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**New Funding Available for Municipalities and Schools**



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Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a Small Grants Program cycle for municipalities and \$100,000 to support a Small Grants Program cycle for schools.

The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey actions. **The application deadline is Tuesday, February 27, 2017.** For more information, click [HERE](#).

The schools cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts or schools, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. **The application deadline is Friday, February 3, 2017.** For more information, click [HERE](#).

## **Informational Webinars**

Two informational webinars will be held to review the online application process, requirements, and tips for successful applications.

### **Sustainable Jersey Municipal Webinar**

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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### **Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinar**

View the [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

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## **Public Information & Engagement Technology Assessment Pilot**

Sustainable Jersey is pleased to provide **free** consulting services to two pilot municipalities to support the implementation of the Public Information & Engagement actions. The consultant will work with the selected municipalities to complete a Public Information & Engagement (PIE) Technology Assessment. The assessment will provide a roadmap for transitioning to new forms of communications and engagement through emerging technologies that include digital and online tools outlined in the actions.

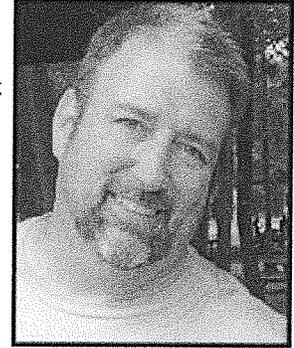
Over a two-month period the consultant will conduct a series of meetings with municipal stakeholders to gather information and insight related to each pilot municipality's current state of operations and its aspirations regarding data communications and civic engagement practices. At the conclusion of a two-month period, the consultant will provide the pilot municipalities with a written Public Information & Engagement Technology Assessment. The assessment will include detailed recommendations for strategically incorporating new systems and technologies into municipal operations to meet its goals and identify related technology and staff costs. For more information, visit our [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 11:59pm**

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## New! December Sustainability Hero

The December 2016 Sustainability Hero is Patrick McDevitt, the Founder and Chair of Sustainable Monroe Township located in Gloucester County. Read about Patrick's work accomplishing certification and the 2016 Sustainable Jersey Rookie of the Year Award. See how Margaret Meade, the Tri-County Sustainability Alliance, the Williamstown Middle School Environmental Club, Ukraine and Tesla fit into the story on the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#).



To capture the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a monthly Sustainability Hero. Consider nominating your local hero! Simply complete the short [submission form](#) and e-mail it to us at [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com).

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## Save the Date! Coding for Community Competition

Sustainable Jersey is pairing registered and certified municipalities with the tech community to develop real sustainable solutions for local public information and engagement issues through data and other technologies. The two month competition kicks off on January 27. If your town has a need related to the PIE actions, bring it to the kick off event and we will team you up with coders, computer programmers and designers who will use their skills to develop a creative way to address that need. Learn more about potential needs and solutions [here](#).

**Friday, January 27, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm**  
NJIT Campus Center, the Atrium  
150 Bleeker Street, Newark, NJ 07102  
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**CODING FOR COMMUNITY**  
A CIVIC TECH COMPETITION TO SOLVE LOCAL ISSUES

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## Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

### How to Better Serve Special Needs Residents in Emergencies

This workshop is offered in partnership with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, and will provide an overview of the leading practices for using [Register Ready](#) to more effectively anticipate the needs of vulnerable populations during emergencies. The workshop will include presentations by experts dedicated to serving individuals with access to functional needs as well as experience emergency managers. Participants will walk away with strategies, outreach materials, and tangible ideas they can immediately implement to improve the disaster resilience of their community residents.

**Friday, December 16, 2016, 10:00am - 1:00pm**  
Livingston Township, Senior/Community Center  
204 Hillside Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039

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## Moving Up to Silver Certification Webinar

Is your municipality interested in attaining silver certification? If so, then you should attend this webinar to get tips from silver certified municipalities and Sustainable Jersey staff on how to make the transition, and the actions that can set you on the fast path to silver!

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Events

*All of these regional hub events are free and open to the public*

### South Jersey Green Drinks

The Tri-County Sustainability Alliance will host a "Speed Greeting" and network opportunity with other green teams, residents, municipal and school district staff, and elected officials that are working to make the region more sustainable.



**Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

Double Nickel Brewing Company  
1585 Route 73, Pennsauken, NJ 08110

### Mercer End of the Year Green Drinks

The Mercer County Sustainability Coalition will host a public gathering of green teams and sustainability minded individuals for an end of the year celebration. Green teams will talk about their 2016 successes and goals for 2017. The event will be held at the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association and an opportunity will be given to tour the eco-friendly facility.



