



SUSTAINABILITY SESSIONS: 10:10 – 11:10am

MITIGATING HEAT ISLANDS SJ, SJS

Heat islands are areas of land that are hotter than outlying areas, caused by impervious surfaces like parking lots and roads. Join this session to learn about the effect heat islands, or "hotspots", have on human health, and how to mitigate them. Experts will be present to walk through data tools that help communities identify their hotspots and create mitigation strategies that incorporate social vulnerability and equity concerns. Guidance on performing outreach to garner community participation in the formation of mitigation strategies will also be discussed.

Nathaly Agosto Filion, Deputy Climate Resilience Officer, Office of Climate Resilience, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection • **Jay Watson**, Co-Executive Director, New Jersey Conservation Foundation • **Tracy Prescilla Glova**, Program Coordinator of Policy and Planning, Sustainable Jersey • **Zenon Tech-Czarny**, Principal Planner, Environmental Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

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SUDDENLY SOLAR: MAKING SOLAR ACCESSIBLE SJ

If your green team has shied away from doing solar outreach in the past because you thought that most of your community would not be able to afford solar, things have changed. New Jersey's community solar program brings the benefit of solar to more New Jerseyans than ever, including residents that live in multi-unit dwellings or have shaded roofs. Residents and businesses that have rooftops or other sites for solar also have new options. This session will review the new solar opportunities and showcase the New Jersey Community Solar Project Finder, a new tool developed in partnership by Sustainable Jersey and NJBPU to help residents locate community solar projects near them.

Sawyer Morgan, Research Scientist, Division of Clean Energy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities • **Tracey Woods**, Energy Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey

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TACKLING FOOD WASTE IN NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS SJS

Schools in New Jersey have displayed increased interest in reducing their cafeteria waste, aligning practices with their sustainability values. Learn about school initiatives to better manage food waste, including composting. Also hear examples where schools engaged community partners to help advance their efforts.

Elysia Caraballo, C2C Administrator, Newton Public Schools • **Jennifer Shukaitis**, Family & Community Health Sciences Educator III, Rutgers Cooperative Extension • **Julie Ulbrich Vassallo**, Member, Leonia Environmental Commission • **Kelly Stone**, Teacher, Long Branch Public Schools

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UPDATES FROM STATE AGENCIES SJ, SJS

This session will provide a platform for New Jersey State Agency leaders to share their latest sustainability initiatives that impact municipalities and public schools. This includes new requirements for municipalities and schools as well as new programs and resources. The session will be an opportunity for attendees to hear from decision makers the new and emerging approaches that State Agencies are taking to promote sustainability, reduce their carbon footprint, conserve natural resources, promote equity, among other topics. The panelists will discuss the various programs, initiatives, and resources that they have developed and implemented. Ask questions and gain further insights into the programs and resources available to you.

Assistant Commissioner Michael Russo, New Jersey Department of Transportation • **Assistant Commissioner Jorden Schiff**, New Jersey Department of Education • **Commissioner Zenon Christodoulo**, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities • **Deputy Commissioner Sean Moriarty**, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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SUSTAINABILITY SESSIONS: 11:30 – 12:30pm

INTEGRATING CLIMATE RESILIENCE INTO MUNICIPAL PLANS SJ

As localities aim to comply with the recent land use law to integrate resilience into their municipal plans and policies, organizations and government entities are coordinating their efforts to provide concise, yet comprehensive, guidance. Learn how to integrate sustainability planning, equitable and inclusive community engagement, and plan alignment into climate planning through a sequential and flexible series of steps complete with resources and worksheets to transition resilience efforts away from siloed, project-oriented approaches to a holistic framework.

Meghan Leavey, PP/AICP/GISP, Climate Resilience Planning, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection • **Tanya Rohrbach**, Community Planning Manager, New Jersey Future • **Tracy Prescilla Glova**, Program Coordinator, Policy and Planning, Sustainable Jersey

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MAKING HEALTHY FOOD ACCESSIBLE TO ALL SJ, SJS

Across the state, in just about every town or city, there are people who either cannot afford or do not have transportation to get to where fresh, nutritious food is available. This session will spotlight ways in which communities can help make healthy food more accessible and get points for doing so. Hear from the towns and organizations making it happen.

