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## **Essex County Environmental Commission's 2024 Spring Roundtable**

### **Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Making Smart Energy Choices**

**Presented  
Virtually  
On  
4/1/24  
7pm to  
8pm**



**Followed by  
Municipal  
Environmental  
Commissions  
and Green  
Teams  
Share/Discussion  
@ 8pm**

**Speakers include local energy experts Leanne McGowan of Sustainable Jersey and Gray Russell, retired Sustainability Officer of the Township of Montclair, and 15-year member of the Essex County Environmental Commission.**

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# **Description**

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#### **Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Making Smart Energy Choices**

The true mark of sustainability is when people and the environment both win! Learn how this can happen. Join Leanne McGowan, Energy Program Manager for Sustainable Jersey, and local expert, Gray Russell, former Sustainability Officer for the Township of Montclair and 15-year past member of the Essex County Environmental Commission, for an interesting and informative presentation on opportunities for municipalities and residents to save energy and lower utility bills, become greener, and help secure a healthy earth by making smart energy choices that will be offered and discussed. Following these presentations will be a question-and-answer period then a municipal share, report, and discussion on what local Essex County towns are up to on their mission to be green.

## **Speaker Bios**

Leanne McGowan is the Energy Program Manager on the Sustainable Jersey Energy Team, managing and creating programs to support the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program and the PSE&G EmPowered Schools Program to improve energy efficiency and sustainability practices in municipalities and schools. Her role includes energy program outreach and training for municipalities, schools and green teams to empower residents and business owners to better understand and manage energy use and lower their carbon footprint.

Gray Russel has served on the Essex Environmental Commission for 15 years; he recently retired as Sustainability Officer for the Township of Montclair, and currently sits on the Montclair Environmental Commission. In 2018, Gray helped form the Sustainable Essex Alliance (SEA), bringing Community Choice Clean Energy Aggregation Programs to residents in several Essex communities. That Alliance later won an Environmental Achievement Award from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, and a Collaboration Award from Sustainable Jersey, naming them "Sustainability Heroes".