

# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

300 Districts    747 Schools    Participating

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## 26 Schools Receive Grants to Implement Sustainability Projects

*Grant awards, funded by the PSEG Foundation, support integrating sustainability into student learning experiences*

Sustainable Jersey has announced the awarding of \$100,000 to support 26 sustainability projects in schools and districts across the state. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants, funded by the PSEG Foundation, include six \$10,000 grants and twenty \$2,000 grants. The grants will fund a recycling program for Newark Public School District, after-school garden clubs at Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District, filtered water bottle filling stations at Christopher Columbus Middle School in the City of Clifton, a pollinator garden at Richard E. Byrd Elementary in Glen Rock, a recycling campaign to reduce the number of single-use plastic water bottles at Henry B. Whitehorse Middle School in Verona and much more.

The PSEG Foundation has contributed over one million dollars in funding to the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program. "We are proud to partner with Sustainable Jersey, an organization bringing about real positive change for our state, to support and help fund projects that provide sustainable neighborhoods, economic development and STEM education. By supporting sustainable education in schools, we can help guide children and engage entire communities in the ways to help transform the environment," said Barb Short, president of the PSEG Foundation. Read more about the grant projects [here](#).

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## WEBINAR: Linking School Wellness to Sustainability Initiatives

May 23, 2018 3:00 PM

[REGISTER](#)

Learn how to establish and sustain an active School Wellness Council that proactively works to promote and advocate for student and staff health and a healthy school environment. Become familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Self-assessment and Planning Tool, the School Health Index (SHI), and learn how developing a School Health Improvement Plan can further your sustainability goals. Join Health & Wellness Task for member Sue Cornell, Director of [Healthy U](#) at the NJ State Alliance of YMCA's as we take a deeper dive into the [School Wellness action](#) within the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

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**2018 New Jersey Sustainability Summit**

Attend the 2018 NJ Sustainability Summit; review the [list of breakout sessions](#).

### Session Spotlight: Let the Youth Lead

Students across the state are leading sustainability initiatives in their schools and communities. Hear from Sustainable Jersey for Schools program participants about ways students are driving change in their school community. Let the kids inspire you!



Thursday, June 21, 2018  
at The College of New Jersey

[REGISTER](#)

\$35: Elected and appointed officials; public and non-profit employees, green team volunteers

\$100: All other attendees

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## New Education for Sustainability Pre-K action

Does your school have a Pre-Kindergarten program? You can now submit a lesson from one of your Pre-K lesson for points under the new Education for Sustainability Pre-K action.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

### Welcome Newly Registered Schools

#### Essex County

Brookdale Elementary School (Bloomfield)  
Franklin Elementary School (Bloomfield)

#### Middlesex County

Arleth Elementary School (Sayreville)  
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School (Sayreville)  
Harry S. Truman Elementary School (Sayreville)  
Samsel Upper Elementary School (Sayreville)  
Sayreville Middle School  
Wilson Elementary School (Sayreville)

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## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### STUDENT CLIMATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

May 12th 12:30pm-5:30pm, Princeton Day School

The Student Climate Leadership Conference is a free conference created by high school students to share and learn about climate change and sustainability. More information [here](#).

### OCEAN FUN DAYS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

May 19th 11am-3pm, Island Beach State Park- Seaside Park, NJ

May 20th 11am-3pm, NJ Sea Grant Consortium- Highlands, NJ

Don't miss NJNG's 15th annual Ocean Fun Days and celebrate the wonders of the Jersey Shore. Enjoy hands-on exhibits, classes, nature tours and children's activities. Learn from marine scientists, researchers and environmentalist how to preserve our coastal resources so we can all continue to enjoy them for years to come. Free family event. More information [here](#).

### CLOUD INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION- Curriculum Design Studio

August 6-10, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY

Join the Cloud Institute for a 5-day curriculum design studio in August, where educators, administrators, and program designers will learn how to design and embed EfS into curricula, assessments, and performance tasks without the need for additional class time! Held at the beautiful Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY, you will get access to expertise, resources, and tools to reorient and enrich curricula. Through working sessions, learning circles, coaching, peer review, and optional mini-sessions, you will create and develop units and protocols

that educate for sustainability. Come yourself or bring a team! [Register today](#). Space is limited. Scholarships available through Omega Institute.

### 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! [Information flyer](#). [Race Rules](#).

### NJADP STATEWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING (Free)

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 \(ongoing\)](#)

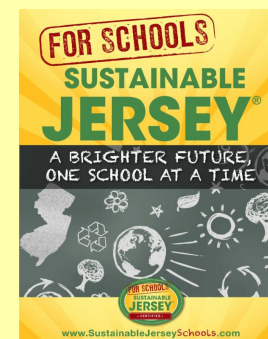
Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more!

Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

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## Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)



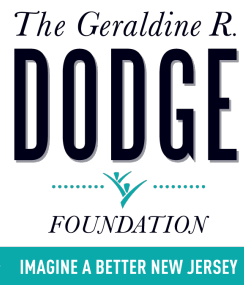
We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at [schools@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com) or visit [www.SustainableJerseySchools.com](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com).

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