

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Don't Frack With Our Water: Film Screening and Discussion

Come view a free screening of Josh Fox's short film about hydraulic fracturing entitled "The Sky is Pink" on **January 3, 2013** at 7pm at Burning Books, 420 Connecticut St. in Buffalo. UB CLEAR (Coalition for Leading Ethically in Academic Research) will give an update on their fight against UB's gas-industry-influenced Shale Resources and Society Institute. Food & Water Watch and WNY Drilling Defense will also give information about the current status of fracking in New York and upcoming ways to be part of the movement to ban fracking.

Join the Albany Fracking Rally

The New Yorkers Against Fracking coalition is calling on all New Yorkers to come to Albany for a rally on Wednesday, **January 9, 2013**. We will take our message right to the Governor as we gather outside the annual State of the State Address, delivered by Andrew Cuomo. Special guest speakers including, Singer Songwriter Natalie Merchant, Gasland's Josh Fox, Food & Water Watch's Wenonah Hauter, internationally acclaimed Author and Biologist Sandra Steingraber and more! Buses will leave from various sites around the state to attend the rally from 11am-2pm at Empire State Plaza in Albany. To reserve a seat on the bus, visit <http://bit.ly/T2y3Hq>. Having trouble paying for your ticket online, but want to attend? Contact Rita at ryelda@fwwatch.org or 7165072077. More info [here](#).

Lois Gibbs Fellowship Applications Open

The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York announce their third year of the Lois Gibbs Fellowship, a selective, 9-month program that provides a diverse set of emerging citizen leaders with the tools and training to build sustained political will to improve the environment and health in Western New York neighborhoods. Over the course of one year, the Lois Gibbs Fellowship provides rich training opportunities. The program is named in honor of Lois Gibbs, a grassroots environmental justice advocate from Western New York. She is best known for her successful campaign to relocate families living on top of a toxic waste dump in Niagara Falls. Lois Gibbs is emblematic of the program's philosophy: ordinary individuals can make an extraordinary difference when they organize. Form at [Lois Gibbs 2013 Fellowship Application](#). Applications are due **January 15, 2013**.

Business Gets Green

Join Business Gets Green on **January 15** from 5:30-7:00pm at Daemen College, Schenck Hall, Room 202 ([maps](#)). Greenworks || Buffalo Niagara is partnering up with the University Heights Tool Library for the January event. All are welcome at this free event, which is a great opportunity for networking. Check [here](#) for updates.

Fracking Guidelines for Public Review

Your comments on hydraulic fracturing are needed. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) received more than 13,000 public comments on the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) issued in September 2009. The Draft SGEIS addressed permit conditions required for gas drilling in Marcellus Shale and other areas of the State. In response to issues raised, DEC prepared a Revised Draft SGEIS. The [proposed regulations regarding high-volume hydraulic fracturing \(HVHF\)](#) are available for review with public comments accepted **until January 11, 2013**. You may submit your comments online [here](#). For additional information on hydraulic fracturing, visit [fracking](#).

Gearing up for Action Training

Clean Air Coalition of Western New York is offering training for individuals who want to “gear up for action”. Do you have trucks that run their engines and speed in your neighborhood? Are you worried about your kids playing close to a busy intersection or train tracks? Do you kids and neighbors have asthma? Sign up for training-one day per month from 5:30-7:30 pm and meet others from across the city who are struggling with similar problems. Identify solutions and plan for ACTION! The training dates are the third Tuesday of the month beginning **January 15th** and ending with graduation on June 18. Training location is Primeria Igelsia Unida Metodista, 62 Virginia Street, Buffalo and children are welcome. Interested in Joining? [Download an application](#) or contact Natasha at 852-3813 or natasha@cacwny.org.

Stakeholder Webinar for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative IPM Potential Scenarios Modeling

On behalf of the states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), RGGI, Inc. will facilitate a Stakeholder Webinar, open to the public, on **January 8, 2013** from 1:00-3:00pm. To support program review, this meeting will solicit stakeholder input on IPM potential scenarios modeling, sensitivity analyses of IPM potential scenarios, and customer bill analysis. These analyses, along with other information gathered throughout 2012 and 2013, will be considered by the states as they evaluate potential modifications to the RGGI program. Register online today at: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/ih0d63w2bdb9>.

PBN Seeks Preservation Project Nominations

Preservation Buffalo Niagara has issued a call for nominations, seeking exemplary historic preservation projects from throughout its Western New York region. Nominations should be submitted by Wednesday, **January 16, 2013** at the close of business. Nominations will be reviewed as they are submitted and early submissions are appreciated. Additional information and nomination forms (printable and online versions) can be found at www.p-b-n.org. Preservation Buffalo Niagara will honor the 2013 Preservation Award recipients at a luncheon in May, which is National Historic Preservation Month. Projects are being sought that illustrate excellence in restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, stewardship, landscape preservation, and compatible new construction. Individuals and organizations with outstanding preservation achievements can also be nominated, including craftsmen, preservation leaders, neighborhood organizations, preservation organizations, and those fostering historic preservation through service, education or outreach.

Flurrious! 2013

Buffalo celebrates winter in Delaware Park at Flurrious! This free family friendly event will be held on **January 26** from 9:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. Flurrious!, the Olmsted Parks Conservancy's annual winter festival, is back for a third year, bringing with it all of the family-friendly, fun-loving events and activities that thousands of visitors have come to embrace since the start. Where else can you play kickball, snow tennis, or witness a major quidditch tournament, catch an outdoor hockey expo, or X-country ski through a breathtaking Olmsted Park? After spending time outdoors building igloos and playing snow golf, it's time to head into The Parkside Lodge where you can warm your hands by the fire while sipping hot cocoa in a comfortable chalet setting. Or step into the giant warming tent where live musicians and bands jam throughout the day! Along with outdoor grilling, and cold beers chilling, Flurrious! features a running race, a bicycle fun ride, Kan-Jam, an all-out KICKBALL tournament, Buffalo State College science demonstrations, horse and carriage rides, and plenty of activities for kids of all ages!

Straight Talk 2013-One Day Workshop for Small Business Education

Straight Talk 2013 will be held on **Saturday January 26** from 8:30am-12:30pm at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Attendees can choose from a number of seminars including marketing your small business and navigating taxes and permits. Pre-paid registration is \$20 (free for veterans). Register online at www.wnystraighttalk.org. Check out the schedule at <http://www.ecidany.com/documents/StraightTalk2013.pdf>.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara Docent Training

Preservation Buffalo Niagara Docent Training Program teaches people how to give a guided tour and assist with tour-related events, including concierge and chaperoning skills. Prospective docents are taught about and tested on local history, architecture, public speaking, organizing information, working with the public, and general tour-giving skills. After the first five weeks, prospective docents pick which group they would like to join. Classes are consecutive Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:30pm starting on **January 26, 2013**. If a person wishes to become a [Buffalo Tours](#) docent, for example, we have five additional weeks of Saturdays where docents focus on our [Queen City Downtown](#) architectural tour. We then require an oral test (giving a one-on-one tour) and a written test in order to "graduate" as a docent. All applicants are interviewed by phone after filling out the application. There is a \$75 class tuition fee due one week before class begins, but that is only after phone interview following your submission of the below application. For more info and application, visit [here](#).

Registration Open for NOFA-NY Winter Conference "Resilience"

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) has opened online registration for its winter conference which will be held **January 25-27, 2013** in Saratoga Spring. Check out the sessions and register at www.nofanyconference.org.

Valentine's Day "Jungle Love"

Join Buffalo Zoo President/CEO Donna M. Fernandes, Ph.D., from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on **February 9**, and learn more about crimes of passion in the animal world. This popular Valentine's Day lecture is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for Zoo members. Wine and light refreshments will be provided in our Education Department's CRC facility. Non-refundable reservations are required. Please note that this seminar is open only to mature audiences (ages 21 years and older). [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or call (716) 995-6133 today!

Spring River Academy Registration Open

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper has partnered with Erie County Community (ECC) College to provide River Academy, which features local experts sharing their passion for Niagara River hydrology, geology, ecology, contamination issues, land use impacts, restoration project design, mapping, stream assessment and more. Sessions will include field trips and hands-on workshops. Participants will receive a certificate upon graduation. River Academy provides an exciting opportunity for professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of Niagara watershed issues, students in need of hands-on field experience, teachers seeking professional development, and all other fans of our amazing waterways! For additional cost, ECC course credits are available and fully transferable to most SUNY schools. River Academy classes will be held on Saturday mornings at the Riverkeeper office and field locations. To register for course credit visit www.ecc.edu and register for PH 122/123, River Academy. To attend without receiving college credit, get an application [here](#).

Connect to the Outdoors with Winter Classes

Paths, Peaks and Paddles will be offering several classes to prepare you for outdoor activities. "Introduction to Kayaking" is a one night course on **February 4** from 6-9pm at Williamsville South High School Pool 5950 Main Street Williamsville, NY 14221. For registration, cost information and other details, call 716-213-0350. "Kayak & Canoe Safety Rescue" will meet for classes on **February 11, 25 and March 4**. Equipment is provided. "Introduction to Snowshoeing" will be held on **February 28** from 6-9pm at Williamsville Casey Middle School. Check out their course calendar at <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com>.

ADK Mountain Winter Mountaineering School

Adirondack Mountain Club is holding its Winter Mountaineering School from **February 1-7, 2013**, with registration due by January 15. Info is available at www.winterschool.org. Current members of the ADK Niagara Frontier Chapter may apply for one of two available scholarships through the website www.adk-nfc.org.

Registration Open for Young Adults Environmental Leadership Program

The Young Adults Environmental Leadership Program (YAELP) features a 2 day training conference for teams of five to six students with an advisor. Participants from each school and organization come with an environmental challenge/problem they wish to address in the school or community. Students apply creative thinking and leadership skills to the plans of action that teams create. Each team committing to an action plan following the conference, may receive a financial award of up to \$500 for the continued implementation of their project. Registration is due by **February 15** and the \$200 fee covers meals, two days of professional facilitation for each school/group, mentoring by training team for 8 weeks after the conference and all materials used at the conference. Visit <http://www.sustainableearthsolutions.com/> for info.

