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Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, April 9th** at 5:30pm at Mint Mojito Bar (1225 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213) and co-hosted with [Gardens Buffalo Niagara](#). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

WNY Environmental Alliance's 2026 Annual Congress

Join the WNY Environmental Alliance on Wednesday April 15, 2026 from 5:00-7:00p at Tiff Nature Preserve with a cocktail networking hour afterwards at Buffalo RiverWorks. The greatest strength of the Western New York Environmental Alliance is acting as a clearinghouse and informational hub to groups and practitioners across the region. Each of our friends does tremendous work in their neighborhoods that has a real impact. For 2026, we're introducing a new format for our annual WNYEA Congress. Instead of a few keynote presentations, this year's Congress will feature brief "lightning talks" from members, offering everyone the chance to share recent successes, current needs, and opportunities for collaboration. The event will conclude with a networking social at Buffalo RiverWorks to continue the conversations.

Cannabis 101 Class

Come and learn the fundamentals of growing Cannabis and your legal responsibilities as a home grower in NYS. Cannabis 101 will be offered **Tuesday, April 7th** from 6 to 7:30pm at Urban Roots, 425 Rhode Island, Buffalo. We will cover all the topics you need to know to grow this unique plant successfully. Cost is \$25. You must be 21 yrs of age or older to attend. Seating is limited. You can purchase your non-refundable seat at the store or online @ <https://urbanroots.org/?s=cannabis>

Co-op Fest Kick-off Party and Mixer

Calling all WNY Co-ops! **On Thursday, April 9th** at 6pm Cooperation Buffalo is hosting a Co-op Fest Kick-Off Party and Mixer at *Polish Cooperative Savings and Loan building* at Cafe Gezellig - 617 Fillmore Ave, Buffalo! In addition to being able to connect with fellow cooperators, this will be an opportunity for you to give your input on this year's Co-op Fest! This yearly event is all about showcasing and promoting our local co-ops, and we want to hear from you on how to make it even better! Please join us for guided discussion, networking, and mingling. We will serve snacks and there will be a cash bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Whether you're a member of an existing co-op, interested in starting a cooperative, or want to learn more about Buffalo's co-op community, this event is for you!

Annual Dinner Meeting of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society (NFBS)

The Niagara Frontier Botanical Society will hold its annual dinner meeting on **Tuesday, April 14**. Held at Banchetti by Rizzo's (550 North French Road, Amherst 14228), there will be a social hour from 6:00-7:00 PM with a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. Cost \$40 per person. Reservations [here](#) (scroll to April 14 meeting) by **April 6**. Following dinner and a very brief business meeting, the banquet speaker will be Eli Knapp, PhD, Professor of Ecology at Houghton University, Houghton, NY. The title of Prof. Knapp's presentation will be "Chicken Coop to Nature Snoop: How to See Nature through the Eyes of Aldo Leopold." Prof. Knapp will share insights on the great naturalist, forester, conservationist, professor, and writer, Aldo Leopold. Considered the father of wildlife ecology and management, Leopold formulated the concept of a land ethic, a cornerstone of the American conservation movement, in his 1949 book, A Sand County Almanac.

WNY PRISM Spring Partner Meeting

WNY PRISM Spring Partner Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 16** from 9:30 AM to Noon at the Science Center at State University of New York at Fredonia. Dr. Jonathan Townsend from Royal Fern Nursery LLC will present on the importance of native plants. Following the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to tour Royal Fern Nursery! This event is a great chance to connect, collaborate and share updates with partners from across the region. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Western New York Great Lakes Restoration Grant Program: Now Accepting Letters of Intent

Applications for projects are now being accepted for the Western New York Great Lakes Restoration Grant Program. Funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and administered through Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, this funding opportunity will support projects ranging from \$25,000 through \$500,000 that address invasive species control, habitat restoration, or stormwater runoff reduction within Niagara River/Lake Erie watershed communities. Letters of Intent are due no later than **Friday, April 17, 2026**, at 3:00 PM ET. Full details about the program and how to apply are available at <https://bnwaterkeeper.org/grantprogram/>.

The Nature is Art: Silent Art Auction and Dinner Fundraiser

The Nature is Art: Silent Art Auction and Dinner Fundraiser on **April 18** at Park School will feature works of various media from 20+ local and national artists, live art demonstrations, live music, a delicious meal, signature mocktails, and more! This event supports [Earth Spirit Educational Services'](#) environmental education programming. Since 1980, Earth Spirit has been offering educational programming throughout the Western NY area as a way to connect individuals to the nature world in healthy ways. Thousands of students each year participate in this programming and benefit from such a connection. As a 501c3 not-for-profit, Earth Spirit relies on donations, memberships, and fundraising events as ways to support this work. [Tickets.](#)

Earth Day Celebration

Erie County and the Omega Mentoring Program proudly hosts an Earth Day Celebration on **April 20** from 5-7pm at Northland Workforce Training Center, 683 Northland Ave. Buffalo. There will be family-friendly activities, sustainably-minded give aways, and information about Earth-savvy organizations and services. The event will also feature a recognition ceremony for the Erie County Environmental Management Council Annual Environmental Excellence Awards and the WNY Stormwater Coalition's Rain Barrel Painting Contest. Register and info at www.erie.gov/earthday. New this year will be a Dare to Repair Café which has a separate [registration](#).

Bird-Friendly Buffalo Symposium

The 2026 Bird-Friendly Buffalo Symposium, sponsored by Buffalo Audubon, will be held on **Thursday, April 23** from 5:30 to 8pm at UB South, 403 Hayes Hall. The event will highlight practical solutions for making Buffalo a more bird-friendly region. [Register.](#)

Spring 2026 Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) Sub-Basin Work Group Meetings Scheduled

DEC's Great Lakes Program will be hosting a virtual kickoff meeting on **April 24** followed by in-person sub-basin workgroup meetings for regionally focused discussions. Meeting objectives include sharing DEC Regional, Program, and Great Lakes Program updates, hearing updates from partners, reviewing and discussing the Sub-Basin work planning process, as well as discussing upcoming funding and collaboration opportunities. The April 24 meeting will be online from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM via Webex ([Register](#)). The Lake Erie Sub-Basin Work Group meeting will be held on **April 30** at the Isaías González-Soto Branch Library in Buffalo, NY with an optional tour of the BSA Green Infrastructure Projects.

Tree Expo!

