

SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC SERVICE INITIATIVE

# Montclair State Students Serving New Jersey Communities in Partnership with Sustainable Jersey

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**Montclair State University**  
PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies

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- Presentation & recording will be posted on the SJ website here:  
Resources - Presentations - Webinars - Certification & Recertification

<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/resources/presentations/webinars/#c3597>



# Overview

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- This is the second year in partnership with the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS) at Montclair State University (MSU)
- Match upper-level students with Sustainable Jersey (SJ) participating municipalities that need help completing specific SJ actions
- Excellent opportunity to target priority actions or others that require research, data collection/analysis, and marketing skills.





# HOW IT WORKS

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- Municipal green teams identify specific actions they would like to pursue and submit an [online application](#).
- Based on the action(s), a student with related coursework and/or experience will be assigned to the municipality.
- Depending upon their program of study, the student commits to approximately 80 hours of time in the February - April 2023 timeframe to make progress on the action(s) under the guidance of their instructor and an assigned municipal contact.



# 2023 CERTIFICATION CYCLE TIMELINE

	FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	THIRD ROUND
<b>Submission Deadline</b>	Feb. 26	May 12	July 27
<b>Return Date</b>	Early-April	Mid-June	Mid-Sep.



# MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

## PSEG INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES



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- Green Teams Program
- Sustainability Ambassadors
- Work to Succeed
- Research
- Education
- The Re-Fresh Podcast





# SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC SERVICE

## Overall Objectives

- Engage upper level Montclair State students in local sustainability projects
- Partnership with Sustainable Jersey to provide municipalities with help completing Sustainable Jersey actions



# MONTCLAIR STATE STUDENT EDUCATION

Montclair State students come from several degree programs,  
for example:

- Sustainability Science
- Biology
- Anthropology & Sociology
- Mathematics
- Environmental Science





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# Pilot Program Submitted Actions with Approved Points

Points submitted by municipalities and approved in 2022:

- Diversity on Boards & Commissions
- Fleet Inventory
- Private Well Outreach and Testing



# Certification Requirements



- Total of at least 150 points
- Mandatory Green Team
- Implement 2 of 13 priority actions
- Actions completed in 6 of 18 categories



- Total of at least 350 points
- Mandatory Green Team
- Implement 3 of 13 priority actions
- Actions completed in 8 of 18 categories



# Eligible Actions

Action	Points
Community Equity & Diversity Profile (Priority Action)	10-15 Points; Health Gold
Diversity on Boards & Commissions (Priority Action)	10 Points; Health Gold
Green Business Recognition Program (Priority Action)	10 - 20 points
Energy Assistance Outreach	10-20 Points; Energy & Health Gold
Heat Island Assessment & Mitigation Plan	10-20 Points; Health Gold
Municipal Communications Strategy	10 points
Private Well Outreach & Testing	10-25 Points; Health & Water Gold
Wildlife Interaction Plan	10 points





# TIPS FOR ACTION SELECTION

- Priority action(s) needed?
- Additional action category(ies) needed?
- Municipal staff support available to assist student?
- Community education & outreach component?
- Working on a Gold Star?
- Something that your green team always wanted to pursue but didn't have the the resources to do it?



# TIMELINE FOR SPS YEAR 2

Action	Points
Municipality Webinar	<i>December 15</i>
Municipality Application Due	<i>January 13</i>
Student Application Due	<i>January 27</i>
Training for Matched Municipalities	<i>February 13</i>
Students begin working with matched municipalities	<i>February 20</i>
Students end work with matched municipalities	<i>April 28</i>



# PROTOCOL

- Fill out application
- Get matched to student
- Decide modality - Students can meet in person or virtually
- Work with student to provide information, data or other resources
- Student will update municipality liaison at least 1 time per week
- Professors will oversee project, mentor student, and provide evaluation - varies by program





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# Thank you!

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# Sustainable Jersey Events, Grants & Technical Assistance

## **Sustainable Jersey Grants Cycle Funded by PSEG Foundation**

\$200,000 available to support efforts to implement projects that help municipalities gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey certification and make progress toward a sustainable future.

\$20,000, \$10,000 and \$2,000 grants available.

**Application Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023**

Learn More: <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/grants/pseg-cycle/>

## **Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Partnership Program**

Available to municipalities who have PSE&G as both their gas and electric utility – offers technical assistance to utilize the available incentives to promote the residential/commercial incentives available to your community.

Learn more: <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/grants/sj-pseg-partnership-program/>

## **2023 Sustainability Summit**

Friday, May 5, 2023

Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ



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