WNY Connections Conference

On **February 24-25, 2013**, Field & Fork Network will be presenting their biennial conference at the new Culinary Institute of Niagara Falls. The two-day event will focus on the many facets of building and sustaining a regional food system in Western New York. Day one will feature workshops, presentations and demonstrations on the direct-to-consumer segment. Day two will feature topics involving wholesale procurement of local foods and products. The WNY Connections Conference is intended to engage the community in local food system discourse in a robust and dynamic atmosphere. It offers its attendees the opportunity to learn, discuss and embrace ideas and concepts that encourage the development of a local food system and provide a convivial atmosphere for networking and business opportunities. For info, www.wnyconnectionsconference.com.

Horticulture Certificate Series Continues

The Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens has announced their Horticulture III and IV Certificate Program for 2013. To earn the certificate, you must attend all required classes, but individual classes may be taken if desired (if space available). Registration info [here](#). These series have limited space, so register early. Classes begin March 16 and are held from 11am-1pm.

Applications Open for New Grassroot Gardens Community Gardens

Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo is pleased to accept applications for new community gardens for the spring of 2013. Grassroots Gardens currently supports 73 community gardens on 135 lots in the City of Buffalo; gardens exist on privately owned property, on property owned by schools, as well as on city-owned land. Grassroots Gardens facilitates gardeners' access to these by securing a master lease with the City of Buffalo. The current master lease is a month-to-month lease arrangement. Because of the temporary nature of this arrangement, GGB is not accepting any new applications for gardens on city-owned land for this growing season. We will, however, continue to accept applications for new community garden projects on privately-owned land for the 2013 growing season. Mail applications to 2495 Main St., Suite 408, Buffalo, NY 14214 by **February 28, 2013**. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 716-783-9653. [GGB Application 2013](#)

Designing to Live Sustainably Contest

Designing to Live Sustainably is both a competition with awards and a celebration of designs that become the tools through which we create wiser use of Buffalo's vacant and underused properties. One of Buffalo's comparative advantages over many overbuilt cities is its wealth of vacant and underutilized properties, giving us the opportunity to leap-frog into a sustainable model not yet seen in other urban areas. Designing to Live Sustainably (d2ls) is looking for exciting and viable ways to use this wealth to focus on a new vision for what our city might become. If you have ideas for a new vision, check out the site at <http://www.d2lsbuffalo.com/competition-when.php>. Registration deadline is **March 4, 2013**.

One-stop New York Energy Info for Home Owners and Businesses

UnwasteNY, a public service of the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in collaboration with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), electric and gas utilities, other state agencies, and community-based organizations, is designed to help home and business owners across the state learn effective ways to eliminate energy waste by modifying behaviors, participating in do-it-yourself activities, and taking advantage of an array of energy efficiency programs available to them. All New Yorkers are invited to join UnwasteNY, a groundbreaking online community where members can connect with others and share simple ways to unwaste. To learn more, visit <http://www.unwastenyny.org/>.

WNY Regional Science and Engineering Fair

The WNY Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held **Saturday, April 20, 2013** at Buffalo State College. Students in grades 5-12 are eligible and may submit projects in a range of science categories. Entry deadline is March 22 with a cost of \$7 per student or \$14/team. Entry forms and additional information are available at <http://www.wnysc.org/>.

EPA Recognizes Seven Communities for Smart Growth Achievement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently recognized seven communities with its 2012 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement. The Smart Growth awards are given for creative, sustainable initiatives that better protect the health and the environment of our communities while also strengthening local economies. In its category for Main Street or Corridor Revitalization, Buffalo's Larkin District received an honorable mention acknowledging the local work to help revitalize the Larkin District, an old manufacturing district located one mile from downtown Buffalo. Architectural students worked with the Larkin Development Group and the city to create a master plan for an urban village that now features new office space, restaurants, apartments, parks, and plazas. New sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and bus shelters reduce pollution from vehicles by making walking, biking, and public transit more appealing. More info on the winners: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm.

Great Lakes Environmental Assessment and Mapping (GLEAM) Project

Great Lakes Environmental Assessment and Mapping (GLEAM) Project builds new tools to integrate spatial information for environmental management decisions in the Great Lakes. They are working to build maps to visualize and understand environmental impacts (or stressors) on the lakes and benefits humans enjoy from the lakes (or ecosystem services). You can view an interactive map which merges data for all major categories of environmental stressors to the Great Lakes, ranging from climate change to pollution to invasive species. Explore this interactive map using the pan and zoom tools in the upper left corner, and to browse all of the other information and maps on their site at <http://www.greatlakesmapping.org/home>.

Recycling the "Throne"

The City of Bellingham, Washington unveiled a new type of concrete "poticrete" for its sidewalks. Utilizing recycled porcelain from more than 400 crushed toilets that were diverted from a local landfill, the concrete represents a fine example of not "flushing" waste materials. Check it out [here](#).

Antibiotic-free Chicken: Pre-seasoned for Italian Dishes?

Bell & Evans have a novel way of keeping their chickens healthy in the absence of antibiotics. Scott Sechler, owner of Bell & Evans, has had success with incorporating oregano oil into the feed of chickens. Oregano oil has been used by others to help fight *Staphylococcus* and other microbes. Read more [here](#).

Go Outside-New Maps at GrowWNY Offer Suggestions

The GrowWNY website provides a new interactive map with about 200 locations at <http://www.growwny.org/go-outside>. The site is a resource for anyone looking for new outdoor spots to visit and you may select a type of activity to narrow your search of sites.

Energy Audits: Free and Low Cost Options

Conserving energy simply makes sense. See if you are eligible for a free or reduced cost energy audit, funded through “Green Jobs Green New York”. As part of the new program, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has developed an incentive program for homes, small businesses, and not-for-profits wishing to save energy and related costs but might not have the resources to pay for the necessary work up front. In order to qualify for a Home Energy Audit, you must: own the 1-4 unit residential, review the income guidelines (see link below), have not had a free audit in the past and provide a fuel usage history from utility bills. A list of eligible income levels is available [here](#). There are also limited funds available to provide energy audits for small businesses and not-for-profits. To find out if you are eligible, or if your group or company would like a presentation on NYSEDA’s energy efficiency programs, contact Gary Carrel, WNY Energy Smart Communities Coordinator at 716-652-5400 ext 136 or gcc55@cornell.edu.

Energy University Website-Free Online Courses

Schneider Electric, a specialist in Energy Management, has launched an e-learning website Energy University to provide the latest information and professional training on Energy Efficiency concepts and best practice! In addition to learning new energy saving ideas that directly contribute to the overall well-being of the earth; you will also become an even more valuable employee by contributing to the bottom line for your company. Learn something new today and apply the knowledge tomorrow. [Courses](#) are free, so register and start learning today.

2013 Third National Climate Assessment

“Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity, Ecosystems, and Ecosystem Services” was prepared by a team of more than 60 scientists, including lead authors from the United States Geological Survey, National Wildlife Federation, and Arizona State University in Tempe. The report will be used in development of the 2013 Third National Climate Assessment. Highlighted in the report are the unexpected effects on ecosystems associated with changes in winter weather and how the development of adaptation strategies is essential for biodiversity conservation. Read the entire report [here](#).

Green Classroom Professional Certificate Available

The Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) released the Green Classroom Professional Certificate (GCP). This certificate program provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to support environmentally healthy, resource efficient and sustainable schools and classrooms. The GCP has been officially endorsed by the National Education Association (NEA). Educators with a Green Classroom Professional Certificate are engaged with the green building community; have learned about school energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction and improved indoor air quality; and work to provide the best environment for student success. With the skills gained from the program, teachers will help foster an attitude among youth and future generations to appreciate and model green practices. The GCP program guides participants through 12 modules covering topics such as indoor air quality, water efficiency, materials and resources. The online course takes 2-3 hours to complete, and certification is valid for five years. For info visit [here](#).

Summer Stream Ecosystem Restoration Workshops

The University at Buffalo's Ecosystem Restoration through Interdisciplinary Exchange (ERIE) Program is excited to announce our 2013 Summer Stream Ecosystem Restoration Workshops and Professional Certificate Program. Registration is now open! Topics include fluvial geomorphology, stream and riparian ecology, invasive species, stream assessment, restoration design, and more. Workshops range from one day to four day on the various topics and are scheduled from May 28 through much of June. For more info and to register visit www.erie.buffalo.edu/trainingSummerCoursemainpage.php.

BALLE Business Conference to Come to Buffalo in 2013

Buffalo will host Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) 2013, a national conference that focuses on thinking local, increasing self-reliance, building community, working with nature and celebrating diversity **June 12-14, 2013**. BALLE is North America's fastest growing network of socially responsible businesses, comprised of more than 80 community networks in 30 U.S. states and Canadian provinces, representing more than 22,000 independent business members. The organization calls on its members to think local, increase self-reliance, build community, work with nature and celebrate diversity. As the local BALLE affiliate, Buffalo First! has worked to foster a strong self-determined local economy in Western New York for the past six years. The conference will be held at facilities on the Buffalo State campus, as well as Statler City, Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Larkin Square and the Elmwood Village.

Congress for The New Urbanism

Congress for The New Urbanism is coming to Buffalo **June 1-4, 2014**. CNU is the leading organization promoting walkable, mixed-use neighborhood development, sustainable communities and healthier living conditions. The annual Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is the leading venue for new urbanist networking, collaboration, and education. CNU members come from far and wide to discuss development practices and public policies, learn from recent innovative work, and advance new initiatives to transform our communities. For info, <http://www.cnu.org/congresses>.

2013 Bird Bander Training Course

Braddock Bay Bird Observatory is pleased to offer a Banders' Training Course which will be taught on weekdays from Monday **May 13** to Friday **May 24, 2013**. The 2012 course filled up quickly, so register early. The course is open to anyone interested in learning or perfecting banding skills from supportive, professional staff. Training will take place at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach Banding Station, located just northwest of Rochester, NY on the shore of Lake Ontario at the height of spring migration. To sign-up, download the [application](#).

Teacher's Resources

[2012 Choices for Sustainable Living](#) from the Northwest Earth Institute provides updates to the previous edition on ecological principles, food, community, consumption, the economy, and includes a new section on transportation.