Join Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and NY ReLeaf in Cazenovia Park for a Tree Expo on **April 25, 2026** from 10am to 2pm! Learn how to care for trees, all about the technology used to care for trees, hear from tree climbers, meet with arborists, and see tree crews in action. Local tree care companies donate their time and equipment to help the Conservancy care for its trees. Take a guided tour of the action and learn what it takes to care for trees in a public park. Attendees can learn about careers in tree care and urban forestry, and help plant a tree in the park. This family-friendly event is free to attend!

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper Spring Sweep!

Over 500 people have already signed up for Spring Sweep 2026 on **April 25** from 10am to noon. We expect 1,200 to 1,500 volunteers and hope you can join us. Everyone who registers can come to the free after party at Resurgence Brewing Company. Spring Sweep volunteers get one free drink! Interested in going *Beyond the Bags* for Spring Sweep? [Click here to learn how!](#)

National Wildlife Federation 10th Annual EcoCareers Summit

Explore Careers in Climate and Biodiversity by attending NWF's Virtual EcoCareers Summit! The National Wildlife Federation will be hosting the tenth annual EcoCareers virtual event this **April 27th and 29th** from 3 - 7PM ET for college and high school students and educators to learn about and prepare to enter the green workforce of tomorrow.

The NWF EcoCareers Summit Series prepares students and young professionals for wildlife and sustainability careers by providing information on the latest EcoCareer trends from leading analysts and employers, clarifying career-enhancing credentials and academic offerings, and formulating a better understanding of the competencies employers seek in the green sector. [Info and free registration.](#)

Botanical Bash- Derby Theme

The Botanical Bash is off to the races on **May 1** from 6 to 10pm! Grab your hats and hold your horses as we celebrate our Botanical Gardens—Kentucky Derby Style! Sip on handcrafted cocktails while you bid on exciting auction items to raise funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. **Tickets include** an open bar, a delicious cocktail party style meal from our amazing catering partners, music and entertainment, games, a digital auction experience, valet parking, and of course, access to the beautiful conservatory. Early Bird pricing ends March 7. **VIP Tickets include:** all of the above plus access to our new Rose Room! The Rose Room will include access to a private room with exclusive seating, tables, and drink service under the twinkling lights of our unique pollinator exhibit.

I Love My Park Day

Join us for the 15th annual I Love My Park Day event on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**. [Parks & Trails New York](#), in partnership with DEC and [State Parks](#), hosts I Love My Park Day on the first Saturday in May, attracting thousands of volunteers from across the state to participate in stewardship events on New York public lands. Join us for New York's largest single-day volunteer event and help us prepare for spring by cleaning up campgrounds, parks, and beaches; planting native trees and pollinator gardens; restoring trail and wildlife habitat; removing invasive species; and working on various other site improvement projects.

Spring Spectacular by Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Join Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge for a day of nature, creativity, and community at the Spring Spectacular taking place on **May 9th, 2026**, from 10am to 3pm. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the refuge as you observe a diverse array of wildlife, participate in fun crafts and educational activities, and connect with various community organizations dedicated to conservation, artistic expression, and cultural enrichment. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, an art lover, or simply looking for a fun-filled day with family and friends, the Spring Spectacular promises something for everyone to enjoy. While you're here you can also enjoy what the rest of the wildlife refuge has to offer as well as visit the neighboring Oak Orchard and Tonawanda Wildlife Management Areas and appreciate the importance of the whole landscape coming together to provide vital habitat for wildlife that live and pass through Western New York. This event is being held thanks to The Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013. Event Details [here](#).

Riverwatch Water Quality Report and Volunteer Opportunities

The Riverwatch Program consists of concerned community members trained to gather important water quality data in the Niagara River/Lake Erie Watershed as volunteers for Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper. The [2025 report](#) shows the extent of their data collection. Volunteers conduct monthly monitoring and also provide a network of "Eyes on the Water" to report pollution or other waterway issues. Volunteers are needed for water chemistry samples and can apply at [Riverwatch Baseline Chemistry Volunteer Application](#). [Nurdle Patrol Volunteer](#) positions help keep plastic out of our water. Two training dates for Nurdle Patrol Volunteers will be offered: **Saturday, May 9** from 10-11 a.m. or **Thursday, May 21** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda. [Sign up](#) to join us and help cleanup around our Western New York shorelines.

WNY Raptor Fundraiser

The annual wildlife fundraiser for WNY Raptor (wildlife rehabilitation) will be held on **Friday May 29th, 2026** from 6:00 to 9:30 pm at Buffalo Riverworks, 359 Ganson Street Buffalo, NY 14203. There will be a photobooth, DJ, basket raffle, 50/50, and Buffalo sports memorabilia. Tickets are \$55 at the door or can be purchased at the link below. Tickets include the Buffalo station (chicken wings, beef on weck sliders, & pierogies), unlimited soda, and entry to the awesome event! The proceeds from the event help us support wildlife in our care for the ENTIRE year, covering the costs for veterinary bills, medicine for sick and injured wildlife, maintenance of enclosures, and animal care. [Ticket link](#).

68th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

Mark your calendar for the annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage on **May 29 - 31, 2026**. This nature weekend is sponsored by Buffalo Audubon, among other regional centers and features hikes, talks and much more. The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities. This weekend of natural history and outdoor education welcomes both the experienced naturalist as well as the inquisitive beginner! Early bird registration through April 24. [Info and registration](#).

Dig with the Experts

[Tickets](#) are on sale for Dig With the Experts!, the signature fossil dig at Penn Dixie. Join them on **Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14** for the once-yearly opportunity to dig into freshly excavated material with scientific experts on site to help you spot and identify Penn Dixie's best fossils. We'll have experts on site to help you identify and make recommendations—your job is splitting and discovering.

Join the Last SkyRide Ever

Have you missed the opportunity to bike across the Skyway and enjoy the beautiful view? The last SkyRide EVER will be held on July 19. [Registration](#) includes: Access to the Skyway and NYS I-190 on your bike, Bottled water and fruit or snacks, and 2 tickets for post party refreshments for registrants 21+. *Additional food and tickets for sale on-site for everyone present.

The 2026 Erie/Niagara County Rain Barrel and Composter Sale

Order your rain barrel or Earth Machine composter by **May 27**. Pick up day is June 6. Details and order information at <https://erie.compostersale.com>.

