



**350 Districts**

**912 Schools**

**Participating**

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## Second Application Deadline Approaching!

The second application submission deadline of the 2020 certification cycle is **Friday, March 27**. Submitting your application before the final deadline gives the advantage of more opportunities for feedback and a higher likelihood for success.

### Remaining Application Deadlines:

- **Friday March 27, 2020** - Second certification application deadline
- **Friday, June 22, 2020** - Final certification application deadline



To view more details about the 2020 certification cycle, click [here](#). If you are unsure where to begin 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](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com).

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## Final Opportunity to Apply for the 2020 PSEG Grants Cycle



**PSEG**  
*Foundation*

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 school district projects, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support school sustainability efforts. For more information, click [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** Friday, March 13, 2020 at 11:59pm

## Informational Webinar

Click [here](#) for a recorded webinar that reviews the application process, eligibility requirements and eligible projects, describes the online submission procedures, and shares tips for how to create a successful Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant application.

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](mailto:grants@sustainablejersey.com) or at 609-771-3189.

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## FREE Technical Assistance 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 onsite at 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 8, 2020.**

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## March Sustainability Hero



The March Sustainability Hero is David Kois, Sustainability Director for Hillsborough Township. Read about how Hillsborough Township has been certified with Sustainable Jersey since 2009 and has maintained certification at the silver-level since 2011. See how the Incredible Hulk, local farms, RideWise, a water conservation pledge and new baby fit into the story on the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#).

To celebrate the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a monthly Sustainability Hero. If you have recommendations for someone on your

## Contribute to a Complete Census Count and Earn Sustainable Jersey for Schools Points

Did you know \$23 billion in federal funding for New Jersey depends on Census counts, including support for school programs and services such as special education, free and reduced lunch, class size reduction, classroom technology, after-school programs, Head Start and more. It is important that communities obtain a complete count as part of the 2020 Census to enable schools to receive appropriate funding and program support over the next ten years.

Your schools can earn Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification points in the Community Education & Outreach or the Student Learning suite of actions for a 2020 Census complete count effort. For more information download the [flyer](#), or view the webinar recording and presentation from the "2020 Census: Earn Points by Making Sure your Community Counts" webinar on our [website](#).

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## New Jersey Clean Energy Conference

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has announced the return of the New Jersey Clean Energy Conference: Charting the Path to 2050, to be held at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City from April 6 to 7. With nineteen sessions to choose from, the Clean Energy Conference will feature informative and engaging discussions on the most relevant topics in clean energy. You won't want to miss these sessions on *Women and Climate*, the new *Energy Master Plan*, emerging *Offshore Wind* industries, and *Electric Vehicles* in New Jersey and beyond, to just name a few.

Visit the [conference website](#) to register and join business leaders, local officials, advocates, policy makers and others as we prepare to work together toward a clean energy future.

**April 6 - 7, 2020, 9:00am – 5:00pm**

Harrah's Conference Center

777 Harrah's Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

[REGISTER](#) – Fee applies

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## 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](mailto:earthdaycontest@eohsi.rutgers.edu).

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

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## Other Upcoming Events and Training

**Green Infrastructure Champions Program**

Green Infrastructure Champions are key players in implementing green infrastructure as a stormwater management approach town by town. Through this program, offered by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, participants can attend one or more of the ten low-cost classes from January to May to learn how to identify green infrastructure locations, perform installations and maintenance, and more. A session will be held on March 27 on green infrastructure projects for schools. For more information, including all training topics, days, and times, visit the [website](#).

**Friday, March 27, 2020, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Duke Farms

1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

[REGISTER](#) – Fee applies

## 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, April 3, 2020**

Bridgewater, NJ

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

Newark, NJ

**Friday, May 22, 2020**

Washington, NJ

**Friday, June 5, 2020**

Neptune, 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 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 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, April 17, 2020**

Bridgewater, NJ

**Friday, May 8, 2020**

Paterson, NJ

**Friday, May 15, 2020**

Newark, NJ

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## Other Funding Opportunities

### 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](mailto:EV.programs@bpu.nj.gov).

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## Green Team Resources

### 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, DEP 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](mailto:DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov).

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## Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **March 13:** Sustainable Jersey for Schools PSEG Grant Application Deadline
- **March 27:** Second Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **June 22:** Final Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle

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## 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](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com) or visit [www.SustainableJerseySchools.com](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com)

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