



352 Districts

968 Schools

Participating

August Sustainability Hero



The August 2020 Sustainability Hero is Julie Crawford, the STEM Coordinator and math and science teacher at Mount Arlington School in Morris County. Energetic and forward thinking, Julie is a stand-out educator and accomplished sustainability hero. She has been instrumental in securing significant grant funding to make her projects a reality and due to her mentoring, students have participated and placed in academic competitions at the county, state, national and international levels. Thanks to Julie's leadership, Mount Arlington School achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification in 2016 and 2019. See how the Model UN program, the Arthur R. Ondish Memorial Rain Garden, the Alliance to Save Energy PowerSave Schools program, iSTEAM and the Iowa State

Fair 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 a recommendation for someone on your green team, municipal staff, school staff or task force that's a sustainability hero, complete the [submission form](#).

Summer Syllabus: Remote Training Resources



Tap into virtual training resources to brush up on your sustainability knowledge! Visit the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Summer Syllabus webpage](#) of virtual resources available for professional development. Use the summer as an opportunity to maximize your certification points in the [Professional Development for Sustainability action](#). Earn up to 20 points: 5 points for every 5 staff and/or board members who have each completed at least two hours of training.

Upcoming Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinars

Future Ready Schools - NJ Transition to Sustainable Jersey for Schools

On June 2nd Sustainable Jersey announced the formation of the Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Program. New Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions that encompass the former [Future Ready Schools-NJ \(FRS-NJ\) Indicators](#) are being developed and will become part of the schools certification program in October 2020. They will provide guidance and enable schools to be recognized for their Digital Schools efforts. For schools already active in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, the new actions will provide opportunities to earn more points and achieve higher levels of certification. For districts formerly active in FRS-NJ, progress made in completing FRS-NJ indicators during the past two years may be applied toward meeting the requirements of the new Digital Schools actions. This webinar will orient FRS-NJ participants to the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program including how to register, the program structure, application process, resources, and the timeline for applying for certification in the upcoming school year.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 10:00am - 11:00am

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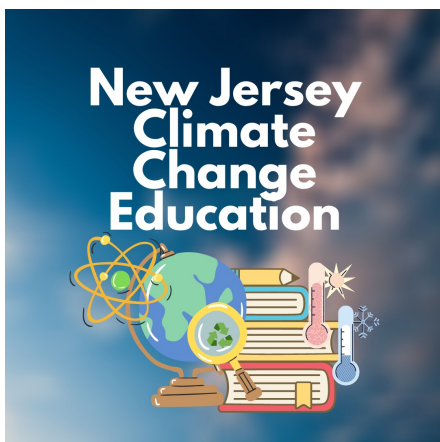
EDF Fellows 'Getting Started' Guide To Energy Actions

Want to start tracking your energy use, but don't know where to start? Sustainable Jersey's 2020 Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Fellows are here to help! Join us for a webinar to learn the tips the Fellows have gathered over the summer working with school districts and municipalities to streamline data collection, read energy bills, and easily organize and track energy use and costs. The EDF Fellows are assisting schools to submit for [Energy Efficiency in School Facilities](#) and [Energy Tracking and Management](#) actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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Climate Change Curriculum Resources & Events



In June 2020, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to incorporate climate change education across its K-12 learning standards when the New Jersey State Board of Education updated the [New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#). The update included "Climate Change education across all content areas, leveraging the passion students have shown for this critical issue and providing them opportunities to develop a deep understanding of the science behind the changes and to explore the solutions our world desperately needs."

Sustainable Jersey for Schools has compiled a list of curriculum resources to support educators seeking to incorporate climate change education into their pre-K - 12 lessons. Visit our [Climate Change Curriculum Resources](#) page.

NAAEE Webinar: Climate Change Across the Curriculum: A Conversation with the First Lady of New Jersey, Tammy Murphy, and Four Education Experts

In this webinar hosted by North American Association for Environmental Education, Tammy Murphy will moderate a panel about the inclusion of climate change education across all New Jersey K-12 learning standards.

iSTEAM and Sustainability-Integrated Lessons - New Jersey School Boards Association Facebook Live Event

On June 24, the New Jersey School Boards Association hosted a Facebook Live event to discuss what the climate change education guidelines will mean going forward for educators across the state. The event also presented strategies that other schools have used to incorporate climate change into their curricula. To view a recording of this event, click [here](#).

Upcoming Award Nomination Opportunities

2020 NJDEP Recycling Awards Program Application

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), in conjunction with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR), annually recognizes excellence in recycling. The goal is to highlight the success of agencies, businesses, individuals, and others who go beyond the norm to advance recycling and to make these examples available to others who may emulate them. A number of award categories are available. For more information, view the [Nomination Packet](#).

[Application Deadline:](#) Friday, July 31, 2020

2020 ANJEE Educator Award Nominations

The Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education is seeking nominations for its 2020 Excellence in Environmental Education Awards. Categories for nomination include environmental educators in the formal (individual or partnership) or non-formal sector (works with schools or the public at large), environmental educators in higher education, volunteer-led groups that support local environmental education, and lifetime achievement. Winners will be honored at an awards event in early 2021, time and place to be determined based on COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. For more information or to nominate a talented environmental education professional, click [here](#).

[Application Deadline:](#) Saturday, October 31, 2020

Green Team Resources

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

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)'s *It Pay\$ to Plug In* program provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is open to government entities, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. The EV charging infrastructure supports adoption of electric vehicles by New Jersey residents, businesses, and government agencies. EV chargers can be used for employees to charge while at work, for fleet vehicles, and for public use in parking lots.

NJDEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs up to a maximum of:

- \$750 per Level 1 charging station
- \$4,000 per Level 2 charging port

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

EV charging infrastructure can support the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Sustainable Fleets](#) action.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **Aug. 5:** Digital Schools- Transition to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinar

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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