Alicia Newcomb, Executive Director, C.R.O.P.S. • **Jasmine Moreano**, Director of Community Engagement and Advocacy, City Green • **Jeanine Cava** Co-Founder, Food Democracy Collaborative • **Lauren Skowronski**, Director of Advancement, Sustainable Jersey

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SO HELPFUL, IT'S PRACTICALLY CHEATING: HOW SUSTAINABLE JERSEY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAN HELP YOUR SCHOOL OR MUNICIPALITY SJ, SJS

Saving energy saves money for your school district or municipality. Sustainable Jersey's free energy technical assistance is available to walk your municipality and school district through the various paths and incentives available to reduce energy. This session will explain how to build an understanding of energy usage and use that information to take advantage of opportunities for incentives available through utility and state programs. Hear from some of the communities that have benefitted from Sustainable Jersey technical assistance to help with their energy efficiency needs.

Ann Beirne, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Jersey City Public Schools • **Michelle Rossi**, ESIP Coordinator, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities • **Nancy Quirk**, Senior Energy Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey • **Mario Caballero**, Green Team Chair, Clinton Township

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SUSTAINABLE JERSEY BOOT CAMP: GETTING STARTED SUPPORT SESSION SJ, SJS

Are you from a newly registered school or municipality, or never applied for a Sustainable Jersey grant? Is your green team revitalizing after a few years? Get your green team in shape for future certification and grant applications. Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools staff will share strategies, tips, and resources to help you make the most of what the program has to offer. There will be ample time to answer questions and opportunities for participants to share their experiences.

JoAnna Contarino, Program Assistant, Sustainable Jersey • **Kaitlyn Vollmer**, Grants Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey • **Samantha McGraw**, Senior Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey

SUSTAINABILITY SESSIONS: 1:45 – 2:45pm

FROM HASHTAGS TO MEDIA RELEASES: COMMUNICATION TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE OUTREACH SJ, SJS

This session will focus on best practices, tips and tricks for maximizing the impact of your sustainability initiatives and amplifying the reach of your municipal or school green team. Learn more about the value of different social media platforms, how to effectively communicate your work, how to engage with target audiences and where to find free and easy-to-use tools and community resources. Ask questions, share insights and learn more about effective approaches for sustainability communications.

Carolyn McGrath, Visual Arts Teacher, Hopewell Valley Central High School • **Kristy Ranieri**, Communications Consultant, Sustainable Jersey • **Sabrina Arauz**, Program Assistant, Sustainable Jersey • **Sharonda Allen**, Co-Chair, Environmental Justice Committee, Tri-County Sustainability

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RESOURCE PROVIDER RAPID FIRE SJ, SJS

Working on sustainability initiatives and need some help? There are many organizations throughout New Jersey that can assist you with resources, technical assistance and funding. Attend this session for a high level overview of the different organizations that are available to support municipalities and schools so you can hit the ground running with new project ideas, connections and knowledge.

Amanda Brockwell, Director of Development & Donor Relations, Association of NJ Environmental Commissions • **Elise McGaughran**, Northern Regional Programs Coordinator, Tobacco-Free for a Healthy NJ • **Hayley Klein**, New Jersey/New York Program Associate Director, FoodCorps • **Julie DeSimone**, Director of Community Health, Mayors Wellness Campaign & NJ Healthcare Quality Institute

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SUCCESS STORIES IN COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING SJ

To the municipalities that have been asking, "What can we do to make a positive impact?"...this one's for you! Come hear from municipalities that are currently underway with their Community Energy Plans as part of the Board of Public Utilities' Community Energy Plan Grant program. This session will dive into valuable takeaways and lessons learned from working on the project, as well as provide an inside look at Sustainable Jersey's Model Community Energy Plan.

Michele Alonso, AICP, PP, Director of Planning & Redevelopment, Asbury Park • **Nancy Quirk**, Senior Energy Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey • **Nicole Miller**, Green Team Chair, City of Newark

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TREE-PLANTING GRANTS FOR NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS: DROP-IN COACHING SESSION SJ, SJS

Interested in sourcing funds to plant trees to green your school grounds? Would your municipality like to support local schools to enhance the community's tree canopy? Drop by during "office hours" to get your questions answered about applying for Tree-

planting Grants for New Jersey Public Schools, Colleges and Universities. This program, launching April 28th, will provide grants of \$10,000 - \$250,000 for planting trees on school grounds and adjacent public property, including site preparation, professional assistance, and two-years of maintenance expenses.