Register for Paws in the Park!

Join the SPCA on **Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026**, at Knox Farm State Park for the best walk of the year! Whether you're walking your pup, in memory of a beloved pet, or to support all the animals at the SPCA, we can't wait to see you there! Take advantage of the **March Early Bird Special** and save \$5 off all adult registrations (discount applied at checkout). By registering, you are ensuring that thousands of pets receive the lifesaving veterinary care and second chances they deserve. Your support doesn't just find homes for dogs and cats, it also provides a vital safety net for our local wildlife neighbors, making a lasting difference for all the animals who call our community home! [Register now](#).

Tree and Shrub Seedling Program Orders

The DEC Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery's Annual Seedling Sale is happening now through May 14. Dozens of tree and shrub species are available to purchase for conservation plantings across New York State. Every tree planted counts towards the state's goal to plant 25 million trees by 2033! [Browse this year's selection on our website](#), and be sure to get your order in early because many favorites sell out quickly. All order must be placed by phone; call the nursery Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to place your order. Seedlings will be shipped or available for pickup mid-April through early May.

Spring Bird Migration

As the days start to warm and the daylight extends into the evening, more birds will be on the move. You can stay informed of real-time bird migration and look at future forecasts by utilizing [Cornell Lab of Ornithology's](#) BirdCast migration tools.

I BIRD NY Challenge

Mark your calendars for the 2026 [I BIRD NY Challenge](#) taking place **until November 1!** Recent research has shown that bird watching may help the brain fight aging due to reorganization as you learn to recognize new birds (read [more](#)). For the challenge, identify 10 species of birds anywhere in New York State, submit online or by mail, and receive a commemorative patch, sticker, certificate, and be entered to win birding related prizes. This year's challenge patch will feature the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*). Want to level up the challenge? Identify 10 new species to you in New York State to add to your life list, identify 10 warblers, waterfowl, or birds of prey, or identify all 10 species at a New York State Birding Trail location. No matter how you experience the joy of birds, we hope that you make 2026 the year you take the challenge! Challenge materials are also offered in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, and Urdu.

Solo Sweeps

Did you know that Buffalo Niagara Riverkeepers' Solo Sweep program had 54 new volunteers join the cause to help remove nearly 3,500 pounds of litter across our watershed? All these volunteers not only removed trash, they provided us with great data about what litter was collected. We take that data and use it to inform decisions, planning, and advocacy related to cleanup efforts around Western New York. A Solo Sweep is a cleanup effort by an individual or small group that is completed without the coordination of Waterkeeper tracking the litter they find using the Clean Swell app. [Info and register](#).

Earth Month Ecochallenge

Take the free Earth Month Challenge and make a difference. Choose just one action or dive into dozens—it's up to you. You'll join thousands of people building resilience for themselves and the planet this April. [JOIN NOW](#)

Ready to Start Your Farm Business?

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County is excited to offer the Beginning Farmer Training Program, a hands on, season long certificate program designed for aspiring and beginning farmers beginning **April 29** on Wednesdays from 6-8pm. Classes will be held at the Niagara County Fairgrounds in Lockport at a cost of \$500. This program will teach you the business of profitable market gardening and give you real world experience from seed to sale. Learn from experienced farmers and industry experts while gaining the confidence and skills to start your own farm business. [Registration](#) deadline is April 15th.

Buffalo All Access

Buffalo All Access is a new way to plan and take trips in our city, with an emphasis on the neighborhoods surrounding the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. Using one easy-to-use app (plus a website and call center option), you can find the best route based on your needs and abilities, including built-in real-time transit information, book rides on free community shuttles and get step-by-step wayfinding, all the way from your front door to your doctor's office, grocery store, job, or transit station. This is a pilot project, and you can be the first to try it! Your feedback helps us enhance and improve the system.

[Download the app.](#) [Download the Apple app.](#)

City of Buffalo Curbside Food Scrap Program Expanding

Farmer Pirates Compost announced that the City of Buffalo is expanding their Scrap It program! The curbside program will be adding another 2,000 residents in 2026! [Pre-register](#) now to get started and join the Pirates Compost Crew!

Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century

The Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century will be held on **April 17**, at the Gateway Building, SUNY ESF in Syracuse. Check out the amazing list of speakers who will address the issues most relevant to you. You will be able to pose questions to these experts. We will also be including the important topic of AI, the great potential of geothermal, and the importance of jobs and labor to help create and protect our energy needs. [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.](#)

The 12th annual New York State Organics Summit

The 12th annual New York State Organics Summit, hosted by the [NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling \(NYSAR3\)](#), will be held **April 14 - 16, 2026** at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in Syracuse, NY. This event is an opportunity to connect with more than 200 professionals from across the state to share success stories, learn about emerging issues, deepen knowledge of the latest science and best practices, develop networks and partnerships, and discuss creative solutions to help advance sustainable organics management in New York State. [Register.](#)

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Erie County residents have the option of using the County's "Voucher Drop-off program" which enables residents to bring up to 50lbs. eligible hazardous waste to the Hazman facility in Tonawanda at no cost. Preregistration is required, go to erie.gov/recycling or call 716-858-6800. For info on City of Buffalo events, check www.buffalorecycles.org.

For Paint Recycling is offered on **April 18** from 8:30am to 1pm at Buffalo State. [Registration required](#) or **May 9th**, 8:30am to 1pm at ECC North Campus. [Register.](#) In Niagara County, a free Paint Collection will be held at Niagara University on **April 25th** from 9am to 1. [Register.](#) All drop-offs are free and easy drive-thrus.

Clean Sweep NY for Farmers will be held in May with a required pre-registration deadline of **April 27**. To obtain an application form, email (cleansweep@dec.ny.gov) or call 518-225-8146. Drop-offs in Erie County will be **May 5 on May 6**. This chemical disposal service is open to farmers, owners of former farms, and all types of certified pesticide applicators and technicians. Please note that this program does not accept household chemicals from homeowners.

Job Training Funding for Businesses

[The Amherst Chamber of Commerce](#) announced a new program designed to help small and medium-sized businesses across Western New York invest in their workforce by offsetting training and wage costs. Administered by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the New York State Department of Labor, the program is open to all eligible WNY businesses; membership in the Amherst Chamber or a location in Amherst is not required. OJT grants are available to all industries, for-profit or not-for-profit, in the eight Western New York counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming. For details and application materials, visit <https://amherst.org/grants/>. Applications end **June 1, 2026**.

