

MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

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MICHAEL FEDOSH
Council Chairman



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the **Monmouth County Environmental Council**

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Monmouth County Planning Board Conference Room
Hall of Records Annex, 2nd Floor, One East Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fedosh called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. He suggested the new members introduce themselves and inform all of their background and interests.

- Ms. Horl noted she lives in Red Bank, has a summer home in Spring Lake and works for the New Jersey Department of Education.
- Mr. Kostka has been a resident of Colts Neck for over 25 years where he has served as Board of Education President, Chair of the Environmental Commission, and is currently the Planning Board Chair.
- Ms. Altinsoy is from Germany, studying Environmental Science at Rutgers University and living in Asbury Park. She previously studied agricultural sciences.

All returning members then introduced themselves.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Ebru Altinsoy, Jennifer DiLorenzo, Mike Fedosh, Barbara Horl, Nicholas Huszar, David Kostka, Wilma Morrissey, Scott Thompson, John Vig, and Matthew Woolley

Members Absent: France Karras

Staff Present: Linda Brennen

3. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION

A. Election of Chairperson – Ms. Morrissey nominated Mr. Fedosh as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Vig nominated Mrs. Morrissey, without a second. There were no other nominations for the Chair. The motion for Mr. Fedosh was unanimously approved.

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson – Mr. Vig nominated Ms. Morrissey as Vice Chair. Ms. DiLorenzo seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chair. The motion for Ms. Morrissey was unanimously approved.

C. 2016 Meeting Schedule - The Draft 2016 Schedule was reviewed and recommendations were made to remove the July meeting and correct the February 2017

date. Mr. Kostka moved to adopt the schedule as revised. Mr. Vig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES: December 2015

Minutes from the December 2015 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Fedosh seconded the motion. Ms. Horl, Ms. Altinsoy and Mr. Kostka abstained. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

5. REGULAR REPORTS

A. **Chairman:** Mr. Fedosh - no further report

B. **Planning Board:** Ms. DiLorenzo spoke about the Planning Board's recent reorganization and continuing work on the Master Plan.

C. **Staff:** Ms. Brennen asked all present to update their membership contact information on a spreadsheet that was circulated. She informed of the December 21, 2015 letter sent by the Planning Board to NJDEP with comments on the proposed NJAC 7:15 rule change and offered copies to those interested. She reported on the tentative schedule and progress on development of a new Wastewater Management Plan for the County. The County received a grant from USDA for the *Grown In Monmouth* initiative and a kick-off meeting was held January 26th (see attachment). Ms. Brennen gave an overview, provided palm-cards with additional information, and asked the membership to consider taking the on-line survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GrowninMonmouth Lastly, Ms. Brennen reported that the County recently advertised for an Environmental Specialist I to replace Ms. Ann Waters who retired as of January 1st.

D. **Legislation:** Mr. Woolley spoke about the Senate Environment and Energy Committee reorganization and review of S969 (previously 2015 S2769) which proposes amendments to the Corporate Business Tax revenues for environmental purposes. He also discussed the Barnegat Bay Bill which would require a TMDL be established. Both bills passed in committee.

- Mr. Thompson needed to leave early so briefly reported on the regional issues of stormwater runoff and beach erosion from Storm Jonas. Mr. Vig, who also needed to leave early, expressed concern that the comments he submitted on the Master Plan Draft Transportation Plan Element may not have been received. He will forward a copy to Ms. Brennen and Ms. DiLorenzo.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Sustainable Jersey Letter Update:** Ms. Morrissey provided a first draft of a letter to Sustainable Jersey as discussed at the December 2015 meeting. After much debate, it was decided that Ms. Brennen would send the draft to the membership for modification and comment. All were asked to be sure to make changes to the most recent version being circulated and to send it to all for continued modification.

