



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

250 Districts 615 Schools
Participating

Second Certification Application Deadline Approaching!

APRIL 10, 2017

Schools seeking bronze or silver certification with Sustainable Jersey for Schools in 2017 are encouraged to take advantage of multiple review periods in the [application cycle](#).

Iterative 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

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 and guidance for a successful submission:

[Preparing for Certification](#) (access narrated recording [here](#))

[Navigating the Application for First Time Users](#) (access narrated recording [here](#))

Looking for 10-20 Points via the Radon Testing, Education & Mitigation Action? Check out The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Radon Awareness Grants!

Grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to schools (not a district). Schools can request a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Radon Section to be used toward school testing costs. A limited number of grants is available.

A school has two testing options: send a school staff member for training to receive an exemption so they can conduct the radon testing or contract with a certified radon measurement business to conduct the testing. Long Branch Township schools recently received grants to test nine schools. They provided feedback that the grant process was easy and paid for most of the testing in their schools. Check out the Sustainable Jersey for Schools "[Radon Testing, Education & Mitigation Action](#)" to learn more about radon in schools and what to do about it.

Applications are accepted until all grant funds have been allocated. Review [DEP grant information](#) and apply today! For further information or if you have questions, please call (800) 648-0394.

Free Technical Support on Energy Initiatives

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is once again partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide trained graduate student fellows to assist municipalities and school districts within [NJNG service territory](#) in completing the Sustainable Jersey energy actions. Efforts will be focused on improving building performance through energy efficiency analysis, planning, and upgrades, but may also include renewable energy and other energy-related improvements. For more information click [here](#).



Application Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2017, at 11:59pm

Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Cape May County

Field Carl T. Mitnick Elementary School (Lower Twp)
Charles W. Sandman Consolidated School (Lower Twp)
David C. Douglass Veterans Memorial School (Lower Twp)
Maud H. Abrams Elementary School (Lower Twp)

Morris County

Alexander Hamilton Elementary School (Morris)
Alfred Vail Elementary School (Morris)
Frelinghuysen Middle School (Morris)
Hillcrest Elementary School (Morris)
Lafayette Learning Center (Morris)
Morristown High School (Morris)
Normandy Park Elementary School (Morris)
Sussex Avenue Elementary School (Morris)
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School (Morris)
Woodland Avenue Elementary School (Morris)

"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 who 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 sustainability.

FUTURE WEBINARS IN THE SERIES:

April 12 10-11am Strategic Planning: Incorporating Green Initiatives
May 10 10-11am Education for Sustainability
June 14 10-11am Arts Ed Now Toolkit: Supporting Compliance with State Requirements

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

RUTGERS MASTER GARDENERS OF MONMOUTH COUNTY SCHOOL GARDEN CONFERENCE MARCH 24, 2017 8:00AM-2:45PM

Are you interested in learning about school gardens - starting or improving one, or simply taking academics outdoors? The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County School Programs Committee's Third Annual School Garden Conference on March 24th will provide information, demonstrations, resources, support, and guidance, and answer your questions. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not have to live in Monmouth County. Professional Development Certificate will be provided. For further information, click [here](#).

STUDENT CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017 1:00-5:30PM

High school students are invited to this FREE conference at the Stonybrook Millstone Watershed Association in Pennington, NJ. A variety of workshops will be presented by Princeton University Graduate Students and the Director of the Watershed, including:
[Climate Change 101](#): Myth busting what we know about climate change and how we know it.

Politics & Policy: The current state of climate change politics in the U.S. and the world, and policy options for addressing carbon emissions.

Water: How will the changing climate impact our water resources and what can we do to prepare ourselves?

Technical Solutions for Climate Change: What are the technologies currently available and on the horizon that can help solve the climate problem?

Food & Agriculture: What are the existing and potential future impacts of climate change on food production around the world?

Also, tour a highly energy and water efficient LEED platinum-certified building. Engage with students from other schools. Create an action plan for your school and perhaps win a \$500 grant for your project.

Great local food - FREE Pre-registration required: link [here](#).

SCHOOL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING 2016-2017

NJ Association for Designated Persons, NJDEP, NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association

Throughout the state, every month through May

See the complete schedule for dates & locations [here](#).

DUKE FARMS CLIMATE SCIENCE & SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS ACADEMY

[Registration Deadline April 15th](#) JUNE 26-29, 2017

Participating K-12 educators, administrators and non-formal educators will conduct hands-on outdoor fieldwork, hear lectures from NJ's top experts, and develop NGSS/NJSLS-aligned lesson plans that bring the concepts of climate change and sustainability to life for students. Click [here](#) for more details.

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"

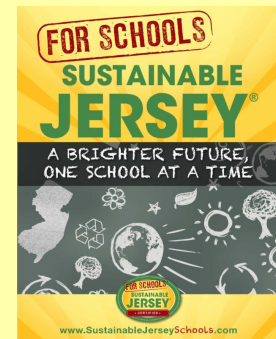
[Episode 25- Environmental Education w/ Tanya Oznowich, Environmental Education Supervisor](#)

[Episode 38- Radon Action Month w/ Anita Koperka, 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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