



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

253 Districts    619 Schools  
Participating

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## New! April 2017 Sustainability Hero

The April 2017 Sustainability Hero is Erica DeMichele, the Supervisor of Curriculum for Delran Township School District located in Burlington County. Read about Erica's accomplishments with the Delran Township School District; the district received a New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award and earned one of four statewide spots in the NJ STEM Ecosystem Alliance. Erica has secured over \$16,000 in Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants. The student green teams in Delran are impressive, with over 250 active participants at the four schools. Read more about Erica's story [here](#).



To capture the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a Sustainability Hero monthly. Go to the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#) to recommend someone on your green team, municipal staff, school staff or task force who's a sustainability hero.

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## 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](#))

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## 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**



## June 21, 2017 8:30-4:30pm 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit: Local Action, Collective Impact

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. This event attracts over 300 diverse participants.

### Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

#### Atlantic County

Buena Regional Middle School

#### Camden County

Gloucester Township School District

#### Essex County

Washington Middle School (Millburn)

#### Gloucester County

Memorial Elementary School (Pitman)  
Pitman Middle School

#### Hunterdon County

North Hunterdon-Voorhees  
Regional School District

#### Monmouth County

Deal Borough School District

## 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.

**"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

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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

### **WEBINAR: GAMIFICATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM NJAPERD & NJDOH "Shape America" webinar series**

**APRIL 12, 2017 3:00-4:00PM**

This webinar will share ways in which a comprehensive school physical activity program can be tied to an overall theme and turned into a game, as well as exploring the benefits to this approach.

Intended Audience: K-12 health and physical educators

SHAPE America Member Price: \$0 - FREE to SHAPE America members as part of your membership

Non-Member Price: \$19.96 reimbursed through NJAPERD. REGISTER [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.

### **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](#)), 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)**

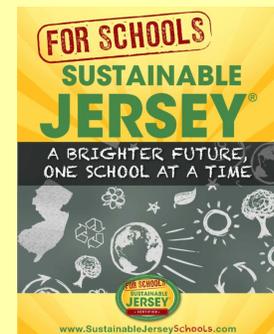
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

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

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## **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).

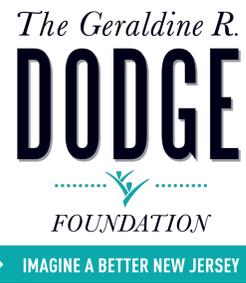
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