



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

207 Districts 513 Schools  
Participating

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## Organize Now for 2017 Certification!

Attend our upcoming series of Thursday webinars geared to get your 2017 certification efforts off to a great start! Webinars will be held live from 3-4pm and available as a recording on our website the next day.

### Successful School Green Teams

**September 29th, 3:00-4:00pm**

Participants will learn from other schools and districts about tools to enhance green team participation and strengthen partnerships. Additional clarification and guidance will be offered on fulfilling the requirements for the mandatory "Green Team" action. Register [here](#).

### Preparing for Certification

**October 6th, 3:00-4:00pm**

Is your school or district participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program? Whether you are already certified or just getting started, this webinar will provide helpful tips for making progress toward making your school or district more sustainable. Register [here](#).

The webinar will provide:

- \* A brief overview of the program and the Sustainable Jersey for Schools website
- \* Tips for selecting and documenting actions at both the district and schools' level
- \* Timeline for the certification cycle for 2017

### Navigating the Application for First Time Users

**October 13th, 3:00-4:00pm**

Registered districts and schools will walk through the basics of the online application process to achieve bronze or silver certification for 2017. Learn how to add contributors to your application, search actions, upload documentation, and submit your materials for review. Register [here](#).

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# \$180,000 in Grants Now Available to Fund NJ School Sustainability Projects

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announces the availability of \$180,000 in new grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). This 2016 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program cycle funded by NJEA will award: **ten \$10,000** grants to school districts or schools and **forty \$2,000** grants to support school green teams. Applicants must be registered in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program which is free and voluntary. The funded projects will serve as practical and innovative models for the rest of the State and make measurable contributions toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey.

## Informational Webinar

View the recorded informational webinar [here](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016 at midnight**

- Click [HERE](#) for the \$10,000 application
- Click [HERE](#) for the \$2,000 application



## Wanted: Innovative NJ Sustainable Energy Projects

The Gardiner Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for both municipalities and school districts. This cycle will award two (2) \$30,000 grants and nine (9) \$10,000 grants.

For this cycle, the Gardiner Environmental Fund will fund energy projects focused on conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy. One **example** of an acceptable energy project is a solar canopy on a parking lot or rooftop solar on a school. For other project ideas, view the recorded informational webinar [presentation](#).



To learn more about eligibility requirements for school districts, click [HERE](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016 at midnight**

## 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](#).

**Informational Webinar: September 29, 2016**

**Application Deadline: December 8, 2016**

## NJ Association of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Mini Grants Now Available

NJAHPERD's goal is to support quality program development in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in New Jersey's Pre-K - 12 schools and Colleges and Universities. The mini grant provides financial assistance up to \$1000 for new program development or to expand an existing program. Grants may be used to purchase equipment, software, or other materials that focus on student learning in Health, Physical Education, Recreation or Dance.

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2016

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## Radon Awareness Program for Schools

Did you know radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after cigarette smoking? Testing for school radon is easy, and schools with high levels of radon can be addressed (mitigated).

Schools may request a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Radon Section, for up to \$2,000 to be used toward school testing costs. A limited number of grants are available, and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and will be awarded to a school (not a district). This grant can help schools complete the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Radon Testing and Mitigation](#) action. For more information about the program, click [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** As funding allows

## Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

### Essex County

Bloomfield Board of Education

### Gloucester County

Glassboro High School

Thomas E. Bowe Elementary School

### Salem County

Mannington Township School District

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM, GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE, HAMILTON, NJ**

***NJ Arts Education Collective***

### **"Advocacy & Opportunity"**

Learn about "ARTS ED NOW" a statewide campaign to increase participation in arts education, launching in September 2016. Participate in workshops and presentations designed to help teaching artists find opportunities in schools and communities.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM, WEBINAR**

***National Association of Chronic Disease Directors***

### **"Leveraging School Improvement Plans to Strengthen Health & Wellness"**

This webinar will provide an overview of school improvement plans (SIP) and highlight the opportunity to leverage these plans to strengthen student health and wellness. It will describe the general process schools use to develop SIPs, the variability across school districts and states, and how the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model provides a valuable framework for the SIP assessment, planning and development process

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

***NJ Department of Environmental Protection***

### **Project WET Curriculum Guide Workshops for Educators**

**OCTOBER 20, 2016 8:00-5:00 PM NEWARK, NJ**

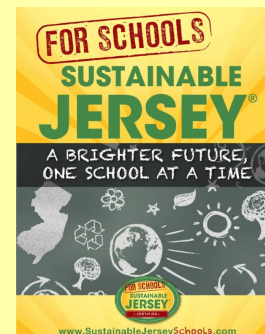
**OCTOBER 21, 2016 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM, LYNDHURST, NJ**

***Newark Environmental Sustainability Institute (NESI)***

### **Building Partnerships: Education & Community as a Path to Urban Sustainability**

## 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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