



350 Districts

948 Schools

Participating

Program Announcement

The COVID-19 crisis reminds us that, unfortunately, sometimes warnings from experts about potential disasters come true. Read Executive Director Randall Solomon's letter about changes in the Sustainable Jersey operations in response to COVID-19 [here](#).

Important Changes to 2020 Application Cycle!

Amidst current events, the second application submission deadline has been extended to **Thursday, April 30**. Submitting your application before the final deadline gives the advantage of additional feedback and a higher likelihood for success. However

Remaining Application Submission Dates:

- **Thursday, April 30, 2020** - Second certification application deadline
- **Friday, June 22, 2020** - Final certification application deadline



For additional details about adjustments to the 2020 certification cycle and other accommodations for 2020 applicants due to COVID-19 disruptions, click [here](#).

If you need help with the application process, check out our [Green Team Resources page](#), which includes our [Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet template](#) to help you keep track of your points, [Application User Guide](#) and [recorded certification webinars](#). If you have any further questions feel free to reach out to us at schools@sustainablejersey.com.

FREE Technical Assistance This Summer for Energy Initiatives

Sustainable Jersey is pleased to offer New Jersey municipalities and school districts a unique opportunity to participate in the [Environmental Defense Fund's \(EDF\) Climate Corps program](#). The program will provide an EDF Climate Corps Fellow, typically a Master's student, (MBA or similar background), with in-depth training in energy project assessment and development, to work with the

the municipality or school district during the summer of 2020 for approximately 9-10 weeks (part-time, as each EDF Fellow works with more than one local government unit). EDF Fellows provide expertise to help municipalities and school districts take advantage of utility and [New Jersey's Clean Energy Program \(NJCEP\)](#) incentives for energy efficiency audits and facility and/or equipment upgrades that can save significant amounts of energy and money.

EDF Fellows will be made available as follows:

- Thanks to support from [New Jersey Natural Gas](#) (NJNG), three Fellows will be available to work with Sustainable Jersey municipalities and school districts located within their utility service territory. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).
- Thanks to support from [Jersey Central Power & Light](#) (JCP&L), one Fellow will be available to work with Sustainable Jersey municipalities and school districts located within their utility service territory. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).
- EDF and Sustainable Jersey are directly supporting two Fellows to work with distressed municipalities and school districts participating in Sustainable Jersey located throughout New Jersey. The NJ Municipal Revitalization Index (MRI) will be used to identify community distress levels when considering applications. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

To learn more about the program, click [here](#). **Applications are due by April 17, 2020.**

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Deadline Extended for the 2020 PSEG Grants Cycle



PSEG
Foundation

The deadline for the PSEG Foundation grant applications has been extended to March 30, 2020. The PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support a schools grants program cycle which will award four (4) \$10,000 grants for school or district projects, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support school sustainability efforts. For more information, click [here](#).

Application Deadline: Monday, March 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm

Strategies for Distance-Learning

Arts Ed NJ has created a special section of their website with resources for educators who are now impacted by these rapidly changing current events. These resources include social distancing technology platforms, services, and instructional tools to aid in developing new approaches for learning and teaching in various disciplines of education. To access this database and learn more, click [here](#).

Black Horse Pike Regional School District Excels in Composting and Recycling



A group of concerned students in the Black Horse Pike Regional School District have helped boost composting and recycling, significantly reducing the level of waste going to the landfill. All three of the schools in the Black Horse Pike Regional School District are U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools and have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. Read more about how Black Horse Pike Regional School District carried out, and accomplished, their goals [here](#).

New Jersey Clean Energy Conference Postponed

The 2020 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference, previously scheduled for April 6-7 in Atlantic City has been postponed. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities plans to reschedule the conference and is currently identifying new conference dates. To register for email updates, [sign up for NJBPU updates](#). For more details, visit the [website](#).

COVID-19 School Cleaning Webinar Series

The Healthy Green Schools & Colleges Committee presents a series of webinars focused on lessons learned through the COVID-19 Pandemic to help the school facility community benefit from their experiences. To register for or view a recording of one of these webinars, click [here](#).

Student Recognition Opportunity

Earth Day 2020 Poster Contest

The Rutgers Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI) is inviting artists to create and submit a poster commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day with a prize of up to \$500. The theme of the contest is Climate Action, which can be focused on topics such as clean air, sustainability and resiliency, sea level rise, environmental and occupational health, plastic pollution and more. Eligible participants are students grades 3-12, undergraduate and graduate students, and other adults. For more information, click [here](#). For questions, contact earthdaycontest@eohsi.rutgers.edu.

[Application Entry Deadline:](#) April 15, 2020

Other Funding Opportunities

ANJEC Scholarship Available for Students

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) has a scholarship available for \$1,200 through the Hermia Lechner Scholarship Fund. Students would have to fulfill ANJEC criteria, entering either their Junior/Senior year at a New Jersey college in Fall 2020, majoring in an environmental-related field, and should have done work and/or has completed an internship in this field of study.

[Application Deadline:](#) May 1, 2020

Classroom Technology Grants

Frontier Internet will award three \$1,000 grants to K-12 teachers to be used toward technology in the classroom. Grants will be awarded to teachers who create unique lesson plans on how to use technology in the classroom to teach social responsibility. To learn more, click [here](#).

Application Deadline: May 15, 2020, 11:59PM

NJBPU Announces New Incentives to Expand Local Government Electric Vehicle Fleets

To jump-start the electrification of local government vehicle fleets, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) has created the “Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive” program, which offers local governments \$4,000 per battery electric vehicle and \$1,500 for one dual-port Level 2 EV charging station. The application window opened on December 1, 2019, and the program will award grants on a rolling basis until April 15, 2020 or until the funding is fully committed. Eligible applicants are local government authorities, which includes school districts, counties, municipalities, and local utility authorities in New Jersey.

To make it easier for local governments to add electric vehicles to their fleets, EVs were recently adding to the State Purchasing Contract. Please review Sustainable Jersey’s [Alternative Fuel Vehicle Procurement Guide](#) for further details. Sustainable Jersey for Schools points can be earned for the new [Sustainable Fleets](#) action in the Green Purchasing category.

More information can be found [here](#) and the application can be accessed [here](#). If you have questions about the incentive program, please send an email to EV.programs@bpu.nj.gov.

Mark Your Calendars!

2020 Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities, and more!

- **March 30:** Second Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **April 17:** Energy Technical Assistance Application Deadline
- **June 22:** Final Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle

Download Program Resources

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