Buffalo Zoo Volunteer Docents Needed

Ever wanted to volunteer at the Zoo? Become a docent, our volunteer educators who interact with visitors! Learn more about the process to become a docent at an upcoming info session. Complete an [application](#).

Solar Option Available for Erie County

ECLIPSE is now available to ALL Erie County residents, *regardless of income!* Check out <erie.gov/eclipse> to enroll in our Community Solar Program and get 10% off your electric costs. There is no change in electric company or added fees or equipment installation. The program is for both renters and homeowners.

Sunlight Transformation of Plastic

The widespread accumulation of plastics is one of this century's major environmental problems. Scientists have found a way to turn plastic into usable acetic acid using sunlight, a uniquely environmentally friendly way of dealing with plastic pollution. The process uses iron atoms embedded in carbon nitride which serve as catalysts powered by sunlight to breakdown the plastics. The reaction can also occur in water. For more info, refer to the article in [Advanced Energy Materials](#).

Snapshot NY

Snapshot NY, a collaborative citizen science initiative between DEC and the NY Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Cornell University invites YOU to be part of a groundbreaking wildlife research project across New York State. Using trail cameras, Snapshot NY empowers everyday New Yorkers—students, families, nature lovers, and outdoor explorers—to help biologists track changes in animal populations across the state so we can better manage those species. Visit the [Snapshot NY website](#) or download the Snapshot NY app for more information.

WNY PRISM Helps Limit Region's Invasive Species

The [2025 Annual Report](#) for WNY PRISM highlights the efforts of their staff, partners and volunteers in controlling invasive species. Their team conducted early detection surveys and management at 30 sites, covering 1,748 acres, and celebrated eradication at one aquatic site. The Crew Assistance Program supported 11 projects, surveying 175 acres and treating 20 acres to keep invasive species in check. Meanwhile, our Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program inspected 12,711 boats at 12 launches, intercepting 858 invasive organisms, with Eurasian watermilfoil and curly pondweed topping the list.

Community Science continued to thrive, with 33 dedicated volunteers contributing 197 hours to programs like Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Hunters, Spotted Lanternfly Trap Monitoring and Trail Surveys. Additionally, 50 volunteers joined in on workdays, adding 131 hours of hands-on help in removing invasive plants. Through their presentations and walks, they reached 2,366 people directly.

New Guide to Reforestation in New York State

DEC recently collaborated with The Nature Conservancy on a guide for landowners to establish new forests on their property, titled [Reforestation and Afforestation Guidance in New York State](#) (PDF). This new guide focuses on reforestation and afforestation practices—in other words, planting trees in areas that were once covered by forests, such as old farm fields. The guide provides step-by-step instructions on planning a reforestation project, planting trees, monitoring and maintaining them.

Common Ground Film Available for Viewing

The new educational edition of the award-winning film Common Ground, is available free to farmers, educators, and organizations, sharing insight into the challenges of our current food and farm systems, and the positive impact of regenerative agriculture, through testimony from American farmers, ranchers, educators, and advocates. <https://commongroundfilm.org/farmers/#watch-now>.

New 25 million Trees Initiative ‘Tree Tracker’

New York State's goal is to plant 25 million trees by 2033. Now there is a way to track our progress. Hosted by DEC and developed in cooperation with the Office of Information Technology Services, the [25 Million Trees webpage](#) and Tree Tracker allow State agencies, organizations, private entities, and individuals to report the location and number of trees planted into a tracking tool, measuring progress in the statewide effort. Information on how to plant trees, how to care for them to aid their survival, and where to go for more technical assistance is also available on the webpage.

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Numbers Increase but Still Exhibit Historical Lows

The amount of overwintering habitat occupied by monarch butterflies in central Mexico increased 64% from last year, according to the annual census released last week by World Wildlife Fund-Mexico and partners. The butterflies were found covering an area of 7.24 acres, which means the eastern monarch population that migrates between Canada and Mexico each year showed an improvement from last winter's area of 4.42 acres. The annual survey measures the area of forest in which monarch butterflies hibernate each winter, providing a reliable indicator of the eastern monarch's population status. The western population which migrates to Southern California experienced the third lowest number ever recorded. These annual fluctuations in monarch numbers draw attention, but the real concern is long-term decline of all pollinators driven by habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change. Due to [new ultralight transmitters](#), scientists are now able to tag and track the butterflies along their migratory routes, opening up new opportunities to understand their conservation needs. If you care about monarch butterflies, participate in the tri-national [International Monarch Monitoring Blitz](#) this summer. You can also report monarchs any time of year, in any country to iNaturalist or another [monarch community science program](#).

New DEC Water Use Dashboard

Billions of gallons of water are withdrawn for use each day from the lakes, rivers, streams, estuaries and groundwaters in New York. To help visualize statewide water use, DEC has developed a new [Water Use Dashboard](#), an interactive GIS tool that displays statewide water use data from 2018 to present. Data are separated by source (groundwater or surface water) and can be further filtered by county and major drainage basin. Water use data is calculated from water usage reports submitted to DEC by water withdrawers with the capacity to withdraw 100,000 gallons per day or more under the [Water Withdrawal Reporting program](#). Charts outlining [total water use by category for reporting years 2018 through 2023 \(PDF\)](#) are available on DEC's website. Find water usage reports for individual facilities on the [DECinfo Locator](#) under the "Water Withdrawal Annual Reports" layer.

Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment Opening

USDA's Farm Service Agency is accepting offers for the Continuous [Conservation Reserve Program](#) (CRP) through March 20, 2026. Enrollment for General CRP will run from **March 9 through April 17, 2026**. CRP provides financial and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners who place unproductive or marginal cropland under contract for 10 to 15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land to beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and support wildlife habitat.

Major Milestone Achieved in Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Biological Control

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is an invasive insect that can attack healthy hemlock trees, often killing them in under a decade. DEC, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and Cornell University's New York State Hemlock Initiative announced that [Laricobius nigrinus](#), a predator beetle being released to control HWA, is confirmed to be reproducing successfully in the lower Hudson Valley. Teams from New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont collected 12,676 of the sesame seed -sized beetles from Harriman State Park, where they had been released years earlier as part of a regional HWA biocontrol effort. The number collected exceeded expectations and marks significant progress towards establishing HWA population controls. Public involvement remains essential to protecting hemlocks and anyone can help by learning to identify and report HWA using resources from the [New York State Hemlock Initiative](#) or [DEC](#). For questions or resources on hemlock conservation, visit [nyshemlockinitiative.info](#) or email nyshemlockinitiative@cornell.edu.

