



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

256 Districts    633 Schools  
Participating



## Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Cycle Now Open \$120,000 Available to Fund Health & Wellness Actions

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is now accepting grant applications from New Jersey public schools that serve students in middle and high school (including K-8 schools) to support health and wellness initiatives. Funded by the New Jersey Department of Health, the [Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program](#) will make \$120,000 available to schools for this grant application cycle.

Application proposals are being accepted through Thursday, June 29, 2017. Visit the [grants page](#) on SustainableJerseySchools.com for the link to the online application. Applicants must be registered in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program which is free and voluntary.

The Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program will award thirty \$4,000 grants to implement specific health and wellness actions in schools. The grant can be used to implement Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions such as: staff wellness programs, asthma friendly schools, healthy food choices, programs to promote physical activity and more. To see the full list of the actions that qualify for grant funds, review the [grant information packet](#).



## June 21, 2017 8:30-4:30pm NJ Sustainability Summit: 12 Breakout Sessions

The [2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit](#) will explore how coordinated local action can achieve an increased collective impact. Sustainable Jersey brings together a unique mix of public and private, state and local partners to support communities in achieving remarkable progress. Read all of the breakout session descriptions [here](#).

## First Energy STEM Classroom \$1,000 Grants



FirstEnergy is offering science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education grants of up to \$1,000 to educators at schools and youth groups in communities served by our electric operating companies, other areas where we have facilities, and where we do business. [Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are now available.](#)

# Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

## Burlington County

John Hydock Elementary School (Mansfield)  
**Mansfield Township School District**

## Essex County

Brookdale Avenue Elementary School (Verona)  
Forest Avenue Elementary School (Verona)  
Frederic N. Brown Elementary School (Verona)  
Henry B. Whitehorne Middle School (Verona)  
Laning Avenue Elementary School (Verona)  
Verona High School (Verona)

## Morris County

Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School (Washington)  
Briarcliff Elementary School (Mountain Lakes)  
Flocktown-Kossmann Elementary School (Washington)  
Long Valley Middle School North (Washington)  
Mountain Lakes High School  
Old Farmers Road Elementary School (Washington)  
**Washington Township School District**  
Wildwood Elementary School (Mountain Lakes)  
Whippany Park High School (Hanover Park)

## Somerset County

**Hillsborough Township Public School District**

## "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 26 1-2pm 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

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## Find Events & List Events: [EarthdayNJ.org](#) New Jersey Earth Week & National Environmental Education Week 4/23-4/28

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has administered the Earth Day New Jersey website ([www.earthdayNJ.org](#)) for almost 20 years. Each year the Earth Day New Jersey website receives more than 50,000 hits in April through May because it features an Events Calendar that lists as many as 100 or more public events, including fairs, cleanups, plantings, festivals, walks and outdoor programs. The Earth Day New Jersey website also features a school programs listing, history of Earth Day and Environmental Education Week, and suggestions for actions that families, schools and individuals can take to help protect the environment. Find out how to list your school events [here](#).

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

### 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. 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](#).

### LANDSCAPING FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

**APRIL 26, 2017 WEBINAR 1:00-2:00PM**

The entire community can reap the benefits of utilizing efficient landscaping techniques to create an attractive environment in balance with the native surroundings, local climate, and function of the space. Learn about actions and resources in both the Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools programs that can help municipalities and schools provide landscapes that reduce stormwater runoff, and minimize water use through use of sustainable landscaping practices.

The webinar will feature a demonstration of the Jersey-Friendly Yards website, ([www.jerseyyards.org](http://www.jerseyyards.org)), an easy-to-use, comprehensive source of information for creating attractive, low-maintenance landscaping that is not only better for the environment but also saves time and money. You'll also hear from Neil Chambers, a member of the South Orange Environmental Commission and the Maplewood, South Orange, and Millburn Green Teams, who will talk about their successful ReYard program, which he helped to create. [Click here to register.](#)

**BEST PRACTICES FOR COMMUNICATING & USING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL DATA  
MAY 2, 2017 WEBINAR 1:00-2:00PM**

Reporting progress toward program goals is crucial for supporting and growing Safe Routes to School initiatives. This webinar will explore effective strategies for collecting and using relevant data at the local, regional, and state levels. Speakers will discuss data collection, data-informed decision making, and how to communicate results effectively. [Click here to register.](#)

**NJSBA SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**MAY 24, 2017 The Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor, NJ**

Take your sustainability efforts to the next level!

NJSBA's Sustainability Leadership Conference will include breakout sessions, a keynote address, and a networking lunch which will offer participants the opportunity to participate in round table discussions on hot topics in green leadership. The day will also include a panel discussion on top ten essential sustainability questions your green team should be asking. This conference will arm you with information on best practices and solutions to help promote sustainable leadership in your district. [Click here for more details.](#)

**NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)**

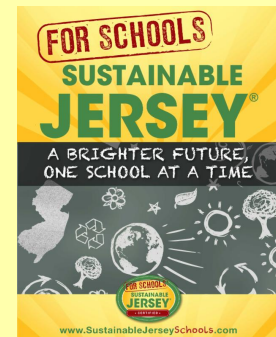
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more! Visit the NAAEE page [here.](#)



## 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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