

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

327 Districts 850 Schools Participating



Certified School Spotlight: Highland Park High School Students Lead Movement to Repurpose Twin Oak Trees

Two magnificent oak trees that had stood on the front lawn of Highland Park High School for at least 80 years were cut down because of disease on December 27, 2017. The Highland Park High School staff, administration, and the Environmental Club wanted to preserve the memory of these noble trees and sustainably repurpose their wood. [Read the story](#) about how these dying trees got a new life as vibrant public art at the [G.R. Dodge blog](#).

Environmental Defense Fund Technical Assistance --DEADLINE EXTENDED--

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 12, 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](#).

Welcome Newly Registered Schools

Hudson County

Hudson County Schools of Technology

Explore Middle School (Jersey City)

County Prep High School (Jersey City)

Hunterdon County

Hunterdon County Vocational School District
Hunterdon County Polytech (Flemington & Califon)

Passaic County

School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (Paterson)

Somerset County

Franklin Township Public Schools
MacAfee Road School (Somerset)

Union County

New Providence Board of Education
New Providence High School (New Providence)

GET CERTIFIED

Upcoming Deadlines for 2019 Certification Cycle:

- 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](#).



The Sustainable Jersey Summit & 10th Anniversary Celebration is happening on Friday, June 14th. Learn more and be a part of the event by registering at the [Sustainable Jersey website](#).

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.



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](#).

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.

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)

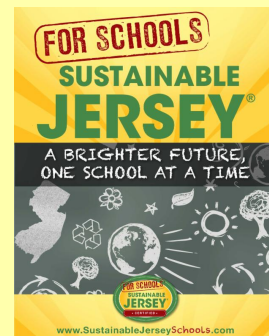
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

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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