Milk-based Plastics

Researchers have developed a biodegradable plastic alternative using milk protein, calcium caseinate, combined with starch and bentonite nanoclay. The material decomposes in soil within 13 weeks, offering a sustainable solution for single-use plastics. While the material shows promise, further antibacterial evaluations are recommended to ensure safety. See [the full story](#).

Developing Countries Can Adapt to Climate Change Effectively Using Nature-Based Solutions

This [review](#) analyzes the effectiveness of adaptation interventions in low- and middle-income countries across agricultural and coastal sectors and highlights those that advance both adaptation and development goals. Nature-based solutions delivered the strongest positive outcomes for both risk reduction and development co-benefits.

'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grants Open Through August 31

Approximately \$5 million in funding is available in the fifth round of the State's ['Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program](#). The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on **August 31, 2026**, in SFS Grants Management. Grant funds will be awarded on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted, or the August 31 deadline. Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York State may apply for grant awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$1 million. A 10 percent match is required. A portion of the funding for projects in this round will be available upfront to assist with the high costs associated with these practices. [Learn more](#).

Take the Pesticide-free Pledge and Receive a Free Lawn Sign!

[Receive a FREE lawn sign](#) when you pledge to protect your family, pets, wildlife and waterbodies by having a pesticide-free lawn or eliminating use of pesticides on your lawn and making your lawn a pesticide-free safe "Home for the Gnomes". Overuse and misuse of garden chemicals can be harmful to humans, pets, wildlife and waterbodies. Collectively, residents control about 900,000 acres of lawn in New York alone - 75% of the managed turf in the state. Pledge to eliminate pesticides in your lawn and receive a free lawn sign to let your neighbors know that your lawn is healthy and safe.

Funding for Clean Energy Business Interns

NYSERDA has revised [PON 4000: the New York State Clean Energy Internship Program](#), which provides funding to eligible clean energy businesses, organizations, and local municipalities to hire interns to perform meaningful work in the clean energy sector. Both clean energy businesses and intern candidates can apply to participate in the program. Accepted businesses will select, interview, and hire interns, and NYSERDA provides reimbursement on a percentage of the interns' wages.

Local Business Promotes Refilling and Reducing Plastic Waste

[True North Refillery](#) is a new store (opening soon) created with one simple goal: make sustainable living easier, more accessible, and a little more fun for our community. They offer convenient refill options that help reduce single-use plastic and everyday waste; without sacrificing quality or style. True North Refillery is 100% woman-owned and operated by a local entrepreneur who believes small changes can make a big impact. Bring your containers (or grab one there!), explore new alternatives, and join in building a cleaner, more conscious community.

Let's Go Compost Providing Worm Composting Kits for Public Libraries

Let's Go Compost is proud to support public libraries and local communities with composting education. They are able to provide a limited number of free library composting kits each year to qualifying public libraries, based on available funding. Kits typically include a worm farm, a compost-related book, activity guides, and ongoing virtual staff support. These kits help libraries host hands-on STEM programs, build garden connections, and engage patrons of all ages in hands-on learning about soil health, waste reduction, and local stewardship. [Learn more and apply for a kit.](#)

Discover the Power of Pee-Cycling for Plants: Why Flush it Away?

On the latest episode of Small Farms Radio, they spoke about all things pee-cycling with Dr. Rebecca Nelson of Cornell University. They discussed the crop nutrient, financial, and human health contexts of pee-cycling on small farms and home gardens, and the future of the circular resource economy. [Listen to the podcast.](#)

Drop Off Your Cans and Help Audubon

Help Buffalo Audubon raise funds by dropping off your cans and bottles at Xtra Dime Recycling, 1041 Englewood Ave., (between Sheridan and Kenmore). Stop by Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and mention Buffalo Audubon.

Case Studies Illustrate How Agrivoltaics Preserves Farmland

In an installment in its "Paved Over" series, *Farm Progress* featured the stories of [farms around the country that have adopted agrivoltaics](#) as a way to increase farm income and protect farmland. Farmers have added solar energy production to agricultural enterprises from growing vegetables in Massachusetts to grazing sheep in Texas. In this news story, producers relate how solar panels can provide energy for on-farm value-added operations or generate energy for sale as an additional revenue source to help farms support multiple generations.

Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

The Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (LEWPA) has developed a webpage with 20-minute educational videos designed for municipal officials but are also informative for the public. Learn more about watersheds and the issues impacting water quality at www.tinyurl.com/municipaltraining.

Environmental Issue: File a report to the DEC and/or U.S. Attorney's Office

See dark smoke or dust rising from an industrial site, or smell something foul? Visit [here](#) to file a DEC report, or, for rapid response, call 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267) or the NYS Spill Hotline (1-800-457-7362). Report petroleum or chemical spills to the [Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\) Spill Hotline](#) at 1-800-457-7362.

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

Reuse Action helps deconstruct buildings to return building materials to the supply chain. The store will also take your used furniture, cabinetry or building supplies. Don't send them to the landfill, donate them. Profits from sales put people to work! Check out www.reuseaction.com, call the store at 716-894-3366, or stop by 980 Northampton Street.

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) Case Study Library

NYSP2I offers a wide-ranging [library of case studies](#) that exemplifies effective pollution prevention initiatives throughout New York State. These case studies are intended to provide examples of successful pollution prevention strategies and technologies that have been put into use as a result of NYSP2I's assistance. The library offers a range of examples, from energy conservation and waste reduction to manufacturing, resource conservation and environmental engineering.

Introducing a Printable Sign: Pollinator Habitat in Progress!

Over the years, many have asked for something temporary to help explain to your neighbors why their future pollinator habitat looks the way it does. Whether you're smothering, tilling, or just waiting for the plants to establish, this [printable sign](#) can help you communicate that soon blooms will be abundant! This printable sign (18" x 24") file can be downloaded and sent to a printing service of your choice.

