



# The Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program and Your Community

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# Participating Communities



- Program start: February 2009
- 441 (78%) NJ municipalities participating
- 88% of NJ's population lives in these communities
- 199 municipalities certified:
  - 158 towns at bronze level
  - 40 towns at silver level



# Participating Districts and Schools



- Program start: 2014
- 218 Registered Districts
- 538 Registered Schools
- 118 Schools Certified

# Stewards & Green Teams- Perfect together

## Rutgers Environmental Stewards

- ✓ Members of your Green Team can attend training and complete an “action” as part of their volunteer internship.
- ✓ Environmental Stewards should be viewed as a resource for your Green Team - reach out to Rutgers to let them know your Green Team has project ideas.
- ✓ Sustainable Jersey Small Grant program funding can be used to cover the program training costs - in return for your Rutgers Environmental Steward helping with an “action.”



# Assistance with SJ Actions

- **Actions under the Natural Resources category:**
  - Conduct an NRI (Natural Resource Inventory)
  - Serve on an Environmental Commission; help with site plan review
  - Open Space or Farmland Preservation Plans
  - Water Conservation Education
  - Easement Inventory and Outreach
  - Help with passing ordinances
  - Community Forestry Plan and Canopy Goal
  - Tree Hazard Inventories, tree maintenance, tree planting



# Assistance with SJ Actions

- **Sustainability Planning Category:**
  - Community Asset Mapping
  - Community Visioning
  - Help with developing a Climate Action Plan or Sustainability Plan
  - Help with Community Carbon Footprint
- **Many other actions** (depending on interest of the Rutgers Environmental Steward) – relating to advocating the stewardship of public lands



# Assistance with SJS Actions

## Sustainable Jersey for Schools:

- **Student and Community Outreach Category:**
  - Community Education and Outreach
  - Civic and Stewardship Volunteer Opportunities
  - Enrichment Programs through Partnership
- **Food and Nutrition**
  - School Gardens
- **School Grounds**
  - Biodiversity Projects



# Search actions and communities

**Participating Communities**

Map view | List view | 441 Total Participating | 199 Currently Certified

Map | Satellite | 441 Total Participating | 199 Currently Certified

**FILTER THIS MAP**

**BY STATUS**

- Registered
- Bronze Certified
- Silver Certified
- Any Certified
- Any

**BY CERTIFIED ACTION**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

- Animals in the Community
- Arts & Creative Culture
- Brownfields
- Community Partnership & Outreach
- Diversity & Equity
- Emergency Management and Resiliency
- Energy Efficiency
- Food
- Green Design
- Health & Wellness

**BY COUNTY**

- You can search participating communities and/or actions to find municipalities near you that might need assistance.
- Sustainable Jersey website: <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/action-s-certification/participating-communities/>
- **Tip:** Choose List View



# Grant Funding

## 2017 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Funded by PSEG

**Webinar for Schools:**

*December 1, 2016 3:30-4:30*



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School districts and schools registered with Sustainable Jersey for Schools are eligible to apply for four \$10,000 and thirty \$2,000 grants to support implementation of projects that help them gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools' certification and make progress toward a sustainable future, thanks to the generous support of PSEG.

**Applications are due February 3, 2017.** (To register, go to calendar on [www.sustainablejerseyschools.com](http://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com))



# Upcoming Events



## **NJEA Convention – November 10-11, 2016**

- Linking Health, Physical Activity & Student Learning with School Gardens
- Engaging Students & the School Community in Healthy School
- Connecting Resources to Your Classroom
- Applying Principles of Environmental and Sustainability Education Across Academic Disciplines, K-5
- Using the school as a learning tool to engage students and utilize curriculum related to energy savings and conservation



# Upcoming Events

NJ League of Municipalities Conference and Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon – November 15 – 17, 2016



Click [here](#) for list of Sustainable Jersey sessions. To register for the Awards Luncheon, click [here](#).



# Upcoming Events

**CHECK THE [SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CALENDAR](#) and [THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS CALENDAR](#) ON OUR WEBSITES FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS or to REGISTER FOR EVENTS!**



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