[Free K-8 Climate Change Program](#)- Ready to inspire environmental action in your school community? The grassroots organization, Cool the Earth, is now enrolling K-8 schools for the 2012-13 school year to run their free climate change program that motivates students and their families to take carbon-saving actions. The ready-to-run program is implemented by a parent or teacher volunteer so step up and start making a change at your school! Get inspired and watch their video [here >>](#)

[Lorax Energy guide](#) from Energy Star will excite younger children about ways to save energy.

[Free U.S. Forest Service Science Journals](#)-The Investigator science education journal integrates science with a number of disciplines, including language arts, geography, math, and social studies for upper elementary level students. The journal contains articles describing environmental and natural resource research conducted by Forest Service scientists and their research cooperators.

[Great Lakes in My World](#) curriculum is a Great Lakes teaching tool for grades 9-12.

Climate Educators' Guide: Case Study Guatemala- Students will also explore the role forests play in climate change, and how communities -- such as Carmelita, Guatemala -- are taking part in the UN initiative REDD+ to help protect forests while fighting climate change. Resources [here](#).

[Change Your World Curriculum: Engaging Youth in Service-Learning Throughout the Year](#)- offers 12-sessions to engage youth in service-learning and intentionally build their leadership skills to solve social problems.

[YOU.edit The News](#)-site by the PBS NewsHour features a wealth of short videos about various current events as well as online editing software that allows students to mix these clips with video clips they create themselves. Each video story is supported by lesson plans with content-based standards, discussion questions, student activities, vocabulary and primary references for teachers.

Contest and Award Opportunities

[Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators](#) -Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 this award that recognizes outstanding kindergarten through grade 12 teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students. Up to two teachers from each of EPA's 10 regions, from different states, will be selected. Deadline: **January 31, 2013**.

[Christopher Columbus Awards](#) is a national, community-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program for middle school students. The program challenges the students to work in teams of three to four, with an adult coach, to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Eight finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World® to attend National Championship Week and compete for cash prizes and the \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant, plus a \$200 development grant to further refine their idea. Deadline: **February 4**.

[Take the Go Bananas! Challenge](#)—a competition that challenges schools and scout groups, across the country, to Answer the Call, and create campaigns to collect and recycle cell phones to help save gorillas. Collect the most cell phones and win up to \$5,000 for your school/scout group. Coltan, a mineral found in cell phones, is mined in gorilla habitat. By recycling old cell phones you reduce the demand. Join the challenge online and start thinking about a creative campaign. Contest ends: **April 8, 2013**.

[Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest](#)- Photos may be submitted in a number of categories. All entries must be taken in public areas or during events at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013. Deadline is **August 31, 2013**.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Peace Development Fund: Community Organizing Grant Program](#) is committed to supporting organizations that recognize that peace will never be sustained unless it is based on justice and an appreciation of both the diversity and unity of the human family. The Fund's Community Organizing Grant Program provides support to U.S.-based groups that are engaged in community organizing work for social justice. These technical assistance grants of \$500 to \$2,500 may be used for trainings, consulting services, travel to conferences or meetings, purchase of equipment, and other short-term needs that will provide long term benefits to the organization. Applying organizations must have an annual budget of \$250,000 or less. The application deadline is **January 4, 2013**.

[The Environmental Research & Education Foundation \(EREF\)](#), a private, grant making institution, whose mission is to support solid waste research and education initiatives, is inviting researchers to submit proposals on solid waste management issues contained in EREF's Strategic Research Plan or on educational projects. Grants have ranged from \$15,000 to over \$500,000. Annual deadlines: **January 5** and **July 15**.

[EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#)-Applicants for the 2013 Environmental Justice Small Grant program must be incorporated non-profits, federally recognized tribal governments, or tribal organizations "working to educate, empower, and enable their communities to understand and address local environmental and public health issues." Check the website for pre-application teleconference dates and other application requirements. Deadline: **January 7, 2013**.

[Our Town Grants](#)-National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to improve their quality of life, encourage greater creative activity, foster stronger community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize economic development. Deadline: **January 14**.

[Establishment of a New York Climate Change Science Clearinghouse](#)- NYSERDA is seeking proposals to support the design, development, implementation, management and maintenance of a web-based New York Climate Change Science Clearinghouse (NYCCSC) which will compile and coordinate scientific data and literature that will assist New York State in achieving its climate change adaptation and mitigation goals. The NYCCSC will provide user-friendly, web-based public access to data and literature related to climate change science that is relevant to New York State. RFP 2628. Due date: **January 14, 2013**.

[Funds Available for Habitat Restoration in the Great Lakes](#) -The Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Grants program supports organizations that have the capacity and expertise to identify, evaluate, fund, and administer coastal habitat restoration projects in U.S. Great Lakes Areas of Concern. The application deadline is **January 15, 2013**.

[AmeriCorps State & National Grants](#) is designed to help national service programs achieve greater impact by targeting resources on a core set of challenges: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. In order to maximize the impact of the public investment in national service, CNCS will fund programs that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems using an evidence-based or evidence-informed approach (e.g. performance data, research, theory of change). The 2013 competition also provides a new opportunity for state and local officials to work together on public-private partnerships. Specifically, a governor and a mayor may identify a pressing challenge and partner with local nonprofits to apply for grant funding to address it. Deadline: **January 23**.

[Boating Safety Grant Program](#) provides support to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and deaths on America's waterways and create a safe and enjoyable experience for the boating public. Deadline is **January 25**.

[Program Funds Network to Strengthen Communities](#)-The Strong Cities, Strong Communities National Resource Network program provides support for the development of a network that will help communities make more effective local investments to strengthen economic growth and resiliency. Deadline is **January 28, 2013**.

[Sodexo Foundation Youth Grant](#) provide \$500 to support youth-led Global Youth Service Day projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger. Apply by **January 31**.

[American Honda Foundation](#) supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions nationwide that address the areas of youth and scientific education. The Foundation's primary funding priority is youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training, and literacy. Annual application deadlines: **February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1**.

[Disney Friends for Change Grants](#) offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 grant for youth-led service projects that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the community. Whatever your interests, a Disney Friends for Change grant can help you make a difference for people, communities, and the planet. Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant. Deadline: **February 10**.

[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program](#) supports community-based wetland, forest, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects throughout the United States that build diverse partnerships and foster natural resource stewardship through environmental education, outreach, and restoration. Partnerships should include at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, etc.) that contribute to project success through funding, land, and/or other in-kind services. The 2013 Request for Proposals also includes a separate Urban Water component that targets habitat in urban watersheds throughout the U.S. Deadline is **February 7, 2013**.

[Captain Planet Foundation Grants](#) support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on community service projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Preference is given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50 percent matching or in-kind funding. Deadline: **February 28**.

[Do Something Seed Grants](#) - Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out weekly to help young people (25 or under). Grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. Grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

[The Coca-Cola Foundation](#) partners with nonprofits that address priorities focusing on one of the following: Water Stewardship promotes access to clean water and sanitation, watershed protection in water-stressed regions, use of water, and water conservation. Healthy and Active Lifestyles supports physical activity and nutritional education programs, programs that motivate behavior modification, and programs that encourage lifestyle/behavioral changes. Community Recycling addresses litter abatement efforts, recovery and reuse, community recycling awareness, and research and innovation. Education focuses on scholarships, school drop-out prevention, access to education programs, and other education initiatives. Online applications may be submitted throughout the year.

[Technical Assistance Grants \(TAG\)](#) for Arts/Cultural Groups- The Preservation League of New York State is pleased to announce support for professional services of architects, engineers and other design and preservation professionals working with not-for-profit groups and municipalities to preserve their arts and cultural buildings, structures and other resources. Deadlines are **April 30** and **October 1**.

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Restoration Ecologist Program Manager](#)-Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is seeking a full time Restoration Ecologist Program Manager to implement the Niagara Riparian Restoration Program and other Riverkeeper restoration efforts. BA/BS required, Masters preferred in Civil/Environmental Engineering, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science, Biology, Ecology, or Landscape Architecture with 5-7 Years technical experience in design and construction of shoreline stabilization and habitat restoration projects using bioengineering techniques. Application Deadline: **Tuesday January 15, 2013** at 5pm.

[Executive Director for Great Lakes United](#)- Great Lakes United seeks a dynamic leader to become our next Executive Director and lead the organization forward. He/she must demonstrate a passion for the Great Lakes, strong commitment to our mission of environmental protection, and the experience to lead an international coalition to preserve and protect the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence River into the next century. Extended Application deadline: **January 31, 2013**.

[Jamestown Audubon Society Nature Education Internship](#)-This position is paid and the intern is responsible for leading Discovery Walks during the last month or so of school (May), then serving as camp counselor through the summer. Interns will flesh out their job by choosing from an array of other activities and projects that include, but are not limited to animal care, research projects, creation of interactive displays in our nature center building, and/or writing for our [Green Home Chautauqua website](#). Every effort is made to match projects to the intern's strongest area of interest. Applications due by **March 1**.

[Jamestown Audubon Society Outdoor Education Internship](#)-this is an unpaid position from mid-May through mid-June (exact dates negotiable). The intern will lead Discovery Walks for K-7th graders, attend walks and classes led by naturalists and volunteers for professional development (often includes bird-banding, wildflower ID, bird-house monitoring, Citizen Science Projects, and more) and assist with daily operations of the nature center (including recycling, compost, cleaning, and maintenance). Applications due by **March 1**

Interns for Clean Air Coalition of Western New York-Unpaid positions to help with our organizing, community-based research, and leadership development. All internships include some operations and development work. The Clean Air Coalition's internships are ideal for highly motivated individuals looking to deepen and practice their skills engaging community leaders in solving environmental health and justice organizations. Check out the particular focus for 2013 interns at www.cacwny.org. To apply, send a letter of interest, resume, and work sample (e.g. a brochure, flyer, powerpoint presentation, report, info sheet) to erin@cacwny.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

Volunteer opportunities are available at local organizations for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time.

AWARE (Association for Wild Animal Rehabilitation and Education) - Volunteers needed for fundraising, grant writing, capturing and transporting animals to us or the veterinarians, public relations, construction of cages, begging for donations of materials and food (for the animals, not us) and for helping at our educational programs.

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. No need to register, but bring a lunch. Free training to become a volunteer will be held the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot for volunteer training.

Buffalo Carshare- This new non-profit has brought car-sharing to Buffalo. Volunteers are needed for office help and promotion. Contact them at <http://www.buffalocarshare.org/volunteer.html>.