Mercer County Sustainability Coalition  
*Communities Working Together for a Sustainable Future*

**Friday, December 9, 2016, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association  
31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

### Connecting the Drops

Do you have municipal water or a private well? Do you know where your drinking water comes from and if it is safe? The Tri-County Sustainability Alliance will host this meeting to provide information from local experts on drinking water. Speakers will address the source of local drinking water, threats to water supplies, water treatment process, how to read your consumer confidence reports, and what to test if you have a private well.



**Monday, January 8, 2017, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** Camden County Regional

Emergency Training Facility  
420 Woodbury Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

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## Other Upcoming Events

### Road Diet Workshop

Four-lane undivided roadways often experience a large number of crashes, and one treatment for addressing this safety concern is a Road Diet, which involves converting an existing four-lane segment into three lanes. The New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and Together North Jersey are partnering with FHWA to offer a free-one day workshop that explores how road diets can improve safety, operations, and livability in communities. The workshop will provide information about different road diets and why they work, how to identify good road candidates, and practice reallocating street space for other uses, including non-motorized user needs.

**Thursday, January 12, 2017, 9:00am - 4:30pm**

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

1 Newark Center, 17th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

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For a list of other upcoming events, visit the [Events & Trainings Page](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### Green Infrastructure Demonstration Showcase

A key feature of New Jersey Future's Mainstreaming Green Infrastructure Program is the advancement of demonstration projects that illustrate the powerful benefits of green stormwater infrastructure in public- and private-sector development or redevelopment. New Jersey Future will select two high-profile green infrastructure demonstration projects - one public-sector and one private-sector - located in one of the William Penn Foundation's Delaware River Initiative Areas: the Highlands of northwest New Jersey or the Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer area of southern New Jersey. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: Friday, December 9, 2016**

### New Jersey Health Institute: Next Generation Community Leaders

This grant is intended to further the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's vision of building a Culture of Health by leveraging the strengths of youth to affect change in their communities. This program will support communities in preparing the next generation of civic and community leaders by providing them with the resources and technical assistance they need to focus the time, talent, and energy of youth and providing the youth with an opportunity to make meaningful change in their communities through summer employment on a self-designed, community-focused project. At the conclusion of this three-year initiative, successful grantees will have engaged teams of 10-15 youth in the following actions: Developing civic engagement and leadership skills; participating in meaningful summer employment; participating in civic engagement opportunities; actively engaging in an alumni network. Grants will total up to \$200,000 per grantee over three years. For more information visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: January 12, 2017**

## It Pay\$ to Plug In

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities have teamed up to launch a new "It Pays To Plug In" grant program. The first phase of the program will provide \$725,000 in reimbursement grants to offset some of the costs to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations. The grants are a component of the state's "Drive Green New Jersey" initiative that also includes a website with information about the different types of electric vehicles available, how to charge them, affordability, and impact on air quality. The grants are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis of up to \$250 for each Level 1 charging station installed, and up to \$5,000 for each Level 2 charging station installed. Eligible applicants include public, private, for-profit, nonprofit, educational and governmental entities. Owners of parking facilities used by commuters or employees of other companies are also eligible. Learn how your municipality or school district can take advantage of this grant opportunity and earn points towards Sustainable Jersey Certification! For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline: As Funding Allows**

## Renewable Electric Storage Program

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is offering this program which provides financial incentives for electric energy storage systems that are integrated with Class 1 renewable energy projects installed behind-the-meter at non-residential customer sites. This program will support the installation of renewable electric storage systems in government, commercial, institutional and industrial entities for the purpose of providing emergency back-up power for essential services, offsetting peak loads, and/or helping stabilize the electric distribution system through the provision of frequency regulation services. The open enrollment program offers an incentive of \$300 per kWh of energy capacity, and the maximum incentive per project is \$300,000 or 30% of the project's total cost, whichever is less. For more information, visit their [website](#).

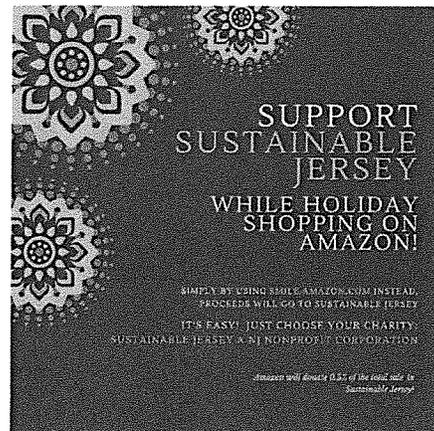
**Application Deadline: Open Enrollment**

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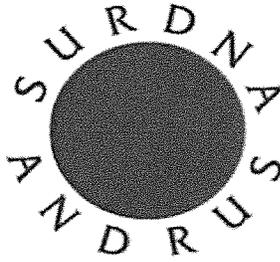
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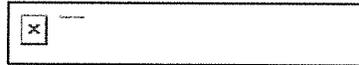
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