



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

234 Districts 582 Schools
Participating

Celebrating a Sustainability Hero



The January 2017 Sustainability Hero is our very own Donna Drewes, the Co-Director of Sustainable Jersey. Read about Donna's work over the last thirty-seven years as she has managed and created powerful programs that bring coalitions together to move sustainability forward, including the Sustainable Jersey program. See how the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, craft beer, Maple Shade High School and the South Branch Watershed Association fit into the story on the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#).

To capture the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a monthly Sustainability Hero. If you would like to recommend someone on your green team, municipal staff, school staff or task force who is a sustainability hero, complete the [submission form](#) and e-mail it to us at info@sustainablejersey.com.

Join us for Donna's Retirement Celebration

All are welcome to attend Donna Drewes' retirement celebration on **Friday, February 3, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm** at The College of New Jersey in Ewing. You will enjoy a hearty selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages; cash bar. The cost per ticket is \$40 per person, which includes a contribution towards a gift. It is a great way to spend some time with your friends and colleagues engaged in Sustainable Jersey and help thank Donna for all she has contributed to the movement.

Please [REGISTER](#) no later than **Thursday, January 26**.

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!

Camden County

Sterling Regional School District

Salem County

Mannington Elementary School

Monmouth County

Shore Regional High School District

Somerset County

Central Elementary School (Warren)

Union County

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 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)

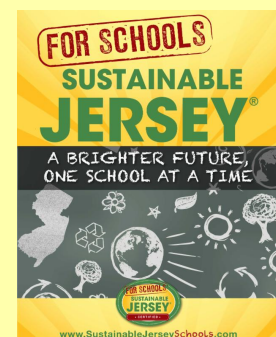
"Discover DEP"

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

[Episode 38- Radon Action Month w/ Anita Kopera, NJDEP Radon Section Supervisor](#)

Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)

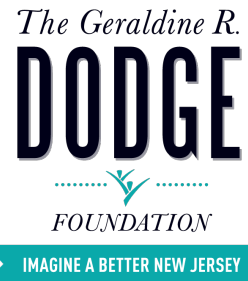


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