



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

232 Districts    571 Schools  
Participating

---



**January 18th 2017**

## The First Step in Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification

Schools seeking to become bronze or silver certified with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program for 2017 are encouraged to take advantage of multiple review periods in the [application cycle](#). Incremental submission of application materials allows your green team to receive valuable feedback on your efforts as you accumulate points towards certification.

### **2017 Certification Application Deadlines**

**January 18, 2017**

-First 2017 Application Submission Deadline

**April 10, 2017**

Second 2017 Application Submission Deadline

**June 29, 2017**

-Third (FINAL) 2017 Application Submission Deadline

Check out these past webinar presentations for tips, tricks, and instructions for a successful submission:

[Preparing for Certification](#) (access narrated recording [here](#))

[Navigating the Application for First Time Users](#) (access narrated recording [here](#))

---

## Reminder: PSEG Sponsored Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant Applications due February 3, 2017

Visit the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Grants & Resources](#) page to learn more about funding for registered schools to support action related sustainability initiatives. Grants are available at the \$2,000 and \$10,000 level. If your school has not received a \$2,000 capacity building grant from Sustainable Jersey for Schools, we strongly suggest viewing the [informational webinar](#) and submitting an application for 2017.

**Application Deadline** is February 3, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.



**PSEG**  
We make things work for you.

## Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

### Bergen County

Midland Park High School  
**Montvale School District**

### Monmouth County

Cedar Drive Middle School (Colts Neck)  
Conover Road Elementary School (Colts Neck)  
Conover Road Primary School (Colts Neck)

### Camden County

Winslow Township Middle School  
Winslow Township School No. 3 Elementary

## "Going Beyond the Resolution" NJSBA Sustainability Webinar Series for Board Leaders

The [New Jersey School Boards Association](#) has designed a webinar series for school board members that seek a deeper understanding of sustainability, beyond the resolution signed to participate in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program. Green team members are encouraged to participate in these webinars, as the success of implementing sustainable practices improves with a better understanding by everyone involved in supporting them.

### **January 11th 10-11am- [Safe Routes to Schools](#)**

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide movement aimed at encouraging elementary and middle school students to walk or bicycle to school. The goal of New Jersey's Safe Routes to School initiative is to get children walking and bicycling to school where it is safe and to make it safe where it is not. Learn about the SRTS initiative and how the board can adopt a Safe Routes to School policy, and earn up to 40 points toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification in additional related actions.

### **FUTURE WEBINARS IN THE SERIES:**

February 8th 10-11am- School Foundations Supporting Sustainability  
March 8th 10-11am- Creating School Policies that Support Sustainability  
April 12th 10-11am- Strategic Planning: Incorporating Green Initiatives  
May 10th 10-11am- Education for Sustainability  
April 6th 10-11am- Arts Ed Now Toolkit: Supporting Compliance with State Requirements

---

## NJHI: Next Generation Community Leaders Youth Engagement Grants

[New Jersey Health Initiatives: Next Generation Community Leaders](#) is intended to further the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's vision of building a Culture of Health by leveraging the strengths of youth to affect change in their communities. This program will support communities in preparing the next generation of civic and community leaders by providing them with the resources and technical assistance they need to focus the time, talent, and energy of youth and providing the youth with an opportunity to make meaningful change in their communities through summer employment on a self-designed, community-focused project. At the conclusion of this three-year initiative, successful grantees will have engaged teams of 10-15 youth in the following actions:

- Developing Civic Engagement and Leadership Skills
- Participating in Meaningful Summer Employment
- Participating in Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Actively Engaging in an Alumni Network

Grants will total up to \$200,000 per grantee over three years, beginning July 2017. Visit NJHI information page [here](#).

## NJ Agricultural Society Learning Through Gardening Grants

The NJ Agricultural Society [Learning Through Gardening](#) grant provides teachers with curriculum, training and materials for three raised beds so that they can use the school garden to teach their core curriculum, including math, social studies, language arts, and science.

A [Learning Through Gardening grant](#) is awarded to schools planning to launch a schoolwide gardening program during school hours. Grants are not awarded to schools that intend to use the garden solely for after-school or club activities. Grant recipients must assemble a garden management committee of teachers from various grade levels. Garden committees can also include administrators and other stakeholders such as custodians, cafeteria managers, and parents. Grant recipients must plan for the garden to be used by at least two grade levels during the first year, and show plans to expand the garden's use by additional grade levels in future years. Every application must be accompanied by a letter of support from the school principal.