B. **Master Plan Review:** Ms. DiLorenzo reported that the draft text of many of the Master Plan chapters were now available for public review and comment through the Planning

Board's web page at <https://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=4197> She encouraged the membership to review chapters that are of interest to them and to provide comments. Discussion followed regarding having presentations to the Council on the chapters for which they hosted the stakeholder meetings during 2014. Ms. Brennen will organize those presentations.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Amendment to By-Laws:** Mike Fedosh/Linda Brennen

Mr. Fedosh provided background information on the By-laws as amended through 2009 and the present need to amend them again. A draft had been provided to all members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Brennen went over the recommended changes to Article II that would align the By-laws with Freeholder Resolution #94-95 calling for a By-law revision to provide for alternate members. This appears to have been inadvertently missed with the last revision. Minor modifications to wording were also proposed to remove a discrepancy between Article III Section 1 and Article IV Section 1A which gave two different months for the reorganization meeting. Mr. Kostka moved adoption of the revised By-laws as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. DiLorenzo and passed unanimously on roll call vote of the eight members still present.

B. Environmental Ordinances: Ms. Brennen followed-up on a recommendation from Mr. Vig in December to collect environmental ordinances as a potential project. She noted that she had several conversations with Mr. Vig and Mr. Fedosh, then reached out to Ms. DiLorenzo, Sustainable Jersey, and ANJEC. Ms. DiLorenzo spoke about a possible internship opportunity with Monmouth University. Sustainable Jersey had not yet replied to Ms. Brennen, but Mr. Huszar noted that they have an on-line catalogue of ordinances. The issue was tabled until the next meeting at which time the membership could discuss with Mr. Vig directly what his thoughts were and if they should proceed or not.

C. Spring Roundtable Event: Mr. Fedosh briefly informed new members about the roundtable concept, but in the interest of time, tabled this topic until the next meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

- **Bayshore:** no report
- **North Coast:** Ms. DiLorenzo spoke about Storm Jonas' recent impact on the beaches and the need for more consistent replenishment. She also spoke about the costs of replenishment as done today and the return of the Piping Plover with the wider beaches.
- **South Coast:** Ms. Horl reported on the effective beach preparation for Storm Jonas that was accomplished by Belmar and that the well-established dunes in Spring Lake held. Morrissey's report is attached. The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee was named Environmentalist of the Year (*see attached article*).
- **Navesink Valley:** no report
- **Mid-Coast:** Ms. Altinsoy noted that Asbury Park beaches survived the storm but post-storm clean-up was an issue. Mr. Woolley reported that our coastal lakes will be part of a Federal study on flooding (*see attached article*) and the USACOE is preparing a management study on the back bays (*see attached fact sheet*).
- **Pine Barren:** Mr. Huszar informed that Sustainable Jersey has partnered with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide

energy action Fellows during the upcoming summer to municipalities through a competitive program (*see attached article*). Ms. Brennen noted that the Division of Planning hosted an EDF Fellow courtesy of NJNG during the summer of 2012 and was greatly impressed with his work.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Mr. Fedosh adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Adopted: March 3, 2016



Division of Economic Development

Grown in Monmouth



The kick off meeting for the Grown in Monmouth project was held on Tuesday evening, January 26, 2016 at the Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station in Cream Ridge, NJ.

More than 100 stakeholders were in attendance. Stakeholders included Farmers, Institutional Users, Grocery Retailers, Food Distributors Businesses, Chefs, Agricultural Organizations and Land Owners. Freeholder Director Thomas A. Arnone and Freeholder Lillian G. Burry opened the meeting and introduced the project team which includes the Monmouth County Division of Economic Development, Monmouth County Division of Planning, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Spinelli and Pinto Consulting LLC.

A presentation and discussion followed that included the following elements:

- Establish a baseline of current agricultural activity in Monmouth County
- Evaluate the range of current farming practices
- Identify unique and emerging agricultural activities
- Assess the potential for new and innovative agricultural businesses and markets
- Develop a marketing strategy to promote “Grown in Monmouth”

The key to the success of the project is to hear from farmers, and those who are invested in the agriculture industry. To start that process, a survey has been developed. We invite everyone to fill out the survey, available at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GrowninMonmouth>.

