



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

232 Districts 579 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](#))



Is Your Green Team Ready for Certification?

The formation of a "green team" is the first step in establishing a school sustainability program. Green teams leverage the skills and expertise of team members to develop plans, implement programs, and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable school. All schools participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program must establish a green team or be active participants on a district green team. Sufficient green team documentation is **required for all grant applications** and is a **mandatory action requirement on all certification applications**. The [Green Team action](#) documentation requirements include:

1. **Submit only one of the following sets of documentation:**

- o **District Green Team:** Letter from superintendent that formally establishes the green team. Letter must include district green team members' names and titles and affiliations, and the date

the team members were appointed to the committee. Each registered school in the district must have at least one representative on the district green Team. Please be sure to clearly identify the two green team members who were selected by the district union leadership. **OR:**

- **District and Individual Green Teams established:** Letter from superintendent that formally establishes the green team. Letter must include district green team members' names and titles and affiliations, and the date the team members were appointed to the committee. Also, please provide a letter from each participating school principal that formally establishes their school green team. The school green team appointment letter must include school green team members' names and titles and affiliations and the date the team members were appointed to the team. Letters from both the district and all school green teams registered with the program must be provided. Please be sure to clearly identify the two green team members who were selected by the relevant union leadership for each green team. **OR:**
- **School Green Team:** Letter from principal that formally establishes the green team. Letter must include green team members' names and titles and affiliations and the date the team members were appointed to the team. This submission requirement applies when no district green team is established. Schools will be responsible for submitting their Green Team Action documentation. Please be sure to clearly identify the two green team members who were selected by the union leadership for your school.

2. **Upload a Green Team Annual Report** that includes a summary of activities undertaken by the green team over the previous twelve months that meets the submission requirements noted in "Annual Report Content Requirements" above. The summary should include a list of meetings (at least four annually after the initial establishment year), activities and efforts of the green team, and may also evaluate the team's progress and effectiveness, and identify priorities and focuses for the upcoming year. Please note the green team needs to have met at least quarterly. If your green team has been recently established, please submit a summary of the activities undertaken by the green team since it was established.

Check out this helpful Green Team [webinar](#) & [presentation slides](#) on our [past webinars](#) page for more helpful hints! You can also see examples of how other certified schools document their green teams using the "search by action" search function on our [participating schools map](#).

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.



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Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Bergen County

Teaneck Community Charter School

Camden County

Winslow Township School No. 1 Elementary
Winslow Township School No. 2 Elementary
Winslow Township School No. 4 Elementary
Winslow Township School No. 5 Elementary
Winslow Township School No. 6 Elementary

Somerset County

Somerville Public School District

Gloucester County

Bells Elementary School (Washington)
Charles G. Harker School (Swedesboro-Woolwich)
Gov. Charles C. Stratton School (Swedesboro-Woolwich)
Margaret C. Clifford School (Swedesboro-Woolwich)
Walter Hill School (Swedesboro-Woolwich)

Morris County

Morris School District

Field Trip New Jersey Grants Deadline February 10th

Educators at schools in districts serving a majority of low-income students may apply for grants of up to \$700 to cover transportation costs for field trips to arts and culture sites, historical landmarks, nature preserves and science institutions in New Jersey, and to visit college campuses throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

- Each eligible school can apply for reimbursement for one field trip a year
- Funds must be used during the school year in which funding is requested
- All schools with more than 65 percent of students eligible for free or reduced lunch are eligible for FTNJ funding
- Schools or associated bus companies will be reimbursed upon receipt of invoice



Visit Field Trip New Jersey information page [here](#).

Application Deadline: February 10, 2017

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

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

The [New Jersey School Boards Association](#) has designed a free 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.

[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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

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 19th & 20th 2017, Crowne Plaza Conference Center, Princeton, NJ

[Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education \(ANJEE\) Annual Conference](#)

"From Inspiration to Impact: Inspiring stories. Compelling Evidence. Meaningful impact."

ANJEE's 32nd annual conference will link powerful stories of innovation and success in EE from around the state with how environmental education builds community and creates purposeful change. We will celebrate the ways in which our work inspires people of all ages and backgrounds to connect with nature, contribute to healthy environments and empowered communities, and shape a more sustainable future. Register [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"

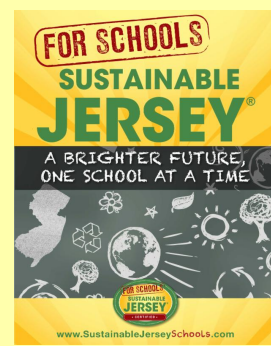
[Episode 25- Environmental Education w/ Tanya Oznovich, Environmental Education Supervisor](#)

[Episode 38- Radon Action Month w/ Anita Kopera, NJDEP Radon Section 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 or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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