

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

299 Districts 736 Schools Participating



March Sustainability Hero- Tanya Oznowich

For 30 years, Tanya Oznowich has served as Environmental Education Supervisor at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under 12 New Jersey Governors and several DEP commissioners. Guided by a love of the natural environment, Tanya has spent her career raising awareness and integrating environmental education into schools, communities and homes. With Tanya's help, schools across New Jersey are incorporating environmental education into their curriculum, from kindergarten through college. Tanya said, "I'm grateful that green practices and sustainability have entered our worlds of education, business, development and government; our relationships with Earth systems must be considered and understood in all we do." For her accomplishments in bringing environmental education to countless classrooms and communities, she has been honored with awards from the New Jersey Education Association, New Jersey Audubon, the North American Association for Environmental Education and the New Jersey Society of Women Environmental Professionals.

Tanya is an active volunteer; she is a founding member and former president of the Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education and has served in leadership roles with the North American Association for Environmental Education, Pocono Environmental Education Center, the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association and the New Jersey Science Teachers Association.

What is her motivation? Tanya explained that she gains strength and focus from ecology and natural systems. She said, "Nature captivates people of all ages. I cannot live without experiencing nature and I know that being in the woods or in a park makes me feel better, inside and out. I try to share this benefit with others, including adults and children. It has been a salvation for me." Read more about Tanya and her connection to many, many environmental education initiatives throughout New Jersey [here](#).



Second Certification Application Deadline March 30th

Sustainable Jersey for Schools strives to provide schools with ample opportunities to achieve certification. The certification cycle is intended to serve as a coaching and feedback process with three rounds of submission and reviews. In order to maximize the potential for feedback and ultimately achieve certification, it is highly recommended that an application with documentation is submitted for the first two rounds of review. Applicants who wait until the final deadline to submit an initial application will not have the opportunity to correct any deficiencies until the next year's certification cycle.

Check out the certification timeline [here](#).

View past webinars on how to navigate the certification application [here](#).

New Green Design Action Webinar March 21st 1:00-2:00pm

Learn about the newly added suite of Green Design actions for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Actions include "[Green Building Training](#)", "[Green Building Policy](#)" and "[Design/Build/Certify New Construction & Major Renovations Using a Green Standard](#)". Whether your school facility is new or old join us to learn best practices for your school's next renovation. Register [here](#).



Free Technical Support on Energy Initiatives

Sustainable Jersey is once again partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide a powerful program 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 13, 2018, at 11:59pm. Information & application [here](#).

Action for Healthy Kids Grants Available

Help your school become healthier with a Parents for Healthy Kids or School Breakfast grant for the 2018-2019 school year. Receive funding and technical assistance to increase physical activity opportunities, improve nutrition initiatives, engage parents in school wellness or increase breakfast participation. [Learn more and apply before the deadline on April 6, 2018.](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

PSEG & OASIS 5TH ANNUAL SOLAR JAM 2018

May 19th 10am-2pm, Princeton High School (Register by May 5th)

The Solar Jam is a competitive solar powered car race for students in grades 3-8!

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON 2018 TEACHER'S SCHOOL OF ECOLOGY

July 23-27, 2018 9am-3pm daily.

Limited to 14 participants! Apply by March 15th

Explore ecology, natural history and sustainability concepts while discovering forested regions of the NJ Highlands and Passaic River watershed. Experience over 20 field investigations aligned with NJ's Student Learning Standards for Science and Eco-Schools USA. Includes \$250 stipend and teaching. [Apply by March 15th.](#)

PEOSH/NJADP STATEWIDE INDOOR AIR QUALITY TRAINING (Free)

April 27, 2018 8am-12:30 Neptune, NJ

May 11, 2018 8am-12:30 Bridgewater, NJ

View 2017-2018 Schedule [here](#)

NJADP STATEWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING (Free)

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 [here.](#)

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)

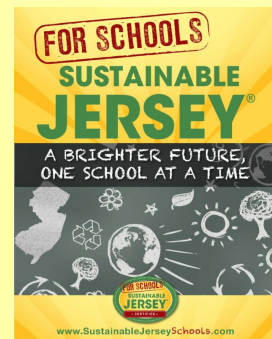
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

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 schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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