Melanie McDermott, Senior Researcher, Sustainable Jersey

GET CREATIVE! DON'T LEAVE POINTS ON THE TABLE: DROP-IN COACHING SESSION SJ

Has your town taken advantage of Sustainable Jersey's arts and creative culture actions? You could earn up to 85 points! Drop in and talk to experienced green teamers who are making the most out of their creative assets. Learn how they did it and find out how your town can too.

Leonardo Vazquez, Executive Director, Northern NJ Community Foundation • **Leslie Olson**, Chair, Sustainable Ridgefield Park • **Mark Olson**, Village Commissioner, Ridgefield Park

SUSTAINABILITY SESSIONS: 3:00 – 4:00pm

ADVANCING EQUITY IN OUR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES SJ, SJS

As an integral part of our communities, schools play an essential role in cultivating the understanding, skills, cultural values, and pathways to a just, equitable and sustainable future. This session begins with an overview of Sustainable Jersey actions and resources that advance equity in both municipalities and schools, then will explore the need for, and current examples of, efforts to bring about equity, diversity and inclusion in our schools. The session will conclude with the opportunity to share ideas for how Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools can best support the innovation and institutional investments needed to bring about lasting change.

Clare Ng, Science Teacher, Monmouth County Vocational School District • **Fidelia Sturdivant**, Coordinator of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, New Jersey Principals & Supervisors Association • **Rosetta D. Treece, Ed.D.**, Superintendent, Hopewell Valley Regional School District

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DRIVING EV AWARENESS THROUGH OUTREACH SJ

Help spread the word about electric vehicles in your community! This session will focus on best practices for EV outreach campaigns and feature Sustainable Princeton's EV ride and drive events. Resources to support electric vehicle infrastructure (EV Chargers) in multi-unit dwellings and funding options for electric vehicles and charging infrastructure will also be reviewed. EVs are now available in a range of models and prices to fit most community vehicle needs. From personal vehicles to business fleets, electric vehicles are a great way to lower community emissions.

Andrea Friedman, Supervisor, Electric Vehicle Programs, Division of Air Quality, Bureau of Mobile Sources, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection • **Cathleen Lewis**, E-Mobility Program Manager, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities • **Elana Berk**, Communications & Outreach Manager, Sustainable Princeton • **Leanne McGowan**, Energy Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey • **Lisa Nicolaison**, Project Manager, Sustainable Princeton

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IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN- EXPANDING YOUR GREEN PURCHASING EFFORTS SJ, SJS

Green Purchasing refers to the procurement of products and services that have a reduced effect on human health and the environment, but what does this really mean? This session will review green product certification programs and how to source products made from materials recovered from the solid waste stream. Hear from successful state, county, municipal and school green purchasing programs. Learn about new and updated green purchasing actions.

Bill Hnatiuk, Local Government Manager, NJSTART • **Donna Drewes**, Sustainability Consultant, Sustainable Jersey • **Joseph S. Clark**, QPA, RPPO, CPPB, City Purchasing Manager, Department of Administration-Purchasing Division, City of Ocean City • **Nicholas Susi**, General Manager, NJSTART • **Teresa O'Brien**, RSBA, Business Administrator, Delaware Valley Regional High School and Frenchtown Elementary School

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PLANNING FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SJ, SJS

Green infrastructure is part of the solution to several water resource problems in New Jersey, especially flooding. Learn how to create a systematic approach to reducing stormwater and other runoff, identify locations for green infrastructure installation, and choose the best green infrastructure to build based on site characteristics. Expert practitioners will walk-through and answer questions regarding data tools used to install green infrastructure. Local community members will share their success stories of how they brought green infrastructure to their schools and municipalities.

Dr. Chris Obropta, Extension Specialist in Water Resources, Rutgers Water Resources Program • **Rayna Laiosa**, Councilwoman and Environmental Commission/Green Team Chair, Hawthorne Borough • **Rebecca Gudknecht**, Pre-GATE/GATE Teacher, Pemberton Township School District • **Tracy Prescilla Glova**, Program Coordinator of Policy and Planning, Sustainable Jersey

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