Mosquito Yard Spraying Influences Pollinators

Sprays to kill adult mosquitoes are a source of insecticide exposure to beneficial insects, including pollinators, but the risks to pollinators are not well quantified. In this study, silicone bands were deployed to capture drift from hired home mosquito sprays and from mosquito control district (MCD) sprays. They calculated honey bee "risk quotients" (an RQ of 1 = the LD50 for honey bees), and found concerning potential for risk to pollinators, with an average pyrethroid insecticide RQ of 6.6, 0.12, and 0.03 for yards with hired sprays, neighbor drift, and MCD sprays, respectively. Even though the latter two categories had lower risk quotients, there was considerable variation and some individual yards showed elevated levels with the potential to harm pollinators. We also calculated risk quotients for specific pyrethroids and three species of butterflies, and found levels of risk tied to moderate to high levels of risk in many yards. Our results suggest that, on a site by site basis, residential mosquito sprays, in particular barrier sprays performed by private companies, likely pose a significant risk to pollinators.

<https://stacksjournal.org/article/anderson-25013/>

Glyphosate Levels Used Correlated with Increased Human Cancers

A new report is giving one more reason to pause before spraying Roundup on your vegetable garden. In March, Food & Water Watch, an environmental advocacy group, released a [report](#) analyzing glyphosate use, the main ingredient in Roundup, and its link to cancer clusters across the United States. It found that in counties where glyphosate is sprayed the most, rates of non-Hodgkin lymphoma tend to be significantly higher than the national average. While most is used commercially for genetically-modified "Round-up" ready crops, homeowners should consider their use too. [Read more.](#)

LEED Green Associate Training - Webinar and Online Self-paced Options

LEED Green Associate is a credential which will enhance your professional credentials, open doors to new job opportunities and help advance your career in the green building industry. [Register for a live webinar](#) or start today with an on-demand recorded workshop completed anytime at your own pace from Leading Green. Cost: \$200 - Students can use the coupon code 'green' for \$50 off (Discounted course price \$150). Save your seat by [registering](#) for our live or self-paced options.

National Grid Grant Opportunities

The National Grid Economic Development Grants Programs offer unique grants to businesses related to energy efficiency, energy infrastructure, clean energy, and more. If you are considering any energy upgrades or changes on your farm, [take a look](#) to see if your projects could qualify. In addition, the Agri-business Program includes low-cost financing and grants for energy efficiency. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free Online Course: Continuous Living Cover 101

Continuous Living Cover 101 is a self-paced, online course for agriculture, conservation, and technical assistance professionals – as well as anyone else who is curious to learn more about CLC! Continuous Living Cover 101 introduces the concept, describes five basic strategies (annuals + cover crops, agroforestry, perennial grains, perennial forage and grazing, and perennial biomass) to achieve CLC, and goes over economic and environmental benefits with on-farm examples. There is no cost, and the course is available on three different platforms. [Access the course.](#)

Free Access to Parks, Campgrounds, and More for Veterans and Gold Star Families

New York State veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to New York State parks, campgrounds, day use areas, historic sites and recreations through the expansion of the Lifetime Liberty Pass Program. All Veterans and certain Gold Star Family members who are residents of New York State are now eligible for this pass. [Apply for the pass.](#)

Free Educational Resources on Electricity in the US

Download an [ebook](#) on “The Future of Electric Power in the US” and a [paper](#) on “Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation’s Electricity System”. As data centers use increasing amounts of electricity, the nation must plan.

Follow the NYS Firewood Regulation to Help Protect New York’s Trees

Invasive pests like [emerald ash borer](#), [Asian longhorned beetle](#), and [spotted lanternfly](#) can hitch a ride to new areas in or on untreated firewood. Limit the spread of invasive species by following [New York State’s firewood regulation](#): Untreated, New York-grown firewood must stay within a 50-mile radius of its source or origin, Untreated firewood may not be brought into New York from any other state, Heat-treated firewood can be transported anywhere in New York, but it must have a receipt or label that says, “New York Approved Heat-Treated Firewood/Pest-Free.”

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

Grant Applications for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's (OPRHP) "Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program" is now open! Connect New York school age children (pre-K through grade 12) with nature, outdoor recreation, and history by reimbursing eligible costs for field trips to state and national parks, historic sites, and New York State owned public lands. Funding is available for: schools, municipalities, libraries and eligible not-for-profits that are physically located in a New York school district that receives Title 1 funding. **Applications must be submitted six weeks before the field trip is planned to occur**, and no earlier than six months prior to the field trip. [Applications](#) will be reviewed on a rolling basis in the order they are received, while funding is available.

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

Thousands of educators across the country are using Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs) in their classrooms, and now, you can join them! Take the **free**, self-paced eeLEARN: MWEE 101 online course to begin planning your very own student-centered approach to evidence-driven learning that's grounded in real-world environmental issues. [Get started.](#)

Greenhouse Gas Emission E-Learning Courses

Two free, self-paced e-learning courses are available and cover Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) Basics and Reduction Potential. [Explore the courses.](#)

Free Sustainability Course for Teachers

[Walton Sustainability Teachers Academy Introductory Course](#), is a **free, two-hour introductory course** that trains educators on the basics of sustainability. This is an ideal course for those just getting started with sustainability or needing practical ways to bring sustainability into the classroom. Join hundreds of other K-12 teachers who are bringing meaningful sustainability lessons into their classrooms. [Enroll](#).

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[Climate and Energy Games](#)

[Ecorise](#)-standards-aligned lessons and our teacher education courses

[Sustainable art workshop guide with 8+ designs turning plastic water bottles into art](#)

[WasteWay](#) is a data visualization platform that tracks the journey of waste. Drawing on data from 105 recycling centers in 15 major U.S. cities, the online learning tool helps students and educators better understand the full impact of their choices.

Sustainable Food & Clean Energy Negotiation Simulations-free. Our negotiation simulations are similar to Model UN or mock trial as they put participants into the role of hypothetical stakeholders coming together to try to solve a sustainability challenge. The simulations come in two versions, one focused on sustainable food and one focused on clean energy. Contact events@earthdayinitiative.org

[The Sun and Its Energy](#) (Primary, Grades K-2)

[Wonders of the Sun](#) (Elementary, Grades 3-5)

[Energy From the Sun](#) (Intermediate, Grades 6-8)

[Exploring Photovoltaics](#) (Secondary, Grades 9-12)

[Climate Action Simulation](#) role-playing game, powered by the [En-ROADS Simulator](#), not only teaches participants about high-impact climate solutions but also results in real-world climate action.

