SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

300 Districts 748 Schools Participating



FINAL Opportunity to Apply for 2018 Bronze/Silver Certification June 22nd

If your school is participating in Sustainable Jersey for Schools and would like to be recognized for its sustainability efforts with bronze or silver certification at the October 2018 New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop, please keep in mind that June 22 is the final deadline for certification applications. Applicants for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification are supported through the process, with three opportunities to submit applications for review and feedback from January to June. For more information click here or contact us at schools@sustainablejersey.com. For those looking ahead to 2019, please check out our informative webinar series "Preparing for Certification".

Looking for examples from other successful schools? Diego DeAssis S&E Sustainability Officer at Long Branch School District has unlocked the secret to the search! Check out Diego's brief and informative staff training video on how to search our certified school reports by key word! Thanks Diego!



2018 New Jersey Sustainability Summit

Attend the 2018 NJ Sustainability Summit; review the list of breakout sessions.

Session Spotlight: Green Team 2.0 Building Your Capacity and Promoting Your Team You've got your green team - what's next? This session will talk about recruiting, training, and retaining volunteers; promoting the work of your green team; keeping your green team active during transitions; and the pros and cons of starting your own 501(c)3 non-profit.

NJ Sustainability Summit: Thursday, June 21, 2018 at The College of New Jersey
More Info and
Registration:bit.ly/SustainabilitySummit2018



NJ Schools Receive Safe Routes to School Recognition

The New Jersey Department of Transportation and the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center has announced the <u>2018 recipients of the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition Program!</u> These winners are recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program by enabling and encouraging children to walk and bike to school.

Winners for 2018 are recognized for their hard work and commitment to the Safe Routes to School program, and recognition is valid for three years. Schools and municipalities that have earned NJ SRTS recognition and that are also enrolled in the Sustainable Jersey certification program can earn points. Click **here** for more information.

<u>Contact your SRTS Regional Coordinator</u> to <u>find out more about how to qualify</u> for the NJ SRTS Recognition Program and to get a head start on applying for recognition next year!

Congratulations and thank you to all of the municipalities and schools for making walking and bicycling to school a priority in your community! Keep up the great work!

Funding Walkable and Bike Friendly Communities

Creating walkable and bikeable communities is a successful strategy for maintaining and restoring economic vitality and improving public health in any community. Two funding opportunities are currently available through the NJ Department of Transportation, and workshops will be held to provide information, tips and strategies for a strong application.

Safe Routes to School Grants

These grants may be used for infrastructure (construction) projects which encourage and enable students from grades K-8 to safely walk and bike to school within 2 miles of school. Municipalities, counties, schools and school districts are eligible to apply. For more information on the grants, visit their website.

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grants Program

TA Set-Aside Grants are community-based, non-traditional transportation projects (land and water) which expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment. Applications are due August 23. For more information, visit their <u>website</u>.

Workshops:

MAY 30, 2018 - 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM NJDOT HEADQUARTERS, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, TRENTON, NJ 08625

JUNE 05, 2018 - 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY OFFICE
TRAINING ROOM AT 1085 RAYMOND BLVD, 17TH FLOOR, NEWARK, NJ 07102

REGISTER - for all workshops <u>here.</u>

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

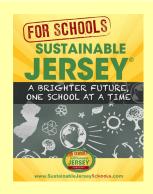
NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

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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