silver certification with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

Future Ready Schools - New Jersey (FRS-NJ) is a certification program designed to promote transformative change in schools and districts throughout New Jersey related to the use of technology in the classroom and the technical, professional, and leadership support needed to ensure the most effective and efficient Future Ready practices. FRS-NJ provides the guidance, support, direction, and resources schools need to achieve "Future Ready" goals.



To earn points, schools must be currently certified with the Future Ready Schools program at the Bronze or Silver level. Bronze certification earns 10 points, Silver certification earns 15 points. To learn more about the new Future Ready Schools Certification action, click [here](#).

Building Bridges to Curriculum Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinar



Wondering how to increase student involvement in your sustainability actions? Join Allison Mulch from Eco-Schools, and John Henry from New Jersey School Boards Association's (NJSBA) Sustainability & iSTEAM Services team to learn how you can connect more of your [Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions](#) to student learning.

Wednesday, December 11, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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Final Chance to Apply! 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.



In 2018, Schalick High School in Pittsgrove School District partnered with South Jersey Land & Water Trust and the American Littoral Society to expand the forested buffer of a nearby tributary with a Roots for Rivers grant

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar was held on October 16 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](#), as well as on the [municipal](#) and [school's](#) program websites.

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.

Funding Available for Municipalities and Schools



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Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support a schools grants program cycle and \$200,000 to support a municipal grants program cycle.

The schools' cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants for school or school district projects, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. For more information, click [here](#). The application deadline is **Friday, March 13, 2020**.

The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey actions. For more information, click [here](#). The application deadline is **Friday, February 14, 2020**. Schools are encouraged to collaborate with their municipality on these projects.

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar was held on December 3 to walk through the application process, review the eligibility requirements and eligible projects, describe the online submission procedures and share tips for how to create a successful Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants application. To view a recording of this webinar, click [here](#).

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Sustainable Practices Working Session

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. There is still one remaining session in February, which will offer the same content as the previous sessions. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. For more information click [here](#).

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.



Thursday, February 20, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Atlantic County Utilities Authority
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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Other Upcoming Events and Training

35th Annual ANJEE Environmental Education Conference

The Annual Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education (ANJEE) Conference will focus on the many ways that education is helping to create a more just and sustainable future for all. Workshop topics include building leadership for environmental literacy, connecting with nature, conservation, sustainable communities, green schools and career-connected learning, and linking research to increase impact. For more information, click [here](#).

Friday, January 24, 2020, 8:00am - 5:30pm

Crowne Plaza Princeton Conference Center
900 Scudders Mill Road
Plainsboro Township, NJ 08536

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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 Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Indoor Air Quality Standard (IAQ) by arranging training sessions throughout New Jersey. There will be one training each month until June. 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. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

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

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mahwah, NJ

Friday April 24, 2020

Newark, NJ

Integrated Pest Management Training

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) 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. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

Friday, January 10, 2020

Sicklerville, NJ

Friday, April 17, 2020

Bridgewater, NJ

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mahwah, NJ

Friday May 8, 2020

Paterson, NJ

Friday, March 13, 2020

Friday, May 15, 2020

Environmental Sustainability Education Teacher Summit

This second-annual event, hosted by the College of New Jersey, will bring together p-12 educators, school administrators, preservice teachers, and college faculty for a day of collaboration and networking. Featured workshop topics include Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), inquiry-based teaching, hydroponic gardens, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), Exceptional Student Education (ESE) curriculum, integrating sustainability with STEAM, and urban/suburban Farm to School programs. For more information, click [here](#) or email esesummittcnj@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 8:30am - 1:00pm

School of Education at The College of New Jersey

2000 Pennington Road

Ewing Township, NJ 08618

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The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Youth and Educator Awards

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now accepting applications for the 2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators (PIAEE). Established in 1990 by the National Environmental Education Act (NEEA), these awards recognize outstanding students and teachers that are dedicated to furthering environmental education in their classrooms and communities. For more information, click [here](#).

[Application Deadline](#): Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Other Upcoming Resource/Funding Opportunities

2020 Environmental Education Grants Program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering up to \$3 million in funding for locally-focused environmental education projects under the 2020 Environmental Education Grant Program. EPA will award three to four grants in each of the agency's 10 regions. The program will fund education-based projects pertaining to marine debris mitigation, food waste and loss reduction, and recycling. Funded projects will both increase public awareness on various environmental matters and enhance participants' abilities to make informed decisions on environmental issues prospectively. For more information, click [here](#). The Requests for Application can be found using the search tool on the [website](#).

[Application Deadline](#): Monday, January 6, 2020

Green Team Resources

NJDEP Food Waste Guidelines

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has released a set of instructions designed to help K-12 schools and higher education institutions pursue best practices for managing school waste. The guidelines were created following a request from the New Jersey School Food Waste Guidelines legislation. To view the guidelines, click [here](#). You can use these guidelines to implement [Food Waste Management](#) and [Waste Audit](#) actions toward your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. [Egg Harbor Township High School](#), silver certified in 2016 and bronze certified in 2015 and 2019, as well as [Reeds Road Elementary School](#) in Galloway Township, silver certified in 2016, are both featured in the guidelines for their incredible on-site composting systems.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

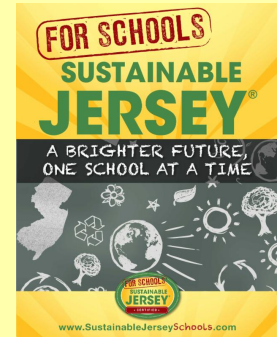
- **Dec. 11:** Building Bridges to Curriculum Informational Webinar

- **Dec. 13:** Roots for Rivers Application Deadline
- **Jan. 17:** First Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **Mar. 14:** Sustainable Jersey for Schools PSEG Grant Application Deadline
- **Feb. 20:** Sustainable Practices Working Session



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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