[Science of Biofuels](#)- Investigate the science, systems, and trade-offs of making energy from biofuels.

[Science of Geothermal](#)- Dive into Earth's internal energy and how we harness and use it.

[Energy Demand and Scale](#)- Help students explore how electricity systems operate to keep energy supply and demand in constant balance.

[Microplastics lessons](#)

[Walking Softer Education](#) is a free, ready-to-implement program that equips high school educators with engaging, NGSS-aligned curriculum focused on environmental sustainability. This opportunity is open to any high school class, club, or out-of-school-time program across the U.S.

[Becoming a Climate Change Educator Toolkit](#) was designed for formal and nonformal educators from all subject areas and grade levels who are new to teaching climate change, although there are certainly activities and tips that may interest seasoned climate change educators. Dig into the activities to prepare yourself to teach the many aspects of climate change, including how to connect to your values and how to prepare yourself to support students as they process the many feelings that come along with learning about climate change.

[Green Club Guide](#) helps educators lead middle- and high-school clubs with tools and inspiration to make a lasting impact on our environment. It connects local action projects to WWF's conservation mission and helps students contribute to a sustainable future.

[Electric Universe](#)-Energy activities for kids

[Keeping it Wild Compassionate Coexistence](#) teaching curriculum modules for primary (K–2), upper elementary (grades 3–5), and middle school (grades 6–8) levels. This curriculum provides teachers with the tools to teach kids about North America's wild carnivores.

[Food Waste Education](#) -materials on food waste basics and food waste reduction techniques that are designed for use in the classroom and at home. There are several playful and educational activities for groups ages 6-11 and 9-11. The handbooks offer a starting point for parents and educators to discuss food loss and waste and how it can be avoided.

[SubjectToClimate](#): Free professional development opportunities including on-demand webinars like *Climate Change Teaching Tips* and *Developing Climate Change Lessons*, and online workshops.

[NEED Curriculum](#)-National Energy Education Development has resources for different grades and energy-related topics.

[Evolution in Paradise](#)-Tropical birds of paradise are the inspiration for this three-activity lesson plan exploring life science concepts such as evolution natural through sexual selection and behavioral adaptations and heritability. Developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for middle and high school levels (grades 6–12), the lesson plan's activities incorporate actual video footage from science researchers working as part of the BirdsofParadiseProject.org and feature hands-on experiences and lively discussions about life science content throughout.

[Dive Into Shark Education from the Classroom](#)- Resources for elementary through high school on sharks.

[NEEF Infographic: Biomonitoring with Benthic Macroinvertebrates](#)-Biomonitoring uses aquatic organisms as biological indicators of water quality. This infographic from NEEF will help you gain a greater understanding and appreciation of benthic macroinvertebrates and the important role they play in biomonitoring.

[Waterloo Climate Institute: Illuminate Climate Change Game](#)- Illuminate is an educational simulation game that teaches players about the impacts of climate change, ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and how to respond to climate risks.

[Salmon Restoration Investigations](#)- Students explore data and possible solutions to restore salmon populations.

[uBEATS Interactive Online STEM Modules](#)-Building Excellence in Academics Through STEM (BEATS) is a series of online science, technology, engineering, and math learning modules for grades 6–12 exploring topics in genetics, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, public health, and health science careers

[Sea Otters Case Study \(APES Unit 1\) \(FREE\)](#)- A great way to explore ecosystems and keystone species.

[En-Roads & C-Roads Climate Simulator Activities \(FREE\)](#): Interactive activities to explore climate policy and energy choices.

[ORISE: Invasive Species Lesson Plan](#)- designed for students in Grade 6 and takes place over ten one-hour lessons. Students will be able to define and give examples of invasive species, describe the impact an invasive species has on an ecosystem, and use the engineering design process to mitigate the impact of an invasive species.

[LunaSustain](#)-Take your students on an interactive online journey from Earth to the Moon and beyond to learn about sustainability. Site encourages students to become "solutionaries" by using critical and creative thinking skills to look at sustainability in new ways. Activities include calculating your carbon footprint and making air breathable on the International Space Station. Students who complete LunaSustain can sign their own "My Sustainability Pledge."

[STEAM Powered Family: Bird Feeder STEM Project for Kids](#)-Young people can have fun designing bird feeders from recycled materials while learning about their local environment. This resource features several simple bird feeder designs that you can replicate or can inspire other designs.

[Educational resource package for I Am A Scientist initiative](#), featuring four alumni of the International Science and Engineering Fair. The multimedia collection is free to download and includes interactive digital stories, classroom posters and teaching guides that showcase pathways and possibilities in STEM careers.

[The Bridge](#)- go-to for all marine and aquatic education resources. It is a clearinghouse of lessons and activities across grade levels and includes incredibly strong use of data that is student-accessible. Every lesson is vetted by teachers and organized by subject and grade level.

[Science Career Books for Kids](#)-Learn more about what it takes to be a volcanologist, disease ecologist, climate modeler, and many other careers through whimsical whiteboard animations and coloring pages from the USGS.

[World Wildlife Federation Lesson Library](#)-Choose from a variety of toolkits featuring information guides and activities about some of WWF's priority species and conservation goals. These subject-integrated lessons are perfect for school, home, or any learning environment and will leave kids with an understanding of how their actions help shape the future of nature.

[Printables: Wildlife Species Cards](#)- Explore a world of fascinating animals like the black-footed ferret and Asian elephant with a collection of species cards. These fun and educational printables showcase each animal's characteristics, behaviors, habitats, threats, and more. Kids can use cards to reinforce concepts, build vocabulary, and explore the animal kingdom at their own pace.

[Women in Oceans Careers](#)-What does it mean to be a woman in an ocean science career? What different career paths are available, and how does one get there? Hear from inspiring women working throughout the National Marine Sanctuary System.

[Nature's Benefits Card Game](#)-fun way to teach important lessons about ecosystems. Players explore how people benefit from nature, how our actions impact the benefits we receive, and how working together can sustain benefits for everyone.

[Crossword activity focused on endangered animals](#). -Have students complete the puzzle and then read about one of the animals detailed in the puzzle to learn more about it.

[Knowles Experiential Learning Project \(KELP\) Resource Bank](#)- real-world lessons exploring the Galápagos Islands ecosystem. Designed for students in grades 9–12, but adaptable for middle and college levels, the lessons are anchored in real-world phenomena and address topics in biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, Earth science, and mathematics.

