SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS 320 Districts 825 Schools Participating



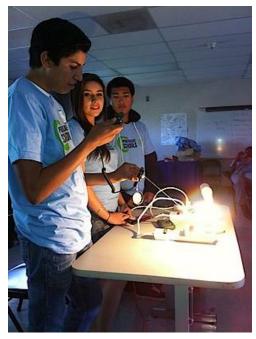
Applications are open for the 2019 Sustainable Jersey for Schools <u>certification cycle</u>. Applications may be submitted for the first time by any of the deadline dates below. However, it is advantageous to use all three opportunities for feedback throughout the certification

process. Applicants who begin the certification process early have a greater chance of success.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- January 18th- First 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- March 29th- Second 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- June 24th- FINAL 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline

Not sure how to where to begin? Check out our <u>application user guide</u>, view a recorded <u>certification webinar</u> and plan for success using our <u>Master Action Tracking spreadsheet</u>.



PowerSave Schools Opportunity

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with South Jersey Gas (SJG) and the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) to bring the PowerSave Schools program to schools within <u>SJG's</u> <u>service territory</u>

SJG will fund all direct program costs for 10 schools, while the ASE will lead implementation of the PowerSave program, providing the tools and resources to ensure a successful program outcome. For more information click <u>here</u>.

Application Deadline: Friday, January 4 at 11:59pm



Two Dates Remaining! Bring your Green Team to a Sustainable Practices Working Session

As part of their commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability goals, the New Jersey School Boards Association, in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering members and school district personnel an opportunity to attend a free one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session. In this session participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for

Schools certification program. This is the perfect opportunity to gather your green team and strategize for certification and cost savings in 2019!

The free program begins at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m.

February 21-
February 28-Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor
NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton

Professional Development: Earn 4 <u>Board Member Academy</u> credits and 4 <u>Certified Green</u> <u>Leader</u> credits for attending this program. This program is sponsored by the Educational Leadership Foundation of New Jersey. Download & share the <u>informational flyer</u> with your green team!

Support Your Certification Projects with a Grant!

PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support another cycle of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program:

- Four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts, and
- Thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to school green teams

Go <u>HERE</u> for more information and links to application pages.



2019 Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program



Are you concerned about the environment and want to learn how to make a difference? Maybe you're part of a municipal environmental commission or green team, and you want to do your best in caring for your community. You can do all this and more as part of Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program!

Classes will be offered by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County at the EARTH Center, in Davidson's Mill Pond Park at 42 Riva Ave, South Brunswick. The 2019 course begins on Jan. 23 and meets every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through June 2019.

The Environmental Steward program is designed to explain and analyze the environmental issues affecting New Jersey. Using science, teamwork and natural resources, the Stewards will create plans to face the problems head-on. You don't have to be a scientist to be a Steward -- all you need is passion for the environment, learning and volunteering!

Registration, payment and program details for individuals or municipalities are available at <u>https://RESMiddlesex.eventbrite.com</u> with a registration deadline of Jan. 18.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ALLIANCE FOR NJ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (ANJEE) Winter Conference: "A Force for the Future" Registration information <u>here.</u> Jan 24th- Pre-Conference Sessions 8:30-3:00pm Jan 25th Main Conference 8:00-5:30pm

The ANJEE Annual Conference will focus on the power of education to create positive change for the future. EE is a force for building a more civically engaged citizenry. It's a force for creating a more diverse and inclusive movement. It's a force for linking research and practice, and for demonstrating the impact of interdisciplinary education. It's a force for optimizing human potential and delivering excellent educational opportunities for all. Join us as we share ideas and explore ways to create a more sustainable future through the great power of environmental education.

The Friday conference will include hour-long workshops in the following strands:

- Building Leadership for Environmental Literacy
- Connecting with Nature
- Conservation and Environmental Education
- Educating for Sustainable Communities
- Green Schools and Career-Connected Learning
- Linking Research and Practice to Increase Impact

GREEN TEACHER WEBINAR SERIES

Registration information here.

Jan 16- Exploring Learning Stories 7:30-8:30pm

Feb 13- Using Progressive Skits to Teach Food Chains 7:30-8:30pm

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) TRAINING by PEOSH/NJADP

Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register here.

This free training supports the <u>Indoor Air Quality Review</u> and <u>Asthma Friendly School</u> actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, which require staff training.

- Jan 25 Westampton, NJ
- Feb 1 Mahwah, NJ
- Mar 1 Metuchen, NJ
- Apr 26 Bridgewater, NJ
- May 1 Sicklerville, NJ
- June 7 Robbinsville, NJ

FREE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) TRAINING SERIES

Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register <u>here.</u> Training sessions are offered for school IPM Coordinators and other school personnel with administrative responsibilities. Knowledge received from this training can be applied to the <u>Integrated Pest Management - Education & Organic Lawn Care Action</u> in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

Dec 21 - Newark, NJ

Jan 18 - Paterson, NJ

Feb 15 - Mahwah, NJ

Mar 22 - Sicklerville, NJ

Apr 12 - Bridgewater, NJ

May 3 - Metuchen, NJ

May 31 - Washington, NJ

NJAHPERD 100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

February 24-27 Long Branch, NJ

This training supports the <u>Programs to Promote Physical Activities</u> & <u>Education for</u> <u>Sustainability: Health</u> actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. The NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance is holding its 100th Annual Convention. More information & opportunities to submit a proposal <u>here.</u>

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 here.

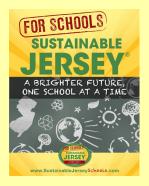
NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

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! Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

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

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