

## **PRESS RELEASE – Rutgers Environmental Steward Program to start in Wayne, NJ in January 2018**

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### **Make a difference in *your* community! Become a Rutgers Environmental Steward.**

For over 10 years the Rutgers Environmental Steward program has trained volunteers in important environmental issues affecting New Jersey so they can help solve environmental problems in their communities. Environmental Steward program for 2018 is starting in Passaic County this January. The good news is that you do NOT have to live in the county to attend the program.

The program offers the core topics of climate change, soil health, geology, water resource protection, environmental policy, alternative energy, and habitat conservation. In addition to the core topic areas, the Passaic County program focuses on environmental justice issues, issues facing communities in northeastern New Jersey, and along the Lower Passaic River. Partnering organizations include Clean Water Action, Ironbound Community Corporation, NJ Environmental Justice Alliance, and the New Weis Center for Arts, Education, and Recreation.

Fieldtrips to environmentally significant locations in New Jersey are included. A 60 hour internship will be completed by each Steward in order to become a Certified Environmental Steward.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County runs the Environmental Steward Program at [1310 NJ-23, Wayne, NJ 07470](#). Classes run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, January through May. The fee is \$250.00 per person. Contact Jo-Ann Pituch, [pituch@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:pituch@njaes.rutgers.edu), (973)-305-5740 for more information.

Go to <http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/county-programs/Passaic-County.html> to fill out the online application or download the Passaic application.

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