For more information, please contact the Division of Economic Development at 732-431-7470, econdev@co.monmouth.nj.us

Grown in Monmouth is in the news! Read the following stories:

- **'Grown in Monmouth' gains strength in numbers**
- **County to cultivate local farm businesses and products**

February 4, 2016

South Coast Region Report
Wilma Morrissey

Wall Township: On Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015, environmental leaders from across the state gathered in Trenton for the 16th Annual Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards [GEEA]. Among those in attendance were members of Wall Township's Environmental Advisory Committee [WTEAC], who were there to accept the distinguished honor of Environmentalist of the Year.

The awards ceremony, which is hosted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection [DEP], recognizes New Jersey's outstanding environmentalists. This year, the presentation attracted scientists, municipal officials, advocacy groups and volunteers dedicated to environmental sustainability and efficiency. The GEEA is the state's premier environmental awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects. The awards program is sponsored by the DEP, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Award: Environmentalist of the Year
Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee

The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee produced a unique pictorial book entitled, *Life in Wall Township: Past and Present*, which serves as the committee's 35th Year Commemorative Heritage book. It includes more than 350 photographs and illustrations about local plants and animals; water bodies and waterways; gardens; farms; historic, natural, aesthetic, recreational, business and tourism sites; fire and police facilities; schools; churches and cemeteries; and, historic maps and documents. Previous efforts of the volunteer committee, created by township ordinance, include signage; environmental summits and fairs; environmental poetry, essay and poster contests for students; nesting platforms; rain gardens and flower gardens; a self-guided nature trail; open space acquisition; waterway cleanups; and anti-idling and water-pollution public information and signage campaigns.

Belmar: The temporary sand dunes protected Belmar from ocean flooding during our last blizzard storm. However there was breach at 12 Ave, and Shark River flooding on Rt. 35 was said to be minimal. The 1.3 mile stretch of sand dunes that were built prior to the storm held up well. Those temporary dunes then became a popular spot for sledding after the storm.

Manasquan: The borough council has scheduled a special meeting to discuss a proposal for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The borough was approached by Chargepoint, Inc. (BMW and Volkswagen) with a proposal to install two charging stations for electric vehicles and the proposal is presently being mulled over. The concept is to try and create a link between Boston, and Washington, DC where they have at least one charging station every 50 miles. Should Manasquan decide to go ahead with the idea, the stations would occupy two parking spaces on South Street.

Spring Lake: The American Littoral Society is hosting a Wreck Pond Lunch "N" Learn on Saturday, 27. Residents are invited to learn about the Wreck Pond restoration project and how coastal resiliency impacts Spring Lake's environment. There will be detailed presentation on the project. The Wreck Pond plan outlines steps to reduce bacteria in the coastal lake which negatively affects water quality near the beaches. It also addresses increased habitat loss and flooding. The session will provide residents with background on the project as well as a status report on its progress. There will also be a screening of the film "Climate Change and the Jersey Shore" by the New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance as well as a panel discussion among professionals. The event will be held at the Duggan Memorial Building located at Washington Ave. in Spring Lake from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Neptune: The Neptune Township's Environmental Commission, Food & Water Watch, Clean Ocean Action, and Bayshore Regional Watershed Council held their Oil and Gas Fracking Waste workshop **on** Wednesday, January 20, 2016. It was an overview on fracking waste and how to pass a local ban. Neptune, Red Bank and Aberdeen has a ban on fracking waste. The event included a PowerPoint presentation and question and answer session. The purpose of the seminar was to educate participants about fracking waste and to encourage communities to institute a ban or ordinance against it.