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens-Docents needed. Training is provided. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

Buffalo Junior Solar Sprint-If you are interested in helping run the JSS Buffalo event or are interested in finding out more about the Leadership committee, please contact jssbuffalo@yahoo.com.

Buffalo Museum of Science has volunteer and internship opportunities available for teens, college students and adults. For information, contact Monika McFoy, Director of Community Programs, at 896-5200, ext. 343.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper- <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/volunteer/> for opportunities. RESTORE CORPS Volunteer Plantings, April – September- Join volunteers in planting to create habitat for wildlife and protect water quality along the waterfront. Plantings are usually 3-4 hours and include all equipment. RIVERWATCH Water Quality Monitoring, April – September- help collect water quality samples in local waterways. Call 852-7483.

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things including fundraising, graphic design, building salvage and material pickups. Join them for their fun Saturdays. To help, contact them at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Clean Air Coalition of WNY-Help with mailings, phone calls, canvassing and Photovoice (documenting environmental challenges). To help, contact at 852-3813 or www.cacwny.org.

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

Eastside Redevelopment Task Force has volunteer openings to help improve the Eastside community. For contact info and details on their vision, visit <http://www.eastsideredevelopment.org/>.

Excalibur, a private, non-profit all volunteer, charitable organization seeks competent anglers and captains to help provide free boating and fishing opportunities on Lake Erie for disabled and disadvantaged persons using the organizations new vessel. Contact Director Jim Catalano at jim@excaliburl.org or visit <http://excaliburl.org>

Garden Walk Buffalo helps to rejuvenate neighborhoods, helps make our neighborhoods more walkable, and has an incredible impact on Buffalo's image outside the region. Its committees deal with marketing, PR & communications, finance, merchandise, party planning, Garden Walk Buffalo Beautification Grants, headquarters coordination, sponsorships and more. If you're interested, email GardenWalkBuffalo@yahoo.com.

Go Bike Buffalo- If you're interested or want more information, feel free to contact Tivona Renoni at tivona@gobikebuffalo.org.

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help impact lives of families in the city of Buffalo by building simple, decent homes. Call 204-0740 or volunteer@habitatbuffalo.org.

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is seeking volunteers for who would like to work with wildlife. 16 years or older. Call 716-652-8646. Email info@hawkcreek.org.

HOME, Inc. (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) seeks volunteers to work on various committees to further fair housing. For info/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Programs include: birding field trips, scope watches, owl prowls, canoe trips, hands on activities, and guest speakers. Please contact Garner Light at 772-5110 or glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

JNK's Call of the Wild-Sinclairville animal sanctuary seeks help. Call 716 499-9902 or visit www.jnkscalofthewild.org.

Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo- If you are interested in helping run the JSS Buffalo event or are interested in finding out more about the leadership committee, please contact jssbuffalo@yahoo.com

Lead Safe Erie County needs volunteers to help paint houses and prevent lead poisoning. For those who are interested, there is also free training for Lead Safe Work Practices Certification. Service learning students, block clubs and others are welcome. Call Mary at 716-833-2929, ext. 117.

Massachusetts Avenue Project needs volunteers from the 1st week in April through October on Saturdays from 10-1 PM. Anyone is welcome to come by the farm, pitch in and help on a project, or even just stroll around and check out what's growing. <http://mass-ave.org/>

Olmsted Parks-Volunteers are needed for tree plantings, special park events, office work and mailings. Please call (716) 838-1249 x. 33 for more info on becoming an Olmsted parks volunteer.

Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center- Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are needed. Have a few hours a month to help introduce children and adults to the natural sciences? Please call (716) 627-4560 and leave your name and phone number.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns & volunteers welcome. www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org.

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve offers a variety of volunteer positions as well as internships for college students. You can be trained to give tours, care for our trails and gardens, act as a youth instructor, greet visitors, or help spread the word about Reinstein Woods at off-site events. Our newest volunteer program is Trail Tuesdays, where volunteers help control invasive species each Tuesday. For more info about these and other opportunities, call 683-5959 or visit the volunteer page of Reinstein Woods' website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1960.html>.

Science Firsthand needs adult mentors to work with children in learning about science. All materials are provided. Mentors and students meet one hour per week after school at a community center. For info, call 858-7548.

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. Call 662-1342 or email tiffriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Monday, December 31- Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 1

First Day Hike: Let's go to Niagara Falls-1 to 3pm at Niagara Falls State Park. Start out your New Year with a visit to the oldest State Park in the nation. Enjoy a guided walk filled with fun facts of years gone by! For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

First Day Hike: Hike with views-1 to 3pm at Fort Niagara State Park. We'll view the Niagara River and Lake Ontario's shoreline and hear river and lake facts and stories. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

First Day Hike: Let's go to Niagara Falls-1 to 3:30pm at Whirlpool State Park. The Niagara River has many stories to tell and mysteries to reveal. This gentle and scenic hike will give you some insight to the natural and cultural history of the Mighty Niagara. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

First Day Hike: Let's go to Niagara Falls-2 to 4pm at Tuscarora State Park. Let's start our New Year's resolution out on the right foot, and go for a hike in the great outdoors! If there is enough snow, it will be a snowshoe hike. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Wednesday, January 2

GBNRTC PCC Meeting - 9:30am – 11:00am at NFTA Board Room, 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo.

WNYEA Growing Working Group Meeting- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

Thursday, January 3

After-School Escape-4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew. Enjoy a one-hour program for kids featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K through 5. No registration required.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tifft volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

WNYEA Energy and Climate Change Working Group - 4:00pm at the CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo. We will receive an update of progress on our three energy and climate change planks from the 2013 WNYEA Action Agenda. Sierra Club will make a presentation on the subject of conducting a Synapse type study of WNY to determine whether WNY could be 100% renewable energy by 2020.

“Don't Frack With Our Water” Film Screening and Discussion-7 p.m. at Burning Books, 420 Connecticut St., Buffalo. Free and open to all. The event includes a screening of Josh Fox's short film about fracking entitled The Sky is Pink. Also, UB CLEAR (Coalition for Leading Ethically in Academic Research) will give an update on their fight against UB's gas-industry-influenced Shale Resources and Society Institute. Food & Water Watch and WNY Drilling Defense will also give information about the current status of fracking in New York and upcoming ways to be part of the movement to ban fracking.

CARE - Community Wide Risk Ranking Planning Meeting- 6pm – 7pm at Sheridan Parkside Community Center, Tonawanda ([map](#)). Join Clean Air Coalition as part of the planning team for our community wide risk ranking event in February.

Friday, January 4

Buffalo Geological Society Meeting - Speaker is Dr. Cortez from the University of Buffalo. 7:30pm at Parkside Lutheran, Parkside in Buffalo.

Saturday, January 5

Idle No More Peaceful Awareness Rally- 11am. All are welcome to join us in promoting awareness of the Idle No More movement which is vastly spreading across Turtle Island. Please respect that this is a PEACEFUL event and it is our goal to unite in solidarity. There will also be a gathering afterwards where everyone is invited to attend to warm up, share information & a mini-social to follow.

The Reinstein Woods Experience-1:30 PM. Experience the best of both worlds at Reinstein Woods. Explore and learn about our environmentally-friendly “green” building and take a tour of the trails in this guided program. Registration required; call 683-5959. Free at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Volunteer Orientation at Beaver Meadow Audubon-10.00am. Volunteers are the back bone of Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Learn various ways you can help our organization complete our mission.
www.buffaloudubon.org

Snowshoes and Solutions-10:00 AM. Make a New Year's resolution to learn about climate change and what you can do about it! Enjoy a brief snowshoe walk followed by an informative program about the Low Carbon Diet: A 30-Day Program to Lose 5,000 (Carbon) Pounds. Materials fee \$10; free for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Zooper Saturday - Come in out of the cold, and warm up with your favorite animal friends in the Reptile House and M&T Bank Rainforest Falls exhibit at the Buffalo Zoo! Learn all there is to know about these exotic species from our keeper talks, feedings, enrichment activities and much more! This event is free with Zoo admission and will run from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Class -9:00 AM To 3:00 PM at the Delevan Scout Building, 10 Main Street, Delevan, NY ([map](#)). Price: \$25.00/per person. Learn everything you need to know to safely, humanely and legally rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife. You will learn from a NYS class II and Federally licensed rehabilitator. The class will cover licensing, fluid treatment, feeding, caging and much more. An opportunity to visit the Wild Spirit rehab facilities on another day will be offered at the class. This class will help you to pass the NYS rehab exam and will also allow you to work under the Wild Spirit license until you get your own license. Register [here](#).

Sunday, January 6

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-1 to 5pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Trek Tiftt-2-3:30 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiftt for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation/ person suggested.

Tuesday, January 8

Advanced Skiing- 6:30 PM. Experienced cross-country skiers are invited to join this guided ski tour. For adults and kids 10 and up. Ski rental \$4/person; \$2 Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Vulnerability of Wetland Plants to Climate Change- Niagara Frontier Botanical Society meeting from 7:30pm – 9:30pm at Harlem Road Community Center, 4225 Harlem Road, Snyder, NY ([map](#)). Patrick Raney, PhD candidate at SUNY ESF will focus on groundwater-fed fens, especially Nelson Swamp, as well as rare plant ID work in wetlands in NY. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday Evening Hike or Snowshoe- Come out and join the Paths, Peaks and Paddles for an evening hike or snowshoeing adventure. The hike is FREE. Because WNY weather is so unpredictable the evening hike can be anywhere! We have ventured out to local parks, local bike paths, along creeks, lakes or even Niagara Falls. The average evening hike is anywhere from 2 to 4 miles. If/when snow hits we venture out and snowshoe. The snowshoe hike is FREE. Rental of any gear is always an option. Because we like to explore different areas of WNY we try to leave our facility at 6:00 PM. If you would like to join us please contact us at 213-0350. We do car pool to our hiking destination so you should plan to be at our facility by 5:45 PM. Dress for the weather, bring water, hiking poles if you desire. Hiking poles are available for rent. When snow hits you are welcome to rent snowshoes and poles. www.pathspeakspaddles.com

Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature Imagine Series-Free and open to the public. Ring of Knowledge area in Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Central Public Library. Noon - 12:30 P.M. "IMAGINE The Arts as Our Universal Language: In Pursuit of Happiness" , "The Inexplicable Universe: Unsolved Mysteries: History's Mysteries" - Video #1 by Professor Neil deGrasse Tyson, Hayden Planetarium, The Great Courses and 12:30-1pm "IMAGINE Lifelong Learning & Buffalo Niagara as a Bi-National Cultural Center" by Dennis Galucki, Founder, C-SAAHN.