[Application deadline](#) February 1, 2017

---

## Fun Run Grants Available

The [New Balance Foundation Billion Mile Race](#) is challenging America's schools to collectively run, jog, and walk one billion miles. The New Balance Foundation Billion Mile Race is hosted by [Active Schools Acceleration Project \(ASAP\)](#), an initiative of [ChildObesity180](#) at Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition. A Fun Run Grant will equip schools with materials to host a race, walk-a-thon, or fun run event for their school communities. The package includes a set of numbered race bibs, a finish line banner, wristbands for student participants, a Bluetooth speaker, an airhorn and a gift card to purchase healthy snacks like fruit and water.

[Application deadline](#) February 15, 2017

---

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

### JANUARY 11, 2017 1:00-2:00PM WEBINAR

#### [Step by Step: How to Start a Walking School Bus at Your School](#)

Join this webinar to learn about the Safe Routes to School National Partnership's new toolkit, Step by Step: How to Start a Walking School Bus at Your School, an easy-to-follow guide to getting a walking school bus up and "walking" in your community! A walking school bus program can help reduce air pollution, increase the number of students walking and bicycling, give children and adults an opportunity to socialize, and manage student transportation costs, all while getting to school on time! Register for this free training [here](#).

### PEOSH/NJADP Indoor Air Quality Training 2016-2016

Throughout the state, every month from January 13th to May 12th.

Free training open to all with a focus on the role of the school nurse and Indoor Air Quality Team in effective IAQ programs. Participating school nurses & facilities managers will receive 4.0 CEU's.

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

### JANUARY 20, 2017 9:30AM-3:30PM, Trenton, NJ

#### [NJSBA Sustainable Practices Working Sessions](#)

In the one-day sessions, participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Board members will receive three board member academy credits for participation in this working session. Register for this free training [here](#).

### JANUARY 21, 2017, 9:00AM- 3:00PM, Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ

#### [Bald Eagle Ecology for Teachers \(K-12\)](#)

The Eagle Cam is a wonderful tool for teaching about ecology, endangered species or animal adaptations.

Enhance your understanding of the science behind NJ's bald eagle management program and discover the

many ways this technology can be used in your classroom. Register for this \$25/pp. training [here](#).

**JANUARY 31, 2017 4:30PM-6:00PM, Princeton, NJ** (Middle School Teachers)

**FEBRUARY 7, 2017 4:30PM-6:00PM, Princeton, NJ** (High School Teachers)

**[Teaching Climate Change: Teacher Workshop](#)**

OASIS (Organizing Action on Sustainability In Schools) and the Rutgers University Climate Institute are pleased to offer this free professional development training to help educators improve their understanding of climate science and develop effective teaching and learning practices to teach about climate science. Register for this free training [here](#).

**FEBRUARY 4, 2017, 9:00AM- 3:00PM, Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ**

**[Bald Eagles in the Classroom: Using an NGSS Aligned & Problem Based Approach](#)**

Teachers will explore the power of PBL as they spend the day working with other teachers at their grade level and will then leave with new tools including a problem-based task, analytic rubric, unit level scaffold, and tools for facilitation to implement a new bald eagle unit in their classrooms. Register for this \$30/pp. training [here](#).

**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](#).

**NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)**

**[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)**

*Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more! Visit the NAAEE page [here](#).*

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

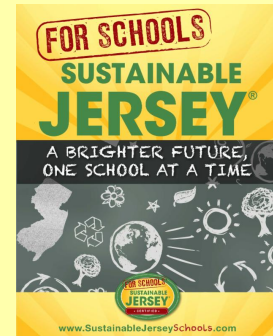
**"Discover DEP"**

**[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).

*Sustainable Jersey for Schools*

---

## Sustainable Jersey for Schools Sponsors

Underwritten by:



Small Grants Underwritten by:



Founding Sponsors:



Silver Sponsors:



Stay Connected



Sustainable Jersey for Schools  
Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey  
Forcina Hall, 3rd Floor  
2000 Pennington Rd.  
Ewing, NJ 08628-0718