NJ's Environmentalist of the Year is in Wall Township



Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee Chairwoman Wilma Morrissey accepted the Environmentalist of the Year award on behalf of the committee on Dec. 15. Here, she poses with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin and New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Executive Director David Zimmer. *Photo courtesy WILMA MORRISSEY*

The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee wins award

By Christopher Neely

WALL TOWNSHIP – A Wall Township committee recently was invited to an awards ceremony in Trenton to accept a prestigious honor from the state for their efforts to protect the environment.

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The GEEA is the state's premier environmental awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects.

Over the past 16 years, the program has handed out 140 awards. The awards program is sponsored by the DEP, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Competition for the statewide award is vast, as there are a myriad of different honorees, ranging from individuals, Eagle Scout troops and associations of scientists, to corporate groups that finance environmental initiatives, municipalities and volunteer groups. Since there are only 10 award categories, recognition is considered a prestigious honor.

"This year's honorees are to be commended for their leadership," said DEP Commissioner Bob Martin. "Through their innovations and dedication to environmental protection, these recipients are setting strong examples and high standards for everyone in New Jersey to follow and are helping to build strong local partnerships. As stewards of New Jersey's environment, we salute the significant contributions of this year's winners."

There is one award, however, which seems to trump the rest – The Environmentalist of the Year.

This award is reserved for individuals or groups that demonstrate a commitment to, and appreciation for, the environment. To be presented with the honor, winners' contributions should be based in conservation, restoration and protection of the state's natural resources and environmental quality.

Previous winners include environmentally-driven mayors and executives from organizations and commissions. This year, however, the volunteer-driven WTEAC took home the top honor for their work in publishing "Life in Wall Township: Past and Present."

Wilma Morrissey, who has been the committee's chairwoman for 18 years, said this award marks one of the committee's finest recognitions.

"This award is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Ms. Morrissey said. "I don't think there is a higher award we could even receive. It's hard to receive since you're going against statewide competition."

The committee was established to assist in the protection, development and use of natural resources within the township, as well as provide education and information regarding the environment through various projects and activities.

As for the book, Ms. Morrissey described it as a published time capsule of the environmental landscape of today, meant to provide future generations with a direct look into what Wall Township looked like during this time period, between 2012 and 2014.

She said so much has changed in town over the past 50-100 years and expects the same trend for the next 50-100 years. She felt that with so much change and improvement, it's important for the town to take a moment and have its picture taken during the process as a point of reference.

The book contains over 350 photographs and illustrations on local plants and animals, as well unique corners of the township, including areas such as the InfoAge facilities, Camp Evans and the Historic Village at Allaire.

Ms. Morrissey said the book certainly has a historical context, but it was produced from an environmental point of view. It shines a light on the town's watersheds and waterways, gardens and farms, and reflects on various environmental initiatives taken on by the town.

Roughly 1,000 copies were produced, but none were sold. Rather, Ms. Morrissey said the WTEAC distributed the books to various volunteer groups and organizations as a "thank you" for their contributions to the township over the years.

Hance Sitkus, a member of the WTEAC and top executive at the Historic Village at Allaire, accompanied Ms. Morrissey to accept the award on behalf of the committee. Mr. Sitkus assisted in editing and publishing the award-winning book, which he said is important for the town.

"I think [the book] brings a lot of awareness to Wall Township," Mr. Sitkus said. "I don't think people realize the history and significance of what's around them. It's important to advance and evolve, but also preserve and protect at the same time."

Township Committeeman Dominick DiRocco was also present for the presentation of the award. He said although he was impressed by the WTEAC's recognition, the committee was certainly deserving of the high honor from the state.

"The competition was vast and for a Wall Township committee to get the award, it's a great testament to the hard work of volunteers dedicated to the environment," Mr. DiRocco said. "This was the pinnacle award and it made me tremendously proud."

N.J. coastal lakes to be part of federal flooding study



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NEPTUNE — New Jersey could be in line for federal funding to repair 12 of its coastal lakes in Monmouth and Ocean counties after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreed to include those bodies of water in a major study after Hurricane Sandy's devastation.

