

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

324 Districts 843 Schools Participating



New Jersey Schools in the National Spotlight

Listen to the podcast featuring Long Branch School District & Sustainable Jersey for Schools

Sustainable Jersey and the achievements of the Long Branch school district were recently featured on Go Green Radio, a national podcast that encourages listeners to protect human health through environmental stewardship. Principals, educators, and the superintendent of Long Branch school district talked about the various way sustainability has become part of the school culture.

Listen to the episode [here](#) or on Apple podcasts [here](#)



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.

The exact work program for each school district or municipality will depend on the energy work that has already been completed, as well as district or municipality priorities for building energy 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](#).

Just Nine Days Left to Submit Your Grant Application!

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 schools
- Thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to schools



Application deadline: March 15

Go [HERE](#) for more information and links to application pages.



Registration Now Open!
Friday, June 14, 2019 at the Bell Works, Holmdel, New Jersey

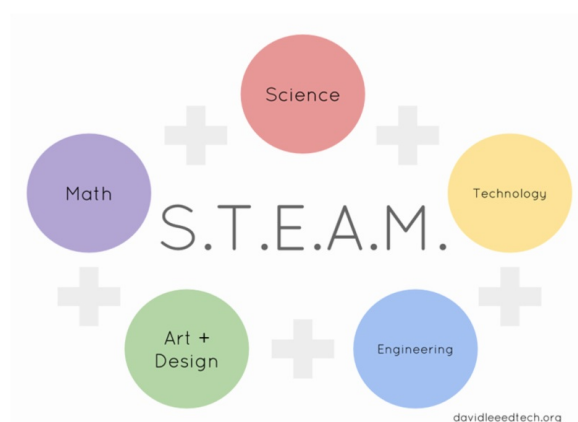
The New Jersey Sustainability Summit is an exceptional one-day forum, annually drawing more than 350 change-makers from across the political, private and public sectors. Participants will engage in thoughtful discussions, share best practices, hail the work that is currently being done in sustainability throughout New Jersey, and identify areas for future regional collaboration. This year's Sustainability Summit is bigger and better than ever to celebrate Sustainable Jersey's 10th Anniversary!

[REGISTRATION](#)

JOIN US AND YOU WILL:

- Engage in a day of lively discussions around the future of sustainability at 12 break-out sessions
- New Sustainability Expo! Earn the chance for prizes when you meet the businesses, organizations and agencies that can help you achieve your sustainability efforts
- Network with mayors, municipal and school district staff, environmental commission and green team members together with state agency and non-profit employees, academics and businesses
- New EV Ride & Drive! Check out the latest in electric vehicles from dealers across the region, and take one for a drive

New location! Experience the one-of-a-kind destination - Bell Works, the reimagining of the



Are You iSTEAM Ready?

The New Jersey School Boards Association is hosting the next "Are You I-STEAM Ready?" workshop. This unique workshop will feature a day of I-STEAM learning experiences and how to plan for and implement an I-STEAM learning environment in your school. Learn about the process to transform traditional STEM learning into inspirational and creative Integrative STEAM learning spaces designed to deepen student learning through the design process.

- March 14, 2019 Collingswood, NJ- [REGISTER](#)
- March 21, 2019 Morris Plains, NJ- [REGISTER](#)

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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](#).



CHILDREN'S
ENVIRONMENTAL
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NOW Youth Leadership Award

Nominations open through March 15, 2019

Do you know a young person (ages 10-21) who has stepped up as a leader on issues ranging from climate change to safe drinking water to toxic ingredients in personal care products? Nominate them for the NOW Youth Leadership Award. Click [HERE](#) for more information and



NEW JERSEY

U.S. Green Building Council New Jersey Student Awards

Nominations open through March 18, 2019

Each year USGBC NJ recognizes and presents Gala Awards to companies and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in green building and sustainability.

There are two STUDENT categories: K-12; and Higher Ed. Please indicate which category you are applying under. A winner/ winning team will be chosen in each of the 2 categories at the 15th Annual Awards Gala on May 22, 2019. For information, click [here](#).



Action for Healthy Kids Grants Available

Nominations open through April 5, 2019

Help your school become healthier with a Parents for Healthy Kids or School Breakfast grant for the 2019-2020 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.](#)

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

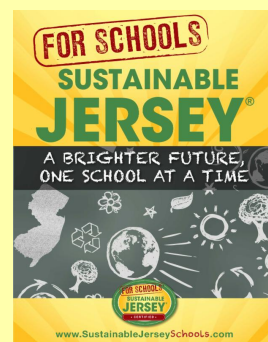
EPA "KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION" ON DEMAND INDOOR AIR QUALITY WEBINARS
Recordings available [here.](#)
Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

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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