

# "Green" School Construction in New Jersey

## State Goal

- Executive Order 24 signed by Governor McGreevey on July 29, 2002
  - School Construction Corporation Established
  - EO 24 declares that "All new schools designed shall incorporate ... LEED"

## NJDEP Actions to Meet State Goal

- One Stop Permit Coordination and Site Assessment
- Staff dedicated exclusively to school projects
  - Site Remediation Program
  - State Historic Preservation Office
  - Green Acres Program
  - Program Coordination (EO 215)
- Technical Guidance Document created by DEP Staff

## Public/Private Partnerships

- High Performance and Building Design Workgroup
  - Formed to transform the market in New Jersey for the planning, design, construction, and operations and maintenance of all new and existing buildings through sustainable design practices as measured by accepted standards of sustainable performance such as the LEED Rating System
- Healthy Schools Workgroup
  - Formed to develop and maintain healthy schools by requiring the use of integrated pest management (IPM), radon testing and abatement, water quality testing at water fountains, indoor air quality testing, and the elimination or reduction of chemical use through Pollution Prevention measures.



## Benefits

- Efficient and sustainable schools
- Sites with major environmental problems that cause delays in construction are avoided through site feasibility reviews coordinated by NJDEP staff
- Permit Coordination facilitates the permitting process allowing for construction to proceed quicker.