The inclusion of those lakes – as well as a harbor and a watershed – in the study was a major coup for the counties because the Army Corps rarely works on smaller bodies of water and exclusion from the Army Corps' study would have meant the towns around those lakes would be hard-pressed to get federal funding on their own.

RELATED: [Scientists look at restoring lakes damaged by Hurricane Sandy](#)

Announcing the new development in the corps' upcoming New Jersey Back Bays study, U.S. Rep. Chris Smith said this marks an important step toward helping coastal towns solve repetitive flooding problems that were exacerbated by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

"Superstorm Sandy highlighted the significant health and safety hazards associated with storm damage to homes and public property," Smith said. "We will continue to work to bring federal support to the table to make these coastal lakes and our communities safer."

In the wake of Sandy, the Army Corps is set to conduct a study of the state's bays to determine how to alleviate flooding. But the state's coastal lakes were not included in that study, which would have made it very difficult for towns around those bodies of water to secure federal funding for any repair work, Smith said.

While the study will include all of the state's coastal lakes, the most severe damage during Sandy was in Monmouth and Ocean counties where lakes connected to the Atlantic Ocean overflowed their banks because of Sandy's huge storm surge.

Some towns with coastal lakes were under water for up to a week after Sandy.

The study is part of a more comprehensive study called the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study, which helps towns understand and prepare for future flood risks.

The lakes to be included in the study are Wesley Lake, Fletcher Lake, Sylvan Lake, Silver Lake, Lake Como, Wreck Pond, Spring Lake, Stockton Lake, Lake Louise, Little Silver Lake, Lake of the Lillies, and Twilight Lake.

The other areas included are the Deal Lake watershed and Glimmer Glass Harbor.

Smith along with officials from the state Department of Environmental Protection and local Assemblymen Sean Kean and David Rible held a meeting last week at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Southern Communication Center in Neptune with representatives of the affected towns to make the announcement.

Since Sandy, state officials have cobbled storm aid funding together to get some lake projects started. They include **the dredging of Deal Lake**, which borders seven towns in Monmouth County. That work, officials said, is only a fraction of what needs to be done for the state's largest coastal lake.

And this summer, state officials announced funding for **work on Wreck Pond**, which borders five towns in Monmouth County, for dredging and replacement of its outfall pipe.

Lake Como, which caused major flooding in Belmar during Sandy, is also **getting funding** for construction of a discharge station.

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New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study

UPDATED: February 2016

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: NJ-2, 3, 4, 6

APPROPRIATION / PHASE: General Investigation

DESCRIPTION: The New Jersey Back Bay (NJBB) Focus Area is located behind the New Jersey barrier islands of Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May Counties and includes the set of interconnected water bodies and coastal lakes that are separated from the Atlantic Ocean. The authority for the NJBB Study (Resolutions adopted by U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate Committees in December 1987) support NACCS outcomes, are broad in scope and application and address the development of a coastal processes database, monitoring and related actions as the basis for actions and programs to prevent the harmful effects of shoreline erosion and storm damage. The authority also recommends that site specific studies for beach erosion control and hurricane protection be undertaken in areas with a Federal project, action, or response.

The NJBB Study is being performed to align with the goals of the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS), which are to:

- Provide a risk management framework, consistent with and NOAA/USACE Infrastructure Systems Rebuilding Principles; and
- Support resilient coastal communities and robust, sustainable coastal landscape systems, considering future sea level and climate change scenarios, to reduce risk to vulnerable populations, property, ecosystems, and infrastructure

The objective of the NJBB CSRM Study is to investigate coastal storm risk management problems and solutions to reduce damages from coastal flooding affecting population, critical infrastructure, critical facilities, property, and ecosystems. The study will consider past, current, and future coastal storm risk management and resilience planning initiatives and projects underway by the USACE and other Federal, State, and local agencies. Three overarching efforts will be performed:

- Assess the study area's problems, opportunities and future without project conditions;
- Assess the feasibility of implementing system-wide coastal storm risk management solutions such as policy/programmatic strategies, storm surge barriers at selected inlet entrances, or tidal gates at selected lagoon entrances; and
- If system-wide solutions are not feasible, assess the feasibility of implementing site-specific solutions, such as a combination of structural, non-structural, and natural and nature-based features.

