



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

The Clock is Ticking! Remember to Submit Your Certification Application by April 8th.



Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the class of certified Sustainable Jersey Schools this year!



34 Schools Receive Grants to Implement Sustainability Projects

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced the 34 New Jersey schools selected to receive a Sustainable Jersey for Schools small grant funded by the PSEG Foundation. Four \$10,000 grants and thirty \$2,000 grants were distributed to fund a variety of projects including food composting, outdoor classrooms, sustainability education, rainwater collection, recycling and more. Learn more about that grant winning projects [here.](#)

Need Funding? \$120,000 in Funds Available to Support Health & Wellness Initiatives in Middle and High Schools

If your district or school is registered in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program and serves middle and high school students, there is funding available to help you to implement health and wellness initiatives. The New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH), through its Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant, is providing \$120,000 to fund thirty \$4,000 awards to complete specific Sustainable Jersey for Schools health and wellness actions. For more information , visit our [website](#).



[Application Deadline: Friday, June 10, 2016 at 11:59pm](#)

Informational Webinars

Funding for Health & Wellness Initiatives in Middle and High Schools

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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This informational webinar will be held to review the grant application process including using the online application, requirements, and tips for successful applications.

Evidence Based Practices to Improve the Social, Emotional and Physical Health of Middle and High School Students

Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

This webinar will highlight a variety of an evidence-based, healthy lifestyle intervention programs that improve adolescents' healthy lifestyle behaviors, physical and mental health, and academic performance. All the programs discussed would be eligible for funding under the current Sustainable Jersey for Schools Health & Wellness Small Grants cycle. Join us to explore possibilities and how a small grant could help make implementation at your school a reality.

Take It Outside! Tips and Tools for Outdoor Classrooms Webinar

Learn about Sustainable Jersey for Schools' actions that relate to outdoor classrooms: Biodiversity Plans and Projects; School Gardens; and Education for Sustainability; as well as the tips and resources for making your outdoor classroom successful.



Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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Education For Sustainability (EFS) Curriculum Design Studio Scholarships Available

In partnership with the Cloud Institute, Sustainable Jersey for Schools is delighted to offer training scholarships to an EFS Curriculum Design Studio, a five-day training for Educators, Curriculum Designers and Administrators, that will be held June 27 - July 1. Through working sessions, learning circles, coaching, peer review and optional mini-sessions, you are supported as you innovate/create and develop classroom units, performance assessments and protocols that educate for sustainability. For more information, [visit our website](#). The scholarships are available to employees of school districts registered in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.



[Application Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2016](#)

2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit Registration NOW OPEN!

[REGISTER](#) Today!

Plan now to attend the 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit and be part of the collaborative enterprise needed to ensure a sustainable future for New Jersey and beyond! For more information, visit our [website](#).

Summit Highlights Include:

- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Strauss, Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts at Climate Central.
- Release of an updated Sustainable State of the State report. Read the 2015 NJ Sustainable State of the State report [here](#).
- More breakout sessions so you can bring home a wealth of practical knowledge and resources to help advance sustainability efforts in your town. Read the session descriptions [here](#).

2016 NEW JERSEY
SUSTAINABILITY
SUMMIT
JUNE 15, 2016 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Location: The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

Cost: \$35: Elected and Appointed Officials, Public and Non-Profit Employees, and Green Team Volunteers
\$100: All other attendees

Taking Action to Improve Indoor Air Quality

This first installment of the U.S. EPA's Indoor Air Quality Knowledge-to-Action Professional Training Webinar series will provide information on how to successfully implement the IAQ Tools for Schools Framework, use the School IAQ Assessment Mobile app, and replicate best practices used by a school district facility director who successfully implemented IAQ Tools for Schools and improved IAQ in their school district.

Showcase Your Earth Day & Environmental Education Week Efforts!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has administered the Earth Day - New Jersey website (www.earthdayNJ.org) for more than 15 years. Each year, the website attracts more than 40,000 visitors in April through May. The Earth Day - New Jersey website features an events calendar, school programs listing, history of Earth Day and Environmental Education Week, and suggestions for what families, schools and individuals can do to help protect the environment and participate in green, sustainable activities

In celebration of "Environmental Education Week" (April 17 - 23), the website will showcase your school programs along with descriptions of the lessons and projects that students are doing statewide to celebrate the week. To submit information about your environmental education activities to be conducted in April - early May, go to www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm. Learn about statewide Earth Day events and submit your school's activities here

Jersey Fresh Farm To School Awards

Promote your school's efforts to serve Jersey Fresh produce and support local agriculture. Registering for the Jersey Fresh Farm to School Recognition & Awards Program is an opportunity to expand your school's Farm to School efforts and highlight Jersey Fresh produce in your school meals. To learn more about the program, applicant eligibility, and the selection process, please visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: June 1, 2016

Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Cumberland County

Vineland Public School District

Hunterdon County

Kingwood Township School District

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

APRIL 8, 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM FREEHOLD, NJ

Rutgers Monmouth County Master Gardeners

[Academics in the Great Outdoors- School Gardens & Beyond](#)

APRIL 15th REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JULY 18-20, 2016 PRINCETON, NJ 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

NJPSA Foundation for Educational Administration, Geraldine Dodge Foundation, Princeton University Program for Teacher Preparation and Creative New Jersey

["Educational Leaders as Scholars: Using Arts-Infused Instruction to Enhance the Common Core"](#)

The summer institute will focus on the development of school/district projects that stress Arts-Infused Instruction in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). All superintendents and principals are invited to submit an application to bring a team to a free, three-day summer institute at Princeton University (for new applicants only).

APRIL 22, 2016 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM METUCHEN, NJ or

MAY 27, 2016 8:00AM- 12:30 PM MAHWAH, NJ

NJ Association of Designated Persons

[Indoor Air Quality Training Course](#)

APRIL 30, 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM CHATHAM, NJ or

MAY 14, 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM TUCKERTON, NJ

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

[WOW! Wonders of Wetlands Workshops for Educators](#)

APRIL 29, 2016 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM BRIDGEWATER, NJ or

MAY 13, 2016 8:00AM- 12:30 PM MAHWAH, NJ

NJ Association of Designated Persons

[Integrated Pest Management Training](#)

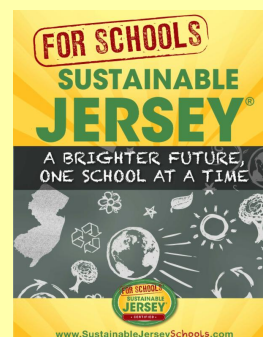
OCTOBER 20 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM CHATHAM, NJ

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

[Project WET Curriculum Guide Workshops for Educators](#)

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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