



Join Ocean County Soil Conservation District for one, or all, of these Jersey-Friendly Programs!

Wednesday, May 30 (7:00-9:00pm)

Water, Plants, Soil & Gardening on the Barrier Island

Join us for a public meeting and educational program, sponsored by the Seaside Park Environmental Advisory Committee and the Department of Public Works. Learn about rain gardens and gardening with native plants. Refreshments, giveaways and FREE native plants for Seaside Park residents. REGISTER: email environmental@seasideparknj.org. PROGRAM LOCATION: Seaside Park Council Chambers, 5th and Central Aves., Seaside Park, NJ.

Wednesday, June 6 (6:00-7:30pm)

Attracting Birds to Your Landscape

Explore perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees that are beneficial to birds and easy to grow in your yard, using the [Jersey-Friendly Yards](#) Plant Database. FREE native plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Becky Laboy, education@soildistrict.org, (609) 971-7002 ext 114 or complete this [Registration Form](#). PROGRAM LOCATION: [Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education](#), 7th Street & Navajo Drive, Waretown, NJ 08758. Program funded by [The Watershed Institute](#).

Tuesday, June 26 (2:00-3:00pm)

Showcasing the Island Heights Library's Jersey-Friendly Garden

Come explore the newly installed Jersey-Friendly Garden at the **Island Heights Library**. We will showcase native and Jersey-Friendly plants, and discuss the numerous benefits to wildlife and the Barnegat Bay watershed that these colorful and hardy plants provide. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTRATION opens June 12, visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org, click on the calendar of events tab, search and register for program; or call (732) 270-6266. PROGRAM LOCATION: 121 Central Ave, Island Heights, NJ 08732. Program hosted by the Friends of the Island Heights Library and funded by the [Barnegat Bay Partnership](#).

Tuesday, July 10 (6:30-7:30pm)

Jersey-Friendly Yards: Landscaping for a Healthier Barnegat Bay

What we do in our yards has a direct impact on our health and the health of the Barnegat Bay. Learn how to create a beautiful, low-maintenance, bay-friendly landscape using the Jersey-Friendly Yards website. Be inspired by examples of successful Jersey-Friendly gardens. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTRATION opens June 26, visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org, click on the calendar of events tab, search and register for program, or call (609) 693-8566. PROGRAM LOCATION: 10 East Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ 08731. Program hosted by the Lacey Library and funded by the [Barnegat Bay Partnership](#).

Sunday, July 22 (10:00-11:30am)

8 Steps to a Jersey-Friendly Yard

The [Jersey-Friendly Yards](#) website is a tool for home gardeners to plan, design and install your own Jersey-Friendly garden. Explore the steps to a Jersey-Friendly Yard and learn how to select plants appropriate for your own landscape. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Becky Laboy education@soildistrict.org or call (609) 971-7002 ext. 114, or complete this [Registration Form](#). PROGRAM LOCATION: [Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education](#), 7th Street & Navajo Drive, Waretown, NJ 08758. Program funded by [The Watershed Institute](#).

Sunday, August 12 (10:00-11:30am)

Native Plants in the Landscape

Explore the benefits of native plants in the landscape. Learn how to use the [Jersey-Friendly Yards](#) website to select native plants appropriate for your own yard. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Becky Laboy education@soildistrict.org or call (609) 971-7002 ext. 114, or complete this [Registration Form](#). PROGRAM LOCATION: [Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education](#), 7th Street & Navajo Drive, Waretown, NJ 08758. Program funded by [The Watershed Institute](#).

Sunday, August 19 (10:30-11:30am)

Showcasing Cattus Island's Gardens

Explore "Jersey-Friendly Yards" and tour the gardens at Cattus Island to discover the beautiful native and Jersey-Friendly plants that thrive in this environment. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Becky Laboy education@soildistrict.org or call (609) 971-7002 ext. 114. PROGRAM LOCATION: Cattus Island County Park Nature Center. Program funded by [The Watershed Institute](#).

Monday, September 17 (6:00-7:30pm)

Designing a Jersey-Friendly Garden for the Benefit of Wildlife

Jersey-Friendly plants offer myriad benefits to wildlife. Learn how to use the [Jersey-Friendly Yards](#) website to design a garden or yard that will attract and support birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Becky Laboy education@soildistrict.org or call (609) 971-7002 ext. 114, or complete this [Registration Form](#). PROGRAM LOCATION: [Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education](#), 7th Street & Navajo Drive, Waretown, NJ 08758. Program funded by [The Watershed Institute](#).

Saturday, September 15 (10:00am)

Showcasing the Pine Beach Jersey-Friendly Garden

Come explore the newly installed Jersey-Friendly Garden in Pine Beach. Join us for an indoor presentation and an outdoor tour of the garden. We will showcase native and Jersey-Friendly plants, and discuss the numerous benefits to wildlife and the Barnegat Bay watershed that these colorful and hardy plants provide. FREE *Jersey-Friendly* plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Juliane Esposito, pinebeachutilities@comcast.net. PROGRAM LOCATION: To be determined. Program hosted by the Pine Beach Environmental Commission and funded by the [Barnegat Bay Partnership](#).

Saturday, September 22 (10:30-11:30am)

Showcasing Cattus Island's Gardens

Explore "Jersey-Friendly Yards" and tour the gardens at Cattus Island to discover the beautiful native and Jersey-Friendly plants that thrive in this environment. FREE Jersey-Friendly plants for the first 20 registered attendees. REGISTER: email Becky Laboy education@soildistrict.org or call (609) 971-7002 ext. 114. PROGRAM LOCATION: Cattus Island County Park Nature Center. Program funded by [The Watershed Institute](#).

Saturday, October 20 (8:00am-3:00pm)

Jersey-Friendly Yards Conference

"Inspiration for Your Jersey-Friendly Yard"

Save-the-date for our 2nd Annual Jersey-Friendly Yards Conference. Featuring an array of workshops, exhibitors, keynote speaker and a native plant sale. Registration opens in August. Conference Location: Ocean County College campus, Gateway Building. More information to come! For questions email Becky Laboy education@soildistrict.org or call (609) 971-7002 ext. 114.