Adirondack Mountain Club Meeting-7:30pm at Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Hwy, Snyder-park in rear and enter through back door. Program: Focus on Fracking. We will hear from local environmental activist Rita Yelda on this matter. She comes highly recommended by our own chapter conservation committee. Rita founded the group WNY Drilling Defense, and she is regional organizer for the state-wide coalition New Yorkers Against Fracking. Local environmental activists credit her with helping in the effort to convince the University at Buffalo to close its controversial Shale Institute. Please join us for what is sure to be a lively discussion.

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-6 to 9pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension Erie County Board of Directors Organizational Meeting - 7:00pm. There will be no Regular Meeting held in December, 2012. Board Committees will meet at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Farm & Home Center, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY, and is open to the public.

Wednesday, January 9

Novice Adult Nature Journaling-2 to 3:30pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. No artistic talent? No problem! Become more intimate with the outdoors through guided artistic exploration of Tiff's wildlife! All materials provided. Non-Members: \$5, BMS Members save 10%, Adults (and youth 12 and older), Pre-registration required. Please call 825-6397.

Stormwater Basics Training- 8:30am – 4:30pm at Monroe Community Hospital, 435 East Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY ([map](#)). Course and registration information can be found at www.monroecountyswcd.org

Brown Bag Luncheon Series- noon at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and is free to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or may pre-pay for a "Box Lunch" that will be waiting for them when they arrive. Speaker: Jack Quinn President, Erie Community College. Reserve your free seat or paid box lunch at <http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/pages/brown-bag>

Simple Ways to Reduce Your Utility Bills- Presentation to the Springville-Concord Elderly Network from 1:45 PM. Come learn from Sean Jacobson of unWasteNY how your house and appliances are adding waste to your utility bills, and how you can unWaste and save! Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street Springville, NY 14141.

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. Public Meeting-10:30am, 95 Perry St., Buffalo, NY 14203
<http://www.eriecanalharbor.com>

Thursday, January 10

After-School Escape-4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew. Enjoy a one-hour program for kids featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K through 5. No registration required.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

WNY Service Learning Coalition Networking-9 to 11am, UB South, Goodyear Hall, 10th floor. Hear from a panel of service-learning faculty and community partners and network with others to plan for future projects. RSVP to smalinen@daemen.edu or 716-566-7841.

WNYEA Habitat & Nature Working Group Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

Friday, January 11

Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting- held on the second Friday of each month from September through June (except for the March dinner meeting) at 7:30 pm . Classroom Building C122 located just to the north of the Science Building. Follow directions (#35) on the Buffalo State College map located [here](#) and another map is available [here](#).

Saturday, January 12

Frozen Forest Snowshoe Walk-10:30 AM. Explore the beauty of winter woods on this guided walk. Snowshoe fee \$4/person; \$2 Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Winter Trails Celebration*-Winter Trails® was developed 18 years ago to promote snowshoeing and, historically, has been organized in conjunction with the American Hiking Society to get people out on snow-covered trails in the winter. Come take a mini-snowshoe hike on Tiff's trails or give cross-country skis** a try and experience easy and fun winter activities! Snowshoe rentals will also be available at a reduced fee for those wishing to snowshoe longer on their own. Hot drinks and snacks will also be available for purchase. *Snow sports are weather permitting. **Skis provided by Gear for Adventure. 10am-1pm for Families (age 2 and up). Free. Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Please call 825-6397.

Family Snowshoe Hike*-Bring the family to stretch their legs and see what Tiff is like in the wintertime. We'll end by having a warm drink in Tiff's cabin. *Snowshoeing is weather permitting. 3 to 4:30pm for families (age 5 and up). Pre-registration is required. Please call 825-6397. \$7 for non-members.

Second Saturday at Net+Positive- Noon to 5 pm at The Foundry, located at 298 Northampton Street in Buffalo, New York. In addition to a talented group of artisans, the sale will host local favorite musical guests. . For more information visit The Foundry's website at www.thefoundrybuffalo.org or www.netpositivefoundation.org.

Junior Audubon Club- 10am – 12pm. Middle and high-school students are invited to join our new club in the city of Buffalo. Each month we will focus on the fundamentals of birding and the major groups of birds that are found across WNY. Free. (585) 457-3228 for info and location.

Ice Bridge Display and Walk to Prospect Point- 10am to noon at Niagara Falls State Park. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Family & Friends Snowshoe Walk-2pm – 4pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center ([map](#)). Grab your family or friends and come for a guided nature walk through the preserve at Beaver Meadow on snowshoes. Our naturalist will share the history of snowshoes and then lead you on a hike. Afterwards sip on coffee or hot cocoa while relaxing in the warmth of the Center. \$25 for four people with snowshoe rental. (BM) (585) 457-3228 for info.

Winter Tracking Fun!-10am to noon at [Evangola State Park](#). A gait, a stride, a straddle or lope. A winter survivor that some how copes. A nocturnal creature that left a trace. Identify the tracks and make the case! For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.

Winter Trail Days- 1 to 3pm at [Reservoir State Park](#). Come along and celebrate the 18th Annual Winter Trails Day as we explore this recently renovated state park. We will offer snowshoeing, weather permitting. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Winter Trails Event- Paths, Peaks and Paddles is organizing the Winter Feels Good/Winter Trails event at Ellicott Creek Park! This exciting event will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We will be located next to the sledding hill in the park. Instructors and Guides will be present to assist you with putting on your snowshoes, the use of poles and walking on the snow. Your instructors and guides will take you on a short tour in the park so you can experience how to walk with snowshoes. Please check out last year's photo's on the Winter Feels Good Website at <http://www.snowlink.com/wintertrailshomepage.aspx>. We will have available for sale hot drinks to include hot chocolate and the introduction to Russian Tea. Dress for the weather! If you have any questions contact us at: 716-213-0350 or christine@pathspeakspaddles.com

Composting Basics-Urban Roots workshop with Nicole Dionne, at 10 am. Register by calling the store at 362-8982, stop in, or go to workshops@urbanroots.org. Workshops are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified. Workshops will be held at Urban Roots Community Garden Center 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo 14213.

Sunday, January 13

Learn to Ski- 1:00 PM. Learn the basics of cross-country skiing before taking a short guided ski tour. Ski rental \$4/person; \$2 Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-1 to 5pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Trek Tiff-2-3:30 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiff for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Fifth Annual Snowshoe Brunch at Bond Lake- Come and join us out at Bond Lake for a Dutch Oven Brunch. We plan to serve hot fresh baked goodies, mountain man breakfast (vegetarian mountain man breakfast will also be prepared) tea, coffee, hot chocolate and of course Russian Tea followed by an early afternoon snowshoe adventure through the park. If Mother Nature does not provide us with snow we will spend the afternoon hiking. Brunch will be served at 11:00 AM. If you have snowshoes the cost will be \$23.00pp (this includes your brunch and guided hike). If you do not have snowshoes and need to rent shoes the cost will be \$28.00 (snowshoe/pole rental, your brunch and guided hike). Reservations ARE A MUST - - No Walk In's. Contact us at 716-213-0350 or christine@pathspeakspaddles.com .

Monday, January 14

Little Tykes Snowshoe Stroll*- Snowshoes aren't just for the young at heart, so bring your little one to try out snowshoeing in our bear-claw youth snowshoes. Caregivers are welcome to give them a try too!
*Snowshoeing is weather permitting. 10-11am for ages 2-5. Non-Members: \$6 per child and adult, \$3 additional children with the same adult. Museum Members save 10%! Pre-registration required. Please call 825-6397.

WNYEA Education and Outreach meeting-3:30 PM - 5:00 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

Tuesday, January 15

Tuesday Evening Hike or Snowshoe- Come out and join the Paths, Peaks and Paddles for an evening hike or snowshoeing adventure. The hike is FREE. Because WNY weather is so unpredictable the evening hike can be anywhere! We have ventured out to local parks, local bike paths, along creeks, lakes or even Niagara Falls. The average evening hike is anywhere from 2 to 4 miles. If/when snow hits we venture out and snowshoe. The snowshoe hike is FREE. Rental of any gear is always an option. Because we like to explore different area's of WNY we try to leave our facility at 6:00 PM. If you would like to join us please contact us at 213-0350. We do car pool to our hiking destination so you should plan to be at our facility by 5:45 PM. Dress for the weather, bring water, hiking poles if you desire. Hiking poles are available for rent. When snow hits you are welcome to rent snowshoes and poles. www.pathspeakspaddles.com

'Remembering the Wollenberg' -Buffalo Talks welcomes Preservation Buffalo Niagara's Executive Director Tom Yots to discuss the history and significance of the last wooden grain elevator in Buffalo, the Wollenberg Grain Elevator, destroyed in 2006. 6pm at the Adam Mickiewicz Library & Dramatic Circle at 612 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo. \$5 donation at the door; free for PBN members and friends of the library. No reservations are needed but venue space is limited.

Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature Imagine Series-Free and open to the public. Ring of Knowledge area in Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Central Public Library. Noon - 12:30 P.M. "IMAGINE The Arts as Our Universal Language: In Pursuit of Happiness" . "From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism - The Shock of the New" - Video #4 by Professor Richard Brettell, The University of Texas at Dallas, The Great Courses. 12:30 - 1:00 P.M. "IMAGINE a Healthy & Wealthy Buffalo Niagara Region: The Art of Investing - Locally" , Dr. Michael Cropp, Pres. & CEO, Independent Health.

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-6 to 9pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Sustain Our Great Lakes RFP Webinar- 11am – 12pm. <https://www.gotomeeting.com/register/517587032>
RFP available at www.sustainourgreatlakes.org by January 3with funding categories: (1) habitat restoration, (2) delisting of habitat-related BUIs, (3) private landowner technical assistance.

Niagara River Greenway Commission Executive Committee- 2:00pm at Beaver Island State Park Office, Grand Island, New York.

