



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS



400 NJ Schools Pursue Sustainability Certification

400 schools have now registered for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program! At the school district level, 155 districts have also passed a resolution to participate in the program. Review the list of the 400 schools participating [here](#).



Save the Date!

In New Jersey, we're serious about achieving a sustainable state. We are setting goals for the future, and giving communities practical tools they can use to make progress. Last year, over 300 people attended the 2015 New Jersey Sustainability Summit to help us build consensus and

implement the future we want.

Plan now to attend the 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit on June 15 at The College of New Jersey. Be part of the collaborative enterprise needed to ensure a sustainable future for New Jersey and beyond!

This year, with the help of our task forces, we have been digging deeper into the Energy and Waste dimensions and exploring what communities can do in these areas to help put New Jersey on the right track towards meeting our goals.

Summit highlights include:

- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Strauss, Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts at Climate Central.
- More breakout sessions so you can bring home a wealth of practical knowledge and resources to help advance sustainability efforts in your town. Complete our 5-minutes survey to help us identify the topics most relevant to you [HERE](#).
- Release of an updated Sustainable State of the State report. Read the 2015 NJ Sustainable State of the State report [HERE](#).
- Preview the Sustainable Jersey GOLD standards for the energy and waste dimensions.

~ **Registration Opens March 2016** ~

Click [here](#) for more information

Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Bergen County

Ho-Ho-Kus School District

Ho-Ho-Kus Elementary School (Ho-Ho-Kus)

Hunterdon County

Frenchtown Borough School District

Edith Ort Thomas Elementary School (Frenchtown)

Mercer County

Dutch Neck Elementary School (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

Grover Middle School (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

Maurice Hawk Elementary School (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

Millstone River Elementary School (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

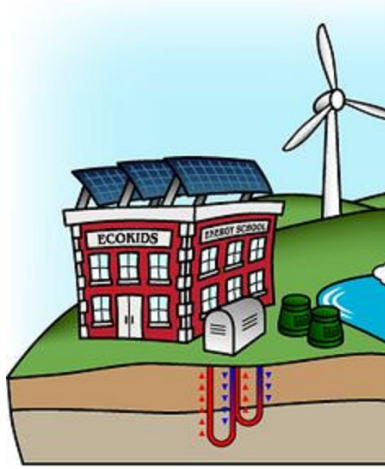
Town Center Elementary School (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

West Windsor Plainsboro High School North (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

West Windsor Plainsboro High School South (West Windsor-Plainsboro)

Morris County

North Boulevard Elementary School (Pequannock)



March 15th Webinar: How Energy Efficiency Helps Schools & Districts Save Money and Energy

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS FREE ONLINE WEBINAR 3:30-4:30 PM. Register [here](#).

- Learn about the energy efficiency actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program which can help your school to understand its energy use and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.
- The webinar will provide an overview of the actions in the program, as well as an in-depth explanation of how to calculate your schools' energy use intensity for the "Building Efficiency Measures" action (a priority and variable point action)
- We will also give you pointers on the specific documentation you will need to upload for each action.
- Hear from Readington Township's District Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Jodi Bettermann, about how her district saved money by understanding its energy use, and calculating its EUI.



Free Technical Support On Energy Initiatives

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and

New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide a powerful program to assist school districts and municipalities within the [NJNG service territory](#) to complete Sustainable Jersey energy actions.

The focus is on implementing projects that will improve building performance through energy efficiency analysis, planning and upgrades, but may include renewable energy and other energy-related improvements. Application deadline is **March 18, 2016**. For more information, click [here](#).



Let's Get Growing with Learning Through Gardening School Garden Grants!

Applications Due March 1st

The mission of the [New Jersey Agricultural Society's](#) Learning Through Gardening program has announced two types of [garden grants](#) are available to New Jersey preschools and elementary schools:

- A [teacher grant](#) is awarded to an individual teacher who wants to start a small garden for use by one class only.
- A [school grant](#) is awarded to preschools and elementary 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 activities. School 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.



Promote Locally Grown Foods in Your School! Register for March 16th "Farm to School Summit"

Does your school want to promote locally grown foods in the cafeteria? [Jersey Fresh](#) is holding a [Farm to School Summit](#) on **March 16th** in East Windsor, NJ where you can learn how schools, farmers, produce suppliers, and other vested stakeholders are developing relationships to highlight local produce, creating and teaching students about school gardens, and introducing fresh fruits and vegetables to the next generation of adults. This summit can also help give you guidance when working to complete the Promote Locally Grown Foods [action](#). For more information visit their [website](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

FEBRUARY 26, 2016 TRENTON, NJ 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

New Jersey School Boards Association, Sustainability Services

["Sustainable Practices Working Session"](#)

NJSBA is offering members and school district personnel an opportunity to attend a one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session. In this session your district/school will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Learn more about this service and register for the working session that best suits your green team's schedule: February 12, February 26, March 11, or April 1.

FEBRUARY 26, 2016 - 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM CLAYTON, NJ or

MARCH 11, 2016 - 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM BRIDGEWATER, NJ

NJ Association of Designated Persons

[Indoor Air Quality Training Course](#)

FEBRUARY 26, 2016 - 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM SAYREVILLE, NJ

Rutgers Water Resources Program- Green Infrastructure Conference

[Fixing Flooding: Once Community at a Time: Innovative Solutions Using Green Infrastructure](#)

FEBRUARY 29 - APRIL 18, 2016 CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM JERSEY CITY, NJ

Sustainable Jersey City Collaborative Network

[SJC 2016 Certificate in Urban Sustainability Program](#)

(24 CEU's available from US Green Building Council. Earlybird Registration rate ends Feb 19th)

MARCH 5, 2016 - 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM PISCATAWAY, NJ

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County

[Digging Into Youth Gardens: A Conference for Educators & Community Leaders](#)

MARCH 16, 2016 - 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM EAST WINDSOR, NJ

NJ Dept of Agriculture- Jersey Fresh Farm to School

[Jersey Fresh Farm to School Summit](#)

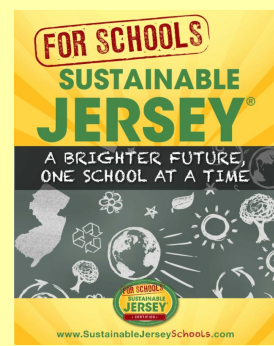
MARCH 19, 2016 - 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM GLASSBORO, NJ

New Jersey Earth Sciences Teachers Association

[32nd Annual Conference of the NJ Earth Science Teachers Association](#)

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 or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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