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Eight New Jersey Newsrooms Join Reporting Project Reporters to Focus on Sustainability Action in Communities, on Campuses

CivicStory, New Jersey's nonprofit solutions-based news site, is pleased to announce that eight far-reaching news organizations around New Jersey have agreed to host early to mid-career journalists selected as New Jersey Sustainability Reporting Fellows through January 2020.

The eight newsrooms are (alphabetically): **Cape May County Herald**; **Green Philly**; **New Jersey Hills Media** (15 weekly newspapers covering 51 municipalities in Essex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Morris Counties); **The Nubian News** (Trenton bi-weekly); **The Press of Atlantic City**; **The Record** (NorthJersey.com); **The Village Green** (Maplewood-South Orange); and **WBGO** Newark Public Radio.

Newsroom editors have agreed to publish 12 to 16 short to mid-length print stories, or 6 to 8 audio or video stories, over the 6-month fellowship period. Stories will be published first by the newsroom and then shared with NJ Sustainability Reporting Hub partners, affiliates, and the public. (Newsrooms are not obligated to post one another's stories.)

The reporting project aims to generate news and information that equips New Jersey residents for sustainability action in their communities, homes, and neighborhoods. The goal is to help society pivot from the environmentally harmful current trajectory, and to engage citizens in restoring our eco-systems and resolving our ecological crises.

CivicStory (a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) news entity) is the project lead, along with three founding partners: the Center for Cooperative Media (CCM) at Montclair State University; NJHEPS (New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability), and ANJEE (Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education.)

"New Jersey has a unique relationship to the New York and Philadelphia news markets, and significant sustainability stories to tell," said Susan Haig, Founder & Creative Director of CivicStory and a project organizer. "We're thrilled to have a strong group of fellows reporting on transformative activity under way in New Jersey's 565 municipalities, as well as in schools and on university campuses."

The reporting fellowship selection team included Dr. Maurice Hall, Dean of Arts and Communications at The College of New Jersey; Dan Day, VP of Operations, Princeton University's Office of Communications; Stefanie Murray, Director of the Center for Cooperative Media at Montclair State University; and Donna Liu, Media Manager for CivicStory.

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