Niagara River Greenway Full Commission Meeting -3:00pm at Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, New York.

WNYEA Parks & Recreation Working Group Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

Wednesday, January 16

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Five consecutive Wednesdays. Get out of the house with your young child! Each hour-long session features stories, games, crafts and snacks. Must sign up for the entire series. For kids age 3 to 5. Materials fee \$20 per child; \$10 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Walk with Director – 10am to noon. Come walk the trails at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center with Director Loren Smith as your guide. Donations.

Here comes the Trolley!- Citizens for Regional Transit meeting from 12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m., 237 Main Street at Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY. Hear about the engineer's study supporting the proposed Historic Trolley to connect downtown Buffalo and the Discovery Center at Lee Street (at the Buffalo River) Follow signs to the 2nd Floor conference room. Free and open to all.

Thursday, January 17

After-School Escape-4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew. Enjoy a one-hour program for kids featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K through 5. No registration required.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Nonpoint Source Pollution Webinar- 11am – 12pm. Contact Deb Bogar at deb-bogar@nacdn.net to sign up.

Community Forum with Dr. Andy Coates-President of Physicians for a National Health Program, 6pm LOCATION TBD. Join Dr. Andy Coates to discuss a single payer health insurance system; a fundamental reform that would allow all Americans to achieve the basic human right of access to health care. The U.S. spends twice as much as other industrialized nations on health care, \$8,936 per capita, but still leaves millions without health coverage and millions more inadequately covered. This is because private insurance bureaucracy and paperwork consume one-third (31percent) of every health care dollar. Streamlining payment through a single non-profit payer would save more than \$400 billion per year, enough to provide comprehensive, high-quality coverage for all Americans. Check the CHWNB website www.chwbuffalo.org and facebook page for confirmation on venue and more details.

Simple Ways to Reduce Your Utility Bills-Presentation to the Duke Center Senior Citizens' Group at 1:30pm. John L. Duke Senior Center, 1201 Hyde Park Boulevard, Niagara Falls.

Friday, January 18

WNY Environmental Alliance Transportation Working Group- Complete Streets Coalition group will meet at 10am in Room 502 city hall.

Saturday, January 19

Winter Wildflowers-10:30 AM. Explore the world of winter plants and see where the spring wildflowers will bloom. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Winter Ecology at Joe Davis State Park-8am – 9am at Joe Davis State Park, Lewiston ([map](#)). Join BAS Naturalist Chuck Bartlett for a walk exploring the exciting ecological interactions that occur during winter. Meet in large parking lot by pond. Donation.

Boy Scout Merit Badge in Photography- 10am – 3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center ([map](#)). Call 585-457-3228 to register. Cost \$12 Prerequisites: 4a - Produce a picture story using the photo-journalistic technique of documenting an event. Then, using either a film camera or a digital camera, produce your approved picture story. Process your images and select eight to 12 images that best tell your story. Arrange your images in order, and then mount the prints on a poster board. If you are using digital images, you may create a slide show on your computer or produce printouts for your poster board.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

PUSH Member Meeting-3:00 PM. Join us for our first member meeting of the new year. As usual we'll be meeting at the Grant St Neighborhood Center (GSNC), 271 Grant St in Buffalo.

Sunday, January 20

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-1 to 5pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Snowshoe Hike at the Erie County Forest- We are hoping Mother Nature will accommodate us again this year. It's a magical journey hiking through the forest with the snow covered tree branches and sparkling snow everywhere. This is truly a hidden treasure that you must experience. We are going to venture out and we'd like you to join us at 11:00 am at the Erie County Forest, Genesee Road in Sardinia, NY. \$25.00 Includes rental of Snowshoes, Poles, Snacks, Hot Drinks & Lots of FUN in the Woods. If you have snowshoes the cost is \$15.00 to include your Snacks, Hot Drinks & Lots of Fun in the Woods. Reservations are a must for anyone who wishes to attend. You can contact us to reserve your place at 716/213-0350 or christine@pathspeakspaddle.com.

Houseplants-Urban Roots Workshop at 12noon presented by David Clark. To register for a workshop, please stop in the store, call us at 716-362-8982, or email workshops@urbanroots.org. Space is limited so registration is required so that we can set up accordingly. Workshops are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified. Workshops will be held at Urban Roots Community Garden Center 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo 14213.

Monday, January 21

School Holiday Nature Day- 9am – 4pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center ([map](#)). Need a place for your kids to go on Martin Luther King Day? Bring them to Beaver Meadow for the day. They will have the time of their life learning about the wonders of the natural worlds. Live animals, crafts, stories, games, art and discoveries of all kinds will be part of the fun. Program runs from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$30 members / \$35 non members for each child. Pre-registration is required. Call Jackie at 585-457-3228 or email her at keller@buffaloudubon.org.

Sleeping Trees of Winter*- Shhh! Tiff's trees and plants are sleeping, but how do we know who's who without leaves to ID? Join us for an indoor exploration of plant winter survival and an outdoor winter scavenger hunt on the trails. 10:30am-noon for families (kids ages 8 and up). Non-members \$5. Pre-registration is required. Please call 825-6397.

Tuesday, January 22

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Tuesday Evening Hike or Snowshoe- Come out and join the Paths, Peaks and Paddles for an evening hike or snowshoeing adventure. The hike is FREE. Because WNY weather is so unpredictable the evening hike can be anywhere! We have ventured out to local parks, local bike paths, along creeks, lakes or even Niagara Falls. The average evening hike is anywhere from 2 to 4 miles. If/when snow hits we venture out and snowshoe. The snowshoe hike is FREE. Rental of any gear is always an option. Because we like to explore different area's of WNY we try to leave our facility at 6:00 PM. If you would like to join us please contact us at 213-0350. We do car pool to our hiking destination so you should plan to be at our facility by 5:45 PM. Dress for the weather, bring water, hiking poles if you desire. Hiking poles are available for rent. When snow hits you are welcome to rent snowshoes and poles. www.pathspeakspaddles.com

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-6 to 9pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

WNYEA Waste & Pollution Working Group Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature Imagine Series-Free and open to the public. Ring of Knowledge area in Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Central Public Library. Noon - 12:30 P.M. "IMAGINE The Arts as Our Universal Language: In Pursuit of Happiness"- "The Cathedral - What is a Cathedral?" - Video #1 by Professor William R. Cook, State University of New York at Geneseo, The Great Courses. 12:30 - 1:00 P.M. "IMAGINE Buffalo Niagara as a Bi-National Cultural Center: Appreciating Buildings, History & Nature", Chuck LaChiusa - Webmaster, buffaloah.com

Annual Meeting Clean Air Coalition- 6pm – 8pm at American Legion - Brounshidle Post, 3354 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, NY 14217 ([map](#)).

POWR (Protecting our Water Rights) meeting- 6:30pm at the Iron Kettle, 1009 Olean Road East Aurora, NY 14052. Info call-716-652-5310.

Wednesday, January 23

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Five consecutive Wednesdays. Get out of the house with your young child! Each hour-long session features stories, games, crafts and snacks. Must sign up for the entire series. For kids age 3 to 5. Materials fee \$20 per child; \$10 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

WNYEA Environmental Justice Working Group Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting-6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY.

WNYEA Environmental Justice Working Group Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

Thursday, January 24

After-School Escape-4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew. Enjoy a one-hour program for kids featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K through 5. No registration required.

Moonlight Ski Tour-6:30 PM. Enjoy a leisurely, guided cross-country ski tour by moonlight. For adults and kids age 10 and up. Ski rental \$4/person; \$2 Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

WNYEA Issues & Advocacy Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at CFGB Office, Suite 525, the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo.

"Vegucated" -Animal Advocates will be presenting this film at the Amherst Theatre, University Plaza across from the UB South Campus. Meet & Greet is at 6:45 pm, film shown at 7:00 pm. This film has won many awards, including the Toronto Independent Film Festival award (2011). Part sociological experiment and part adventure comedy, Vegucated follows three meat- and cheese-loving New Yorkers who agree to adopt a vegan diet for six weeks. Lured by tales of weight lost and health regained, they begin to uncover the hidden sides of animal agriculture that make them wonder whether solutions offered in films like Food, Inc. go far enough. This entertaining documentary showcases the rapid and at times comedic evolution of three people who discover they can change the world one bite at a time. For more information on "Vegucated", visit www.getvegucated.com.

Friday, January 25

Full Wolf Moon Snowshoe Hike- Come out and join us for a "Full Wolf Moon" snowshoe hike out at Royalton Ravine. If there is no snow we will hike in the Ravine. Meet in the parking lot out in Royalton at 6:30 PM SHARP! We want to head into the ravine by 7:00 PM at the latest with an expected ETA back to the parking lot between 9:30 PM & 10:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 if you have your own snowshoes. If you do not have snowshoes the cost will be \$25.00. You will be provided with a set of snowshoes and poles. Everyone will enjoy snacks at our break to include hot drinks, sausage, cheese and cracker. (Poles are a must to aid in ascending & descending) If you have your own shoes and wish to rent poles the snowshoe pole rental is \$5.00. Instructors and NYS Licensed Guides will accompany you on this hike. For further information or directions call 716-213-0350.

Saturday, January 26

Winter Wonderland in the Woods-1:00 to 4:00 PM. Discover Reinstein Woods in winter! Try snowshoes or cross-country skis for free, go on a winter scavenger hunt, take a winter wildlife tour, create snow sculptures, and more! Kids can make nature-related winter crafts. Refreshments for sale. Call 683-5959 for more information. No registration required for this event.

Gull Watch-10am – 12pm at Artpark State Park ([map](#)). Join Buffalo Audubon Society Naturalist Tom Kerr for a hike along the Gorge to view the different species of Gulls that spend their winters on the Niagara River. Learn about what attracts them to the River and how they survive while they are here. Meet at Fisherman's Lot. Donation

Family Full Moon Snowshoe Stroll*-A moonlit sky and snow on the ground make a perfect setting for a winter stroll. We will provide the snowshoes. *Snowshoeing is weather permitting. 5:30-7PM for Families (Kids ages 5 and up). Non-Members \$7, Pre-registration is required. Please call 825-6397.

