

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS 292 Districts 715 Schools Participating

Toms River High School South receives a \$10,000 grant to study mosquito microbiology & contribute to national Wolbachia research

NJ School & District Sustainability Grant Awardees Announced

46 grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association will help schools and school districts implement sustainability projects

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced the forty-six New Jersey schools and school districts selected to receive Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). Eleven \$10,000 grants and thirty-five \$2,000 grants were distributed to fund a variety of projects including vertical aeroponic tower gardens, agricultural and sustainability curriculum, student green team capacity building, an outdoor classroom, a healthy habits program, enhanced recycling efforts and more.

With this contribution NJEA has provided \$750,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Read more about the grant projects <u>here.</u>



Grants Available!

PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support the current open cycle

of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program.

Funds will support \$10,000 and \$2,000 grants to districts and schools for sustainability efforts that help schools gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and make progress toward a sustainable future. For more information regarding the current opportunity, click <u>here</u>. **Deadline February 9, 2018**.



STEAM Tank 2017 Winners Announced; 2018 Applications Open

Sponsored and created by NJSBA and the U.S. Army, the STEAM Tank competition, which is modeled after the TV show "Shark Tank," provides New Jersey students a platform to experience real-world problem solving, allowing them to think like entrepreneurs and design and create whatever they can dream using the fields of STEAM - science, technology, engineering, the arts and math. In STEAM Tank, students create innovative products and solutions to problems, which they enter into competition. Winners at the regional level compete in the finals at NJSBA's annual Workshop, before a judging panel of entrepreneurs and business leaders. Applications for the 2018 competition are being accepted now, due by Feb. 16. Click here for more information.



President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) & Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE)

Nominations open through March 1st

Each year the <u>PEYA program</u> honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness. Winning projects in the past have covered a wide range of subject areas, including:

- restoring native habitats
- recycling in schools and communities
- construction of nature preserves
- tree planting
- installing renewable energy projects
- creating videos, skits and newsletters that focused on environmental issues
- participating in many other creative sustainability efforts

The **Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators** recognizes outstanding kindergarten through grade 12 teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students. Up to two teachers from each of EPA's 10 regions, from different states, will be selected to receive this award.

Welcome Newly Registered Schools!

Bergen County New Milford School District

Camden County

Ann A. Mullen Middle School (Gloucester Twp) Jersey City Community Charter District Octavius Catto Demonstration School (Camden City) Union Valley Elementary School (Gloucester Twp)

Essex County Glenfield Middle School (Montclair)

Hudson County

Morris County Valley View Elementary School (Montville)

Cape May County

Glenwood Avenue Elementary School (Wildwood) Wildwood High School Wildwood Middle School Woodbine School District Woodbine Elementary School

Salem County

Oldmans Township School District

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

NEW JERSEY EARTH SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION & DUKE FARMS "From Phenomenon to Assessment: teaching and learning with NGSS" February 3, 2018 8:00am-3:00pm Hillsborough, NJ

Are you comfortable with the architecture and intent of NGSS and ready to create your own NGSS congruent lessons and units? If so, this one-day workshop is for you. We will identify compelling and student friendly phenomena, build lesson sequences around them, and develop assessment tools to measure student proficiency in selected discipline core ideas, crosscutting concepts, science and engineering practices, and performance expectations. Duke Farms will provide inspiration and be our learning laboratory. Participants will receive tools and resources to facilitate the process of creating their own lessons and units. \$25 program fee includes coffee and lunch. Register here.

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

March 15, 9:00-3:00pm at NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton

Sustainable Practices Working Session (Free)

Participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Board members will receive four board member academy credits and four sustainability credits for participation in this working session. NJSBA, in cooperation with the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) and the NJ School Building and Grounds Association, is offering six Continuing Education Credits (#CE-00084) toward certification for schools facilities managers attending this program. Attendance can also contribute toward the sustainability training totals for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

PEOSH/NJADP STATEWIDE INDOOR AIR QUALITY TRAINING (Free) February 9, 2018 8am-12:30 Mahwah, NJ March 2, 2018 8am-12:30 Sicklerville, NJ April 27, 2018 8am-12:30 Neptune, NJ May 11, 2018 8am-12:30 Bridgewater, NJ View 2017-2018 Schedule <u>here</u>

NJADP STATEWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING (Free) February 23, 2018 8am-12:30 Mahwah, NJ March 23, 2018 8am-12:30 Neptune, NJ April 20,2018 8am-12:30 Bridgewater, NJ May 4,2018 8am-12:30 Sicklerville, NJ View 2017-2018 Schedule here

EPA "KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION" ON DEMAND INDOOR AIR QUALITY WEBINARS Recordings available <u>here.</u>

Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT WEB ACADEMY On Demand Food Waste & Recycling Webinars available<u>here.</u>

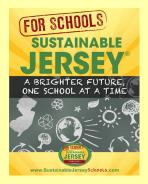
NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

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! Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

Download Program Resources

- <u>Brochure</u>
- Fact Sheet
- District Registration Instructions
- <u>School Registration Instruction</u>



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 <u>schools@sustainablejersey.com</u> or visit <u>www.SustainableJerseySchools.com</u>.

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