



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

240 Districts 592 Schools
Participating

Sustainable Jersey Awards 50 Grants for School Sustainability Projects



Sustainable Jersey for Schools has announced the fifty New Jersey schools and school districts selected to receive Sustainable Jersey for Schools small grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). Ten \$10,000 grants and forty \$2,000 grants were distributed to fund a variety of projects including physical activity and wellness programs, an aeroponic greenhouse, school vegetable and rain gardens, food waste composting, mobile environmental carts, student green team capacity building, the greening of school festivals, bicycle racks, a creation station, an outdoor classroom, energy efficiency programs, enhanced recycling efforts and more.

With this contribution NJEA has provided \$500,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. In addition to the grant funding, NJEA supports Sustainable Jersey for Schools as a program underwriter. Read more about the funded projects [here](#).

There is Still Time to Train Your Staff & Get 10 Points for the Sustainable Jersey Integrated Pest Management action.



The Sustainable Jersey for Schools [IPM Education or Organic Lawn Care action](#) will award points for individual schools that **go beyond the State mandated IPM requirements** and complete ONE of the following activities:

• Staff IPM Training: Send four staff (beyond the appointed IPM coordinator) to annual [FREE IPM training](#)

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- Educational Programs/Workshops: Expand general knowledge of staff and parents on the school's IPM program and practices by providing educational programs and workshops. -OR-
- Implement organic lawn and turf management programs on the school grounds and athletic fields.

There is still time left until the final Sustainable Jersey for Schools submission deadline of June 29th. Plan your internal training events for option two or sign up additional staff for free external training under option one. Read more about the IPM action [here](#). Sign up for free half-day IPM training open to all staff [here](#).

Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Bergen County

Paramus Public School District
Paramus High School

Cape May County

Dennis Township Elementary School

Essex County

Wyoming Elementary School (Millburn)

Morris County

Milton Avenue Elementary School (Chatham)
Southern Boulevard Elementary School (Chatham)

Passaic County

Passaic Valley Regional High School District
Passaic Valley High School

Somerset County

Branchburg Township School District
Central Middle School (Branchburg)

Montgomery Township School District
Stony Brook Elementary School (Branchburg)
Whiton Elementary School (Branchburg)

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



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.

"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:

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

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)

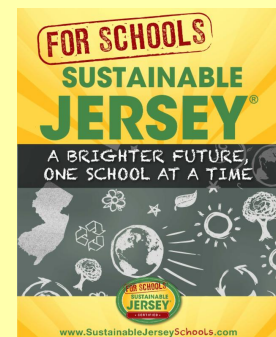
"Discover DEP"

[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](#)

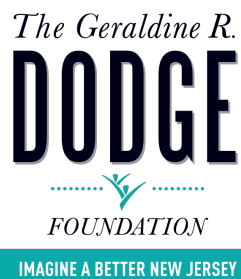


We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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