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48 Municipalities to be Recognized for their 2015 Sustainable Jersey Certification

Congratulations to the 48 municipalities that achieved Sustainable Jersey certification in October. The certifications include 10 newly bronze certified, 28 recertified bronze, and 10 recertified silver. This brings the total number of municipalities certified to 189, with 156 certified bronze and 33 certified silver.

During the 7th Annual Sustainable Jersey Luncheon, these communities, the December 2014 newly certified municipalities, and the recipients of our annual Sustainability Champions and Special Awards will be honored. This year's Special Award recipients are:

Sustainability Champions:

- Small Municipality: Harrington Park (210 points)
- Medium Municipality: Chatham Borough (505 points)
- Large Municipality: Woodbridge (905 points)

Special Awards:

- Leadership: Ocean Township (Ocean County)
- Creativity & Innovation: New Brunswick
- Collaboration: Park Ridge

Join us at our Annual Luncheon to recognize these great accomplishments!

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 12:00pm - 2:30pm
Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, Crown Ballroom, Atlantic City
REGISTER

430 Municipalities Now Participating!

Welcome North Wildwood City in Cape May. We look forward to certifying you! A total of 88% of the state's population lives in a Sustainable Jersey participating community!

Deadline: Sunday, November 1st at Midnight

The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing $200,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for both municipalities and schools. For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will support energy projects focused on education, conservation, efficiency, and renewable technology.

- For more information about the municipal application, click HERE.
- For more information about the school application, click HERE.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2015 at midnight

Sustainable Jersey Advice to Municipalities on Actions Linked to the NJ Clean Energy Programs

The NJBPU released a statement (see below) announcing a planned interruption of service for Local Government Energy Audit and Direct Install programs that will happen around, or shortly after, the new year. The interruption is due to a transition in program contractors and not due to a lack of funding.

What does this mean?

- For municipalities, if you are planning actions to promote Direct Install to the business community you may want to consider timing your effort to coincide with a period where the program is running and able to process applications.
- For municipalities and schools planning to use Direct Install or Local Government Energy Audits, you should proceed as planned and get as far as possible. When the interruption hits it may result in a delay moving forward, but it can be anticipated that as soon as the transition is complete the new energy contractor will begin working through the queue of applicants.

NJBPU Statement on Clean Energy Initiatives

"Before the end of 2015, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) anticipates transitioning the administration of NJ's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) to a single Program Administrator. This pending contract is intended to streamline program management, increase program flexibility and reduce administration costs and to ensure that the Clean Energy Program continues to help New Jersey's residents, businesses and local governments reduce their energy bills at the lowest cost to ratepayers while providing a cleaner environment.

While Board staff work through this transition, the NJCEP remains fully funded and programs continue to accept applications. While Staff anticipates that most programs will continue to operate without disruption, some programs like Direct Install (DI) and Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) will experience planned interruptions in day-to-day operations due to the structure of the current DI contracts. Other programs may experience delays in the processing of applications or payments. The Board asks that interested and current customers be patient and look for regular updates on the status of the NJCEP transition via its website at NJCleanEnergy.com."

Other Upcoming Events

New Jersey WasteWise Meeting

Attend the next meeting of the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network and hear presentations about the 2015 New Jersey Sustainable State of the State report; metal, glass and plastics; illegal dumping and the Barnegat Bay Blitz Cleanup; and a case study of DSM Nutritional Products.

Thursday, November 5, 2015, 9:30am - 12:15pm
NJ Forensic Science Technology Center Auditorium
1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691

REGISTER - FREE but please RSVP to Steve Rinaldi at Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov.

Visit the Sustainable Jersey Events & Trainings page for a list of other upcoming events

Funding Opportunities

Community-Based Marine Debris Removal Funding

The NOAA Marine Debris Program has just announced the community-based marine debris removal federal funding opportunity. Projects awarded through this grant competition will implement effective, on-the-ground marine debris removal activities, with priority for those targeting medium to large-scale debris, including derelict fishing gear. For more information, visit their website.

Application Deadline: November 2, 2015

Community Food Projects Competitive Grant

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will provide funding to support community food projects, planning projects, and training and technical assistance programs. Goals are to meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution; increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their food needs; promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm and nutrition issues; and meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs. For more information, visit their website.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2015

Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant

Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will support highly visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. For more information visit their website.

Application Deadline: December 10, 2015

EPA Brownfields ARC Grant

EPA Request for Proposals is now available. Funds may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Funding opportunities include assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, and cleanup (ARC) grants. For more information visit their website. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) can assist with preparing any of the types of funding opportunities mentioned above for the EPA Brownfields ARC grant. For more information, contact them at 973-642-4165 or tab@njit.edu.

Application Deadline: December 18, 2015

Visit the Sustainable Jersey Grants Portal for a list of other available grants

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