The end product of this study will be a decision document in the form of a Chief's Report authorizing comprehensive USACE design and construction opportunities using the full array of CSRSM strategies and measures for community-based solutions within a watershed-based, systems framework. Also included in the report would be recommendations of actionable and policy implementable items for non-USACE entities, including floodplain management, landscape architecture, hurricane evacuation plans, and Community Rating System enhancement opportunities. Additional recommendations will be provided for incorporating existing USACE and external programs, projects, plans and actions, as well as public-private partnership opportunities into the NACCS NJBB study umbrella. A programmatic NEPA document will be developed identifying a range of impacts. The PED Phase will include detailed design with a detailed fully compliant programmatic NEPA document which evaluates impacts for specific solutions.

Project Opportunities:

- Flood risk is increasing for coastal populations and supporting infrastructure.
- Improved land use, wise use of floodplains, responsible evacuation planning, and strategic retreat are important and cost-effective actions.
- Communities should adopt combinations of solutions, including nonstructural, structural, natural and nature-based, and programmatic measures to manage risk, where avoidance is not possible.
- Communities must identify their acceptable level of residual risk to plan for long-term, comprehensive, and resilient risk management.
- Many opportunities exist to improve risk management, including enhancing collaboration, building new partnerships, and strengthening pre-storm planning.
- Addressing coastal risk requires collaboration among local, regional, Tribal, State and Federal entities, NGOs, academia,
- Resilience can be encouraged through the use of a CSRSM framework and commitments to advance sea level and climate change science, and storm surge modeling and related themes.

Non-Federal Sponsor: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Date of Project Agreement: TBD February 2016

Target Completion Date: February 2019

Total Estimated Cost: \$3 M

Federal Funds Appropriated: \$425,000

PROJECT MANAGER: J Bailey Smith

New Resource Opportunity

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to provide a powerful program to assist municipalities and school districts within the NJNG service territory to complete Sustainable Jersey energy actions. The focus is on implementing projects that will improve building performance through energy efficiency analysis, planning and upgrades, but may include renewable energy and other energy-related improvements.

Application Information

Complete the application below and email it to grants@sustainablejersey.com.

- **Application Deadline: Friday, March 18 at 11:59pm**
- **Application Packet and Form**

Program Information

This program will provide a trained EDF Fellow, typically an MBA or similar graduate with specialty training in energy project assessment and development, to work for 10 weeks (40 hours per week) during the summer of 2016 at no cost to the municipality or school district. The fellow will provide the expertise and support needed to help implement Sustainable Jersey energy actions including but not limited to:

- Establishing and/or updating comprehensive energy tracking management system, benchmarking, and creation of an energy usage baseline
- Creating a carbon footprint



2015 EDF Fellows

- Planning and, where feasible, implementing energy audits to identify building improvements
- Where needed, providing business planning to formulate a building upgrade action plan
- Planning and helping to coordinate building performance upgrades
- Exploring feasible renewable energy options including direct purchase options and planning for on-site generation systems

Eligibility Requirements

Municipalities and school districts must be registered in the Sustainable Jersey certification program, and also be physically located within NJNG service territory. See the complete eligibility requirements and

application form [here](#).

Selection Process

A committee of Sustainable Jersey staff will review and evaluate applications. During the selection process, it is likely that staff will want to interview appropriate municipal or school personnel to assess the potential match with the EDF Fellow program. **Applicants must be responsive to this interview request to be considered for the program.**

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