Straight Talk 2013- 8:30am-12:30pm, Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Small Business Education-seminars etc. <http://www.ecidany.com/documents/StraightTalk2013.pdf>

Flurrious! 2013-A family friendly event FREE and open to the public 9:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m in Delaware Park. This Olmsted Parks Conservancy's winter festival includes building igloos and playing snow golf. You can warm your hands by the fire while sipping hot cocoa in a comfortable chalet setting. Or step into the giant warming tent where live musicians and bands jam throughout the day! Along with outdoor grilling, and cold beers chilling, Flurrious! features a running race, a bicycle fun ride, Kan-Jam, an all-out KICKBALL tournament, Buffalo State College science demonstrations, horse and carriage rides, and plenty of activities for kids of all ages!

Snowshoeing and Wildlife Tracking-10:00am - 12:30pm at Buffalo Ski Club - West Falls. A moderately challenging hike through open fields and mature forests with a focus on snowshoe skills, wildlife tracking techniques and general Winter ecology. Snowshoes will be provided. Fees: Earth Spirit members \$7.00 / Non-members \$10.00 / Buffalo Ski Club Members Free. www.earthspirit.org

Ice Bridge Display and Walk to Prospect Point- 2:00 PM - 04:00 PM at Niagara Falls State Park. For information and registration, call 716-282-5154.

Niagara Snowshoe Full Moon Hike-7 to 9pm at Buckhorn Island State Park. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Join a park naturalist, strap on a pair of our traditional wood snowshoes and discover this State Park when it is lit up by the moon. For more information and registration, call 716-282-5154.

Sunday, January 27

WinterFest- 11am – 4pm at Chestnut Ridge Park ([map](#)).

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-1 to 5pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Trek Tifft-2-3:30 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tifft for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Monday, January 28

Clean Air Coalition Member Monday-1pm – 4pm at Clean Air Headquarters- 341 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY ([map](#)). Have a few hours the last Monday of the month? Stop by the Clean Air office, meet other folks that care about their neighborhood and help us with mailings, research, turn out calls, or other important work. Give us a call and let us know you plan on stopping by: 716-852-3813.

Tuesday, January 29

Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature Imagine Series-Free and open to the public. Ring of Knowledge area in Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Central Public Library. 12:10 - 1:00 P.M. "IMAGINE Lifelong Learning & Buffalo Niagara as a Bi-National Cultural Center"
Hon. Paul Dyster, Mayor, Niagara Falls, NY.

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Snowshoeing 101-6:00 PM. Learn how to use snowshoes, and take a guided walk along the trails. Snowshoe fee \$4/person; \$2 Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Thursday, January 31

Green Cleaning 101-“ How to Implement Green Cleaning in your Business Without Blowing the Budget” presented by New York Upstate Chapter Genesee Region. This presentation will start with an overview of what green cleaning really means and how to implement a program in your business. Topics covered include: the purpose of green cleaning, health and environmental impacts of your cleaning choices, implementation strategies for a successful green cleaning program, what 3rd party standards you should look out for, and how green cleaning can help you achieve LEED EBOM certification. This summary will be followed up by a testimonial from RIT, and how they were able to successfully implement a green cleaning program in their organization. 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., RIT CIMS/Louise Slaughter Hall SLA Rm. 2120, 25 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623-5608 Stop at the parking booth to get a parking pass. \$15 for Members; \$20 for Non-members; Students free. Price at the door: \$20. Register at <http://www.greenupstateny.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1034465>.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew. Enjoy a one-hour program for kids featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K- 5. No registration required.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Friday, February 1

Buffalo Geological Society Meeting - Speaker is Gary Solar from Buffalo State College, 7:30pm at Parkside Lutheran.

Tips for the Environment:

- 1. Green your office** - Use dry-erase markers? Consider refillables-not only do they save money in the long-term, but they don't contain xylene and stay moist without the cap for up to 24 hours (check them out [here](#)). Need to take notes or leave messages for yourself. Consider an online note-taking program (like [Evernote](#) or [UberNote](#)) that allows you to bookmark sites of interest. Try a program like [Simple Sticky Notes](#) for virtual notes instead of sticky paper. Need to freshen that office air? Use natural air-fresheners like baking soda, charcoal or adding green plants- you will save money and won't add harmful chemicals to the air.
- 2. Need some new fashion ideas?** Check out the bowtie creations [here](#). You can find new use for wine corks, legos and old film.
- 3. Reuse and recycle your Tips for the Environment**-we are probably all using CFL bulbs, recycling regularly and engaging in lots of earth-friendly behaviors. So let's reuse and recycle-you can check the list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006 (check for any missed at [econews](#)). If you have tips to share, please send them to me to include.

GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. To showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to visit their online calendar and submit your information.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

<http://wnyscienceleaders.ning.com/>

www.sharedcalendarproject.com

<http://www.buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Events/>

<http://www.exploreny.net/events.php3>

<http://www.metrowny.com/events.php>

<http://www.buffalo.edu/calendar>

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>

Additional local blogs and websites-

ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to zaczek@prodigy.net

New York Outdoors Blog- <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>

Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.com/>

Buffalo New York Outdoors- <http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors>

Buffalo News Jim Heaney Blog-http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages_insights/

Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>

Buffalo Promise Neighborhoods- <http://buffalopromiseneighborhood.org/>

Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>

Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>

Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>

Carvings for a Cause- www.carvingsforacause.com/

Citizens Campaign for the Environment <http://blog.citizenscampaign.org>
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecattrail.org/>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
GBNRTC-<http://gbnrtc.org/index.php/blog/welcome-to-the-new-gbnrtc-blog/>
The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreenerride.org/>
Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkhcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>
Learning Sustainability Campaign- <http://www.sustain.buffalo.edu/campaign.html>
Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.blogspot.com/>
Educational Offerings for kids-<http://www.buffaloalliance.org/publications/erg/index.php>
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>
Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Ecoessentials- <http://ecoessentials.wordpress.com/>
DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>
Re-think Buffalo- <http://rethinkbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>
Good Neighborhood- <http://thegoodneighborhood.com/>
Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>
Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>
Examiner Buffalo <http://www.examiner.com/buffalo>
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve- www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029
All about Nature- <http://www.meetup.com/All-About-Nature-in-WNY/>
Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Niagara Watershed Alliance- <http://www.had-e-nuff.com/id6.html>
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>
SOLE of Buffalo- <http://peapodriot.blogspot.com/2012/04/food-ethics-for-buffalo-is-now-sole-of.html>
Slow Food Buffalo- www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>
WNY Green Meetup -<http://www.meetup.com/WNY-Green-Meetup/>
South Buffalo CREW- <http://www.southbuffalocrew.com/>

Green Jobs, Internships and Opportunities

Environmental Internships-<http://environmentalinterns.ncseonline.org/>
Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://www.greenjobs.com/>
UB Green Job list- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>
Engineering jobs-<http://www.engineering-job-site.com>
Manufacturing management/supply chain-<http://www.operations-jobs.com>

Grant Opportunities

www.grantstation.com
www.grantwatch.com
www.grantwrangler.com

www.youthtoday.org/grants.cfm
www.servicelearning.org/funding-opportunities
www.grantsalert.com

Urban Farms/ Composting/Rural Community-Supported Agriculture/Sustainable Practices-

Arden Farm- <http://theardenfarm.com/>
Becker Farms- <http://www.beckerfarms.com/csa>
Busti Cider Mill- www.busticidermill.com
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Chicken Worth Eating-<http://www.chickenwortheating.com/>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Erie County Farmers' Markets- <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp#Erie County>
Farmer Pirates-<http://www.farmerpirates.com/>
Farmers and Artisans- <http://farmersandartisans.com>
Farmthisway CSA - <http://www.farmthisway.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.com
Flavor Farm- www.flavor-farm.com
Gong Garden- <http://gonggarden.com>
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Harvest Patch- <http://www.harvestpatch.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Plato Dale Farm- <http://www.platodalefarm.org/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Queen City Farm- www.queencityfarm.org/
Reigle's on theRidge- <http://www.localharvest.org/reigles-on-the-ridge-M48650>
Roots & Wings Family Farm- <http://www.rootsandwingsfamilyfarm.com>
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>
Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com
Sweet Harvest- www.sweetharvest.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
T-Meadow Farms- www.heritagebreedsusa.com/TMeadow.html
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>
NYSAWG Links to Farmers' Markets, CSA, Other farms- <http://www.nysawg.org/directory-of-farms.html>

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

Buffalo Bites Food Tours- <http://www.buffalobitesfoodtours.com/>
Buffalo Tours- <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/buffalo-tours/>
Niagara Wine Trail - <http://www.niagarawinetrail.org/>
Niagara Farmers Markets- <http://www.niagarafarmmarkets.org/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Amherst Residents Electronics Drop-offs- Highway Department, 1042 N. Forest Rd., Amherst from 7am-7pm M-F
Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373
Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack, Lowe's
Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org
Bottle and jar caps: Weisenbach Recycled Products in Ohio. CapsCando.com.
Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org
Carpet- WNY Professional Flooring, 864-3875
Cars- <http://www.donateacar.com/>
Clothing-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>
Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking dropoffs

Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities
Drug disposal best practices- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>
Electronics- <http://www.grenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html>
Envelopes, tyvek- < 25: Send to Tyvek Recycle, Attn. Shirley B. Wright, 8401 Fort Darling Road, Richmond, VA 23237. More than 25: call 866/33-TYVEK.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.
Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/Consumers/>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>.
Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>
Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600
Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers
Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Pantyhose/tights- NoNonsense.com/PantyhoseRecycling.aspx
Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery
Plastic shopping bags-groceries, many retailers
Rechargeable Batteries-drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack, Lowe's
Recycling A to Z - [realsimple](http://realsimple.com)
Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com
Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com
Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
Toys, plastic- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling
Yoga mats- RecycleYourMat.com

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

<http://www.planetfriendly.net/learn.html>
<http://www.globalteer.org>
<http://www.ecovolunteer.org/>
<http://www.eco-volunteerusa.org/>
<http://www.goeco.org/>
<http://www.woof.org/>
<http://www.americanhiking.org/>

Links to area/state environmental/community sustainability organizations and regularly scheduled activities:

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| Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June | http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php |
| Allegany Nature Pilgrimage | http://allegannaturepilgrimage.com/ |
| Alliance for the Great Lakes | www.greatlakes.org |
| American Planning Association-NY Upstate | http://nyupstateplanning.org |
| Amherst State Park Arboretum | http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html |
| Animal Advocates of Western New York | www.animalswny.org |
| Aquarium of Niagara | www.aquariumofniagara.org |

