

## Alumni Association

Upon commencement, Rutgers Environmental Stewards automatically become members of the Rutgers Environmental Stewards Alumni Association (RESAA). They have access to the RESAA website to share updates and information, networking opportunities and success stories. They can be recognized for their on-going environmental activities, share expertise and participate in continuing education at periodic meetings.

## Comments from our students:

*"This course has given me the confidence to be able to find information that will help solve these environmental issues."*

*"This information has enabled me to better be a source of information for stewardship of a watershed/estuary."*

*"This course has allowed me to leave an impact on environmental issues through getting involved with local organizations."*



For more information, visit us at [njaes.rutgers.edu](http://njaes.rutgers.edu).

Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

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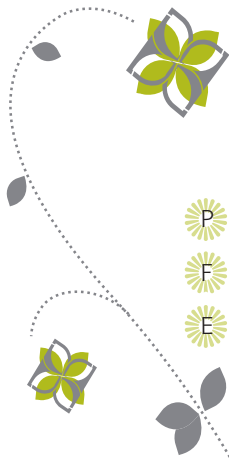
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# RUTGERS

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# Environmental Steward Training Program



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Providing Training and Experience  
to Solve Environmental Problems  
in New Jersey



## Rutgers Environmental Stewards

Graduates of this program become knowledgeable about the basic processes of earth, air, water, and biological systems. They increase awareness of techniques and tools used to monitor and assess the health of the environment. They gain an understanding of the research and regulatory infrastructure of state and federal agencies operating in New Jersey that relate to environmental issues. They are also given an introduction to group dynamics and community leadership.



Students will be taught to **recognize the elements of sound science and public policy based in science** while acquiring a sense of the limits of current understanding of the environment.

The goal of the Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program is to give graduates knowledge to expand public awareness of **scientifically based information** related to environmental issues and **facilitate positive change in their community**.

## Offspring of the Master Gardener Program

The Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program is a descendant of the popular Rutgers Master Gardener Program. One of the most significant differences however is **Environmental Stewards may complete their training serving as interns for non-profit and governmental organizations**, in addition to the interning with faculty and staff at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES).

If you are interested in environmental issues and desire to learn more about the science behind them, you are an excellent Steward candidate. The **60 plus hours of training** does not replace a degree in science, but helps citizens appreciate better what they don't know and where to go to educate themselves when presented with a real world environmental problem.

Communication, conflict resolution and leadership skills are also taught in this program to better enable Stewards to be **effective in community action and political discourse**, where most environmental issues play out.



If you are interested in becoming a Rutgers Environmental Steward, please contact one of the following sites:

### Central/Duke Farms

*Training Location:* Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ  
*Normal Class Time:* Thursdays, January to May; 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.  
*Contact:* Deb Thomas, dthomas@dukefarms.org, Duke Farms Foundation, 80 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, 908-722-3700, ext. 4

### Central/Middlesex County

*Training Location:* RCE of Middlesex County, Davidson Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave., North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
*Normal Class Time:* Wed. 6:30-9:30 pm January - May  
*Contact:* Michele Bakacs, bakacs@njaes.rutgers.edu, 42 Riva Ave., North Brunswick, NJ 08902, 732-398-5274

### Coastal Region

*Training Location:* Atlantic County Utility Authority, 6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ  
*Normal Class Time:* Weds. 9:30 am-12:30 pm Jan - May  
*Contact:* Amy Menzel, amenzel@acua.com, P.O. Box 996 Pleasantville, NJ 08232, 609-272-6950, ext. 6934

### Passaic

*Training Location:* RCE of Passaic County, 1310 Route 23 North, Wayne, NJ 07470  
*Normal Class Time:* Monday nights, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.  
*Contact:* Jo-Ann Pituch, pituch@njaes.rutgers.edu, 1310 Route 23 North, Wayne, NJ 07470, 973-305-5740

### Warren/North

*Training Location:* RCE of Warren County, 165 Rt 519 South, Belvidere, NJ 07823  
*Normal Class Time:* Tuesdays, January to May; 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.  
*Contact:* Milly Rice, marnavy@hotmail.com, Ag and Resource Mgmt. Secretary, 908-475-6505