



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

219 Districts    543 Schools  
Participating



Reeds Road Elementary accepts the 2016 Elementary School Champion Award.

## 2016 Sustainability Champion Awards Go to Three Schools in Atlantic County!

Sustainable Jersey for Schools celebrated the recipients of the 2016 Sustainability Champion award, the Green Team Collaboration award and the Sustainability Makes \$ense award at a reception during the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Workshop 2016 on October 25, 2015 in Atlantic City. This year, three schools in Atlantic County received the Sustainability Champion Award. The Sustainability Champion award recognizes schools that have made significant progress toward sustainability and have been certified with the most Sustainable Jersey for Schools points in one of three categories: elementary, middle or high school. These schools far exceeded the minimum requirement of 150 points for bronze-level certification.

### **2016 SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS:**

**Elementary School Champion:** Reeds Road Elementary School (Galloway Township School District)

**Middle School Champion:** Alder Avenue Middle School (Egg Harbor Township School District)

**High School Champion:** Egg Harbor Township High School (Egg Harbor Township School District)

In 2016, the second year of the program, two new awards were added. The Green Team Collaboration Award recognizes municipal and school green teams working together to advance sustainability in their schools and communities. The Sustainability Makes \$ense Award recognizes the district that has demonstrated exemplary progress in sustainability which results in cost savings to the school district

### **2016 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS:**

**Energy Makes \$ense Award:** Long Branch Public School District in Monmouth County

**School & Municipal Green Team Collaboration Award:** South Orange and Maplewood Public School District in Essex County

Read more about our award recipients [here](#). Check out a new Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation blog post about the Sustainability Champions: read about solar nachos at Reeds Road Schools, composting lunch waste at



The George Street Playhouse presents excerpts from "[Gabi Goes Green](#)"



300+ Green Team members and school officials gather for the 2016 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Awards Ceremony at the NJSBA Workshop.



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## New Grants Announced to Fund Sustainability Projects

PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support another cycle of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program. With this contribution, the PSEG foundation has provided over \$1.3 million dollars in funding to support local sustainability initiatives in municipalities and schools across the state. The PSEG Foundation's ongoing support of the Small Grants Program is an excellent example of how public/private partnerships can encourage local grass roots efforts to improve the quality of life in New Jersey. Visit the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Grants & Resources](#) page to learn more about funding for registered schools to support action related sustainability initiatives. Application Deadline is February 3, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR: December 1, 2016 3:30-4:30pm. Register [online](#).**



## Meet Sustainable Jersey at the NJEA Convention!

Are you working on your professional development this fall? Attend one of our many sessions, find out about NEW grant opportunities for 2017 or stop by booth 1024 for one on one assistance with your program questions!

**NOVEMBER 10-11, 2016 ATLANTIC CITY, NJ**

[NJEA Convention](#)

List of Sustainable Jersey Sessions @ NJEA Convention [here](#).

## Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

### Bergen County

Franklin Avenue Middle School (Franklin Lakes)

High Mountain Road Elementary School (Franklin Lakes)

### Camden County

Bell Oaks Elementary School (Bellmawr)

Bellmawr Park Elementary School (Bellmawr)

Ethel M. Burke Elementary School (Bellmawr)

Pine Hill Middle School

### Cape May County

Ocean City Primary School

Upper Township Middle School

### Gloucester County

**Swedesboro-Woolwich School District**

### Hunterdon County

**Franklin Township School District**

### Ocean County

**Lakewood Public School District**

Lakewood Middle School

### Passaic County

Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton

### Somerset County

**Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools**

**Watchung Hills Regional School District**

Watchung Hills Regional High School

### Sussex County

## USDA Farm to School Grant Program Request for Applications Now Available

The purpose of the [USDA Farm to School Grant Program](#) is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs. Visit USDA the information page [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** December 8, 2016

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### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

#### **NOVEMBER 11TH APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**DECEMBER 2-3, 2016, 8:00AM- 5:00PM** The Chapin School, Lawrence Township, NJ

**["Teaching for A Reimagined World" Wells Fargo Regional Sustainability Teacher's Academy](#)**

**[Presented by OASIS \(Organizing Action on Sustainability in Schools\) & Arizona State University](#)**

A FREE two-day professional development workshop designed to help local teachers from all subjects who teach grades 5-9 to integrate sustainability curriculum, develop campus projects and encourage community engagement. Each teacher who participates receives \$150 stipend and can earn Arizona State University Continuing Education Units. Teachers also receive a tool-kit full of sustainability resources for use in their classrooms, schools, and communities. Space is limited to 36, with preference given to OASIS members and schools who send teams of two or more. **Apply by November 11th [here](#)**. More information about the ASU Sustainability Teachers Academy [here](#).

**NOVEMBER 18, 2016, 8:45AM- 4:30PM** Robertson Hall, Princeton University

***Education Research Section (ERS) and the Center for Health and Wellbeing (CHW) of the Woodrow Wilson School (WWS) and by Isles, Inc***

**[The Impact of Lead on Our Students & What We Can Do About It](#)**

Panelists will explore the impact of lead exposure on a child's developing brain, including lead's relationship to behavior problems and test scores. Can schools, families and communities mitigate these impacts? Important policies and approaches that cut across multiple sectors such as health, education, social services and housing will be considered. Free event, **register by November 10th**.

**NOVEMBER 16-DECEMBER 14, 2016, 4:00P- 5:00PM, Free Webinar Series**

***Eco-Schools USA***

**[Sustainability & The Arts Teacher Exchange Forum](#), November 17th, 4-5pm**

**[Conducting A Student-Led Energy Audit and Action Plan](#), December 1st, 4-5pm**

**[Conducting Student-Led Audits for Water Consumption & Waste](#), December 14th 4-5pm**

*\*Please note that student led energy audits do not meet the criteria for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Energy Audit action, but can serve as practical educational tools. [Eco-Schools](#) is an international program, hosted in the US by the National Wildlife Federation.*

#### **SCHOOL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING 2016-2016**

***NJ Association for Designated Persons, NJDEP, NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association***

Throughout the state, every month beginning in November

See the complete schedule for dates & locations [here](#).

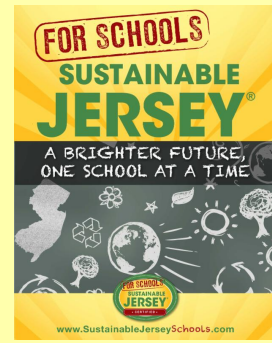
**NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Podcast series (ongoing)**

***"Discover DEP"***

**[Episode 25- Environmental Education w/ Tanya Oznowich, Environmental Education Supervisor](#)**

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

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