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| AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education | www.awarewildlife.com |
| Bergen Swamp Preservation Society | http://www.bergenswamp.org/ |
| Bless the Beasts Foundation | http://blessthebeastsinc.webs.com/ |
| Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow | www.buffaloudubon.org |
| Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee | http://www.freewebs.com/bondlake/ |
| Braddock Bay Bird Observatory | http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/ |
| Brush Up Buffalo | www.brushupbuffalo.org |
| Buffalo Architecture Foundation | http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/ |
| Buffalo Astronomical Association | http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/ |
| Buffalo Brownfields Opportunities Areas | http://buffalobrownfieldopportunities.com/ |
| Buffalo CarShare | http://www.buffalocarshare.org/ |
| Buffalo Citybration | http://citybration.com/ |
| Buffalo Complete Streets | http://buffalocompletestreets.org/ |
| Buffalo Earth Day | http://buffaloeearthday.com/EarthDay/ |
| Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens | www.buffalogardens.com |
| Buffalo Environmental Management Commission | www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices |
| Buffalo First | www.buffalofirst.org/ |
| Buffalo Geological Society Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran | www.bgsny.org |
| Buffalo Green Code | http://www.buffalogreencode.com/ |
| Buffalo in Bloom | www.buffaloinbloom.com/ |
| Buffalo Maritime Center | http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/ |
| Buffalo Microparks | http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/ |
| Buffalo Museum of Science | www.sciencebuff.org/ |

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| Buffalo Niagara Green Expo | http://buffaloniagaragreenexpo.wordpress.com/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper | www.bnriverkeeper.org/ |
| Buffalo Niagara 2050 Transportation | www.buffaloniagara2050.com |
| Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy | www.bfloparks.org |
| Buffalo Orienteering Club | http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.org/ |
| Buffalo Ornithological Society | http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/ |
| Buffalo ReUse | www.buffaloreuse.org/ |
| Buffalo Urban Development Corp | http://budc.ecidany.com/ |
| Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education | www.buoe.org |
| Buffalo Zoo | www.buffalozoo.org |
| Center for Environmental Information (Rochester) | http://ceinfo.org/ |
| Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature | http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html |
| Citizens Campaign for the Environment | www.citizenscampaign.org |
| Citizens' Environmental Coalition | www.cectoxic.org/index.html |
| Citizens Regional Transit Corporation | www.citizenstransit.org/ |
| Clean Air Coalition of Western New York | http://www.cacwny.org/ |
| Community Action Organization of Erie County | http://www.caoec.org/ |
| Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo | http://www.cfgb.org/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County | http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County | http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County | http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/ |
| Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities | www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE |
| Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State) | www.dec.ny.gov/index.html |
| Designing to Live Sustainably | http://www.d2ls.org/ |

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| Earth Spirit Educational Services | www.earthspiritedu.org |
| Edible Buffalo | www.ediblebuffalo.com |
| Environmental Education Associates | http://environmentaleducation.com/ |
| Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York | http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx |
| Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410 | http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/ny.html |
| Erie Canal Harbor Development | http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/ |
| Erie County Community College Going Green | http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html |
| Erie County Conservation Society | http://eccs-club.org/ |
| Erie County Department of Environment and Planning | http://www.erie.gov/environment/ |
| Erie County Farm Bureau | http://www.ecfarm.com/ |
| Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs | http://www.eriectyfsc.org/ |
| Erie County Parks and Recreation | http://www.erie.gov/parks |
| Erie County Soil and Water Conservation | www.ecswcd.org/ |
| Evergreen-Buffalo State College | www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen |
| Excalibur Leisure Skills | http://excaliburl.org |
| Field and Fork Network | http://fieldandforknetwork.com/ |
| First Hand Learning | www.firsthandlearning.org |
| For A Clean Tonawanda Site | www.factsofwny.com/ |
| Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/ |
| Foothills Trail Club | www.foothillstrailclub.org |
| Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings) | http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp |
| Garden Walk Buffalo | http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/ |
| Genesee County Nature Center | www.gcv.org |

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| Good Going WNY | www.goodgoingwny.com |
| Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary | www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com |
| Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo | www.grassrootsgardens.org/ |
| Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council | www.gbnrtc.org/ |
| Great Lakes Beach Sweep | http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/ |
| Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College | http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter |
| Great Lakes Experience | http://www.thegreatlakesexperience.org |
| Great Lakes United | www.glu.org |
| Green and Mean (it) | http://www.greenandmeanit.com/ |
| Green Options Buffalo | http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/ |
| Green WNY | http://greenwny.com/ |
| Groundwork Buffalo | http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/ |
| Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month | http://www.habitatbuffalo.org/ |
| Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc. | www.hawkcreek.org |
| Healthy Kids Healthy Communities | www.healthykidshealthycommunities.org |
| Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc. | www.hocn.org |
| Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/ |
| Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary | www.jamestownaudubon.org |
| Jamestown Community College | http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability |
| JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary | www.jnkscalofthewild.org |
| Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo | www.jssbuffalo.com |
| Lake Erie Forum | http://www.lakeerieforum.org/ |
| League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara | http://www.lwvbn.org/ |

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| Local Initiatives Support Corporation | http://www.buffalolisc.org |
| Maddie's Pet Rescue Project | http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/ |
| Massachusetts Avenue Project | http://mass-ave.org/ |
| Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc | www.messingerwoods.org |
| Nannen Arboretum | ww2.cattco.org/tag/nannen-arboretum |
| National Buffalo Garden Festival | http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com |
| Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter | http://Nature.org/centralwestern |
| Nature Ed-Ventures | www.natureed-ventures.com |
| Nature Sanctuary of Western New York | http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm |
| Net+Positive | www.netpositivefoundation.org |
| New York Farm Bureau | http://www.nyfb.org/ |
| New York Flora Association | http://www.nyflora.org/ |
| New York Forest Owner's Association | www.nyfoa.org |
| New York Interfaith Power and Light | www.newyorkipl.org/ |
| New York Power Authority | www.nypa.gov |
| New York Public Interest Research Group | http://www.nypirg.org/ |
| New York State Association of Conservation Commissions | http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php |
| New York State Parks | www.nysparks.com |
| New York State Sea Grant | http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/ |
| New York State Soil and Water | http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/ |
| New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council | http://www.greenupstateny.org/ |
| New York State Wetlands Forum | http://www.wetlandsforum.org |
| Niagara County Farm Bureau | http://niagarafb.org/ |
| Niagara County Landfill and Recycling | http://www.niagaracountylandfillrecycling.com/ |

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| Niagara County Parks | http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/ |
| Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District | www.niagaraswcd.com |
| Niagara Frontier Botanical Society | http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsdl/ |
| Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council | http://www.nfwhc.org/ |
| Niagara Heritage Partnership | http://www.niagaraheritage.org/ |
| Niagara Restoration Council | www.niagararestoration.org/ |
| Niagara River Anglers Association | http://www.niagarariveranglers.com |
| Niagara River Greenway Commission | www.niagaragreenway.org |
| Niagara University Sustainability | http://www.niagara.edu/green/ |
| Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York | http://nofany.org |
| Our Water Future | http://ourwaterfuture.org/ |
| Partnership for the Public Good | www.ppgbuffalo.org |
| Paths, Peaks and Paddles | www.pathspeakspaddles.com |
| Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting | www.penndixie.org |
| Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville) | www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org |
| Preservation Buffalo Niagara | http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/ |
| People United for Sustainable Housing | http://www.pushbuffalo.org |
| Regional Councils NYS | http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov |
| Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm | www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html |
| ReNU Niagara | http://www.niagara.edu/renu/ |
| Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE) | http://rarerehab.org/ |
| Retree Western New York | www.re-treewny.org |
| ReUse Action | http://reuseaction.com/ |

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| Rochester Permaculture Institute | http://rochesterpermacultureinstitute.org |
| Roger Tory Peterson Institute | www.rtpi.org |
| Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter) | http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara |
| South Buffalo Alive | http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/ |
| SPCA serving Erie County | www.yourspca.org |
| Street Synergy | http://www.streetsynergy.org/ |
| SUNY Fredonia | http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/ |
| Sustainable Earth Solutions | www.sustainableeartholutions.com |
| Tifft Nature Preserve | www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php |
| Tuscarora Environmental Task Force | http://www.tuscaroraenvironment.com |
| UBEN-UB Environmental Network | http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/ |
| UB Engineers for a Sustainable World | http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/esw |
| UB ERIE Program | http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/ |
| UB Office of Sustainability | http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html |
| UnwasteNY | http://www.unwasteney.org |
| Urban Design Project at UB | http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/ |
| Urban Land Institute | http://newyork.uli.org/ |
| Urban Roots | www.urbanroots.org/ |
| US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District | http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/ |
| US Coast Guard-Boating Safety | http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/ |
| Voice-Buffalo | http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html |
| We Love Outdoors | http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/ |
| Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association | www.wnywea.org/ |
| Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative) | http://www.wnyamericorps.org |

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| Western New York Earth Day | http://www.wnyearthday.org/ |
| Western New York Environmental Alliance | http://www.growwny.org/ |
| Western New York Herpetological Society | http://www.wnyherpsociety.org/ |
| Western New York Hiking Trails and resources | www.wnyhikes.com |
| Western New York Land Conservancy | http://www.wnylc.org/ |
| Western New York Nursery and Landscape Association | http://www.wnynsla.org/ |
| Western New York Science Congress | http://wnysc.org/ |
| Western New York Service Learning Coalition | www.wnyslc.org |
| Western New York Stormwater Coalition | www.erie.gov/stormwater |
| Western New York Sustainable Energy Association | www.wnysea.com |
| West Side Ministries | http://www.westsideminstries.org/ |
| West Valley Citizen Task Force | www.westvalleyctf.org |
| Wildlife Educators Coalition | http://www.nywec.com/ |
| Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes | http://www.wildonesniagara.org/ |
| Wild Spirit Education | http://www.wildspirit.org/ |
| Wind Action Group | http://www.buffalowind.org |
| Working for Downtown | http://www.workingfordowntown.org/ |
| Zoar Valley Nature Society | www.zoarvalley.org |