



New! Receive Additional Points for School Gardens

The School Garden action has been updated to better reflect the number and diversity of school gardens present among Sustainable Jersey for Schools applicants. This action is now variable point, allowing schools to earn up to 30 points for three different types of food-producing gardens. Ten points will be awarded for each distinct type of food-producing garden on school property, up to a maximum of 30 points. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- outdoor soil-based plots/raised bed gardens
- greenhouse gardens
- hydroponic gardens (includes aeroponic systems)
- aquaponic gardens



Gardens that support a particular wildlife species may qualify for points under the Biodiversity Project action, and those that are designed to address storm water may earn points under the Green Infrastructure Installation action.

Get a Head Start on Your School's 2020 Certification Application

The first application submission deadline of the 2020 certification cycle is this Friday, January 17. Submitting your application in January gives the advantage of multiple opportunities for feedback and a higher likelihood of success.

Application Deadlines:

Friday, January 17, 2020 - First certification application deadline

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.

Making a Difference Award Nominations Now Open

Since 1997 the Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award has honored 366 individuals whose extraordinary service to others has made New Jersey a better place. These unsung New Jersey heroes help others in need, solve problems and transform neighborhoods, bring hope to those who feel forgotten, stand up for the rights of others, create opportunities for young people to succeed, and protect the environment. Up to ten awards will be given: a top award of \$50,000, two \$25,000 awards and seven \$7,500 awards. For more information, visit the [website](#).

Nomination Deadline: February 21, 2020

Funding Available for Schools and Municipalities



PSEG
Foundation



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 school grant cycle 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](#). **The schools' application deadline is Friday, March 13, 2020.**

Schools are encouraged to collaborate with their municipality on these projects. 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 municipal application deadline is Friday, February 14, 2020.

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 or at 609-771-3189.

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. 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, 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

Friday, March 6, 2020

Westampton, NJ

Friday, May 22, 2020

Washington, 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, February 7, 2020
Mahwah, NJ

Friday, May 8, 2020
Paterson, NJ

Friday, March 13, 2020
Metuchen, NJ

Friday, May 15, 2020
Newark, NJ

Friday, April 17, 2020
Bridgewater, NJ

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. This event supports a number of [Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions](#) including Education for Sustainability, School Gardens, iSTEAM, Curriculum Mapping, and Social Emotional Learning Integrated Unit. For more information, click [here](#) or email esesummitcnj@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
[REGISTER](#)

Green Team Resources

Energy Tracking and Management

The [New Jersey Clean Energy Learning Center](#) has added a new section on Sustainable Jersey which will feature videos on how to successfully complete energy actions. The first video in the series is on [Energy Tracking & Management](#). This video series explains how to earn 10 to 20 points for completing the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Energy Tracking and Management action](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

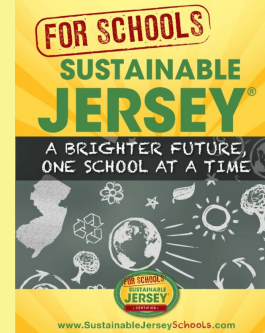
2020 Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities, and more!

- **Jan 17:** First Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **Mar 14:** Sustainable Jersey for Schools PSEG Grant Application Deadline
- **Mar 27:** Second Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **Feb. 20:** Sustainable Practices Working Session
- **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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