

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

325 Districts 845 Schools Participating



Environmental Defense Fund Technical Assistance Available

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the [Environmental Defense Fund \(EDF\)](#) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) on a program to assist municipalities and school districts within [NJNG service territory](#). The program provides direct technical assistance at no cost to school districts and municipalities to improve building performance through energy efficiency analysis, planning, and upgrades. To learn more about what EDF Fellows have helped schools and municipalities to accomplish, please visit the EDF website: <http://bit.ly/EDFSJFellows>

Applications are due Monday April 8, 2019. Please contact Nancy Quirk, Energy Program Manager at: 609.771.2902 or quirkn@tcnj.edu if you have any questions regarding this opportunity. The application packet is [here](#).

2017 EDF Program Promotional video: If you are thinking of applying and would like more details about how the program works, please take a look at this 5 minute promotional video discussing the work done in 2017 through the EDF Fellow program [here](#).

GET CERTIFIED

Upcoming Deadlines for 2019 Certification Cycle:

- March 29 - Second 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- June 24 - FINAL 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline

Not sure how to where to begin? Check out our [application user guide](#), view a recorded [certification webinar](#) and plan for success using our [Master Action Tracking spreadsheet](#).

New Jersey American Water Environmental Grant Program

Applications due March 29th

The [New Jersey American Water Environmental Grant Program](#) offers funding for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and groundwater supplies in our local communities. In 2018, Raritan High School was awarded \$10,000 to support the creation of an Outdoor Environmental Learning

Lab for students. Check out past recipients [here](#).

To qualify for Environmental Grant funding, a proposed project must be:

- Be located within New Jersey American Water's [service area](#);
- Address a source water or watershed protection in the community;
- Be completed between May 2019 and November 2019;
- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program;
- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations;
- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the grant monies are utilized);
- Salaries and compensation for support of a project or program are ineligible for the grant.

For more information, please see the [2019 Program Brochure](#) and [Grant Application Form](#).

EarthDayNJ.org

National Environmental Education Week

April 22-April 26th

Celebrate National Environmental Education week by submitting your events to the "[Earth Day NJ](#)" [website](#). This website will showcase statewide events, promote examples to others and encourage the public to attend programs. Check out the [resource page](#) for a sampling of what is available- including the National Environmental Education Week website, the national Earth Day website as well as some educational or environmental education sites that offer Earth Day information, programs or educational efforts that can be adapted for Earth Day needs.

EPA Environmental Educator Awards

Nomination deadline extended to April 5th

EPA is seeking applications for the Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) highlighting environmental stewardship in one or more of the following areas:

- environmental sustainability;
- healthy school environments, including projects that reduce food waste in cafeterias;
- environmentally-friendly agriculture practices;
- reducing human contributions to ocean litter;
- school gardens;
- recycling; or
- using STEM to teach environmental education.

PIAEE awardees will receive up to \$2,500 to be used to further the recipient's professional development in environmental education, and the teacher's local education agency will also receive an award of up to \$2,500 to fund environmental educational activities and programs.

Details regarding application requirements and descriptions of winning projects since 2002 can be found at [here](#).

Opportunity for Districts:

School Climate Transformation Project

Applications open through April 5, 2019

New Jersey school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are eligible to apply to participate in the fourth cohort of the School Climate Transformation Project

(SCTP). The goal of this project is to help School Safety/School Climate Teams (SS/SCT) better evaluate and improve school climate with support from the Center for Applied Psychology, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University. [Learn more and apply before the deadline on April 5, 2019.](#)



NEXTGEN Student Climate Summit May 11, 2019

The Watershed Institute, Pennington, NJ

Presentation submissions and student exhibitors are wanted for the [NextGen Student Climate Summit](#), May 11, 2019 from 10:30am-4:30pm. The conference is organized and hosted by the Princeton Day School's EnAct Club and Energy & Climate Scholars in partnership with The Princeton University Energy & Climate Scholars and The Watershed Institute. Submissions are wanted from all high school students who care about the environment!

Summit theme: environmental activism and action

This is a summit *for students, by students* focused on the following areas:

- examples of sustainability actions in your school
- examples of sustainability actions and activism in your community
- examples of a specific impact of climate change, with explanation/data

Deadline for proposals is April 12, 2019. Click [here](#) to send your proposal.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

22nd Annual Barnegat Bay Environmental Educator's Roundtable

April 17, 2019 3:00pm-8:00pm Waretown, NJ

COST: \$25/per person

Both educators and nature enthusiasts from all over the county can engage in interactive workshops designed to inspire a new appreciation of our waterways, native woods and marshes, plants, animals, local history, and the watershed. Participating educators will engage in hands-on activities and field experiences to learn how climate change and changing weather patterns impacts human development and natural ecosystems. Visit the OCSCD website at www.soildistrict.org for a complete description of programs. Registration is on-line [HERE](#).

Teaching Scholar Program: Biodiversity Field Methods

June 24-28, Stokes State Forest

Application Deadline: April 1, 2019

Click [HERE](#) for details and application.

COST: FREE Scholarships will be funded by National Geographic and Montclair State University. Scholarships include all meals, on-site lodging and educational resources.

This five-day summer professional development workshop for middle school science teachers will focus on an extended hands-on experience in assessing ecosystem biodiversity. Teachers will work alongside academic researchers and professional scientists to identify flora and fauna in the forest, stream and lake ecosystems in and around the NJ School of Conservation (NJSOC) within Stokes State Forest.

New Jersey Audubon 2019 Teachers' School of Ecology
July 29-Aug 2, Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Bernardsville NJ
Application Deadline: March 15, 2019
Click [HERE](#) for details and application.

COST: FREE, also includes \$250 stipend for attending all five days

This five-day summer professional development workshop explores 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.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) TRAINING by PEOSH/NJADP
Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register [here.](#)
This free training supports the [Indoor Air Quality Review](#) and [Asthma Friendly School](#) actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, which require staff training.
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 [here.](#)
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 [Integrated Pest Management - Education & Organic Lawn Care Action](#) in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.
Mar 22 - Sicklerville, NJ
Apr 12 - Bridgewater, NJ
May 3 - Metuchen, NJ
May 31 - Washington, NJ

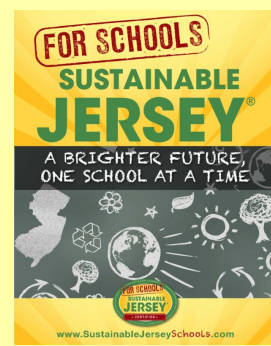
EPA "KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION" ON DEMAND INDOOR AIR QUALITY WEBINARS
Recordings available [here.](#)
Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

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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