[EarthEcho Water Monitoring Activities](#)- provides videos, data sheets, resources, and equipment to guide teachers and students in executing a water monitoring event. The materials are very user-friendly and students across many grade levels can learn and take action.

[NOAA's updated coral bleaching module](#). New data visualization tools and an updated design make this resource more engaging than ever. With access to a range of historic and current data, you'll discover what's happening to coral reefs and how they're impacted by climate change. Perfect for sparking curiosity and building science skills!

[Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture](#) explores how changes in temperature, invasive species, and extreme weather events influenced by climate change will all impact growing food and raising livestock in North America. These lessons are great for 6th-12th grade students and follow Common Core State Standards.

[The Nature Conservancy: Nature Lab Virtual Field Trips](#)-These virtual labs from TNC include videos, teacher guides, and student activities for ages 9-15 on topics from Colombia's páramo ecosystem to the secret life of corals.

[Biodiversity lesson plan](#) encourages students to explore biodiversity, including what it is, how human activities are putting it at risk, and what we can do to protect it. Students discover the wide array of organisms that populate our planet, research one of the almost one million species currently at risk, explore the diversity of life in their own backyard, and learn what they can do to lessen human impact on biodiversity. The lesson integrates STEM, English Language Arts, and Social and Emotional Learning.

[Schoolyard Habitats® campaign](#) and action cards allow students to learn about the habitat elements needed for wildlife to thrive while increasing native habitat and biodiversity. Plus, the school will gain an outdoor space for learning, support physical and mental well-being, and expand the community's green space. The new action cards provide the road map and resources for schools to complete the process from start to finish.

[The Bee Conservancy: Classroom Resources](#)- inspire environmental stewardship, instill actionable knowledge about the world's 20,000 bee species, introduce factors that contribute to bee population decline, and describe kid-friendly ways to build habitat and food supplies that support bees.

[Food Solutions: Climate Change Action for K-2](#) focuses on food and climate, written by and for elementary educators!

[Facilitate Authentic Science Investigations with *Students as Scientists*-Nature-based Inquiry](#) unit guides your students through the full range of science practices, from asking their own questions to designing and carrying out studies to answer them. Choose the unit for your grade-band (K-5 or 6-12) and immediately gain access to 6 lessons and supporting resources.

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[National Wildlife Federation 2026 Graduate Student Research Fellowships](#). Fellows will work directly with NWF staff on specific research efforts in three different focus areas. Deadline: **April 5**.

[NEED Youth Awards for Energy Achievement](#)- This national competition highlights student-led energy projects and classroom-based learning. Submissions are due **April 15**.

[New York Recycles Calendar Artwork Contest](#)- The NYS Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³) sponsors the annual contest open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade in New York State public and private schools, youth organizations or home schooled are welcome to participate. If a student's school or classroom is not participating, a student may still submit an individual entry. Deadline: **May 15**.

[Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge](#) honors K-12 science teachers who deliver exceptional laboratory programs despite resource constraints. This recognition celebrates educators who use innovative approaches to create outstanding hands-on learning experiences, even with limited equipment and materials. The challenge also highlights exemplary science education in communities surrounding Shell USA Inc. facilities. Learn more and submit your application by **May 1, 2026**.

[Grow-NY Applications Open](#)- business competition focused on growing an enduring food and agriculture innovation cluster in the Grow-NY region. Funded by Empire State Development, the competition attracts innovative, high-growth food and agriculture startups from across the globe and engages them in the region's rapidly growing startup ecosystem. Applications are open through **May 15**.

[Eco-Schools U.S. Certification](#) -window opens from April 3 to June 5. Take a quick look at the [Action Card Point Guide](#) as a reminder of how point values are assessed as you work towards certification. Take a few minutes to review the updated [Certification Rubric](#) to ensure your school meets its certification goals. The rubric highlights the three main areas where assessors typically see schools fall short of their goals—whole school engagement, community engagement, and action card description—while also providing in-depth examples for additional guidance. Completion by **June 5**.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[2026 Dave Sauer Memorial College Scholarship](#)-For Current High School Seniors, awarded by The Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section. Deadline: **April 3.**

[2026 Dominic Buccilli College Scholarship](#)- For Current College Students Only, awarded by The Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section. Deadline: **April 3.**

[Great Lakes AIS Landing Blitz Grant Opportunity](#)-Grants are intended to support in-person outreach to recreational boaters in coordination with the annual regional Great Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species Landing Blitz (June 29-July 12). Deadline: **April 5.**

[Region 2 Wetland Program Development Grant](#) -assist state, Tribal, territory, and local government (S/T/T/LG) agencies and interstate/intertribal entities in developing or refining state/Tribal/territory/local programs which protect, manage, and restore wetlands. Deadline: **April 10.**

[Farm Credit East Farmers Market Grant Program](#)- small grants to Northeast farmers markets to support their promotion and development efforts. Any market located within the eight-state New England territory is eligible to apply for \$500 to support participating farmers, complete market enhancements, conduct marketing efforts, and/or host programs that support disadvantaged communities or improve food access. Deadline: **April 15.**

[Phragmites Active Adaptive Management](#)-Deadline: **April 15.**

[Open Space Conservation Grant Program](#)- to protect and preserve open space in New York State. Municipalities, not-for-profits, and Indian Nations or Tribes can apply. Projects must align with the goals of the [New York State Open Space Land Conservation Plan](#). Deadline: **April 15, 2026.**

[Western New York Great Lakes Restoration Grant Program](#)-funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and administered through Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, this funding opportunity will support projects ranging from \$25,000 through \$500,000 that address invasive species control, habitat restoration, or stormwater runoff reduction within Niagara River/Lake Erie watershed communities. Letters of Intent are due no later than **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 3:00 PM ET.**

[Value Added Producer Grants in New York](#)-This program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities that generate new products from raw agricultural commodities, create and expand marketing opportunities, or increase producer income through enhanced product value and market reach. These grants support either planning activities (e.g., feasibility studies, business and marketing plans) or working capital needs (e.g., processing, packaging, advertising, inventory, and salaries). Deadline: **April 22.**

[NYSP2I Community Grants](#)-funding to support projects that raise awareness and understanding and lead to the implementation of pollution prevention practices and/or behaviors at the local level with the goal of improving the health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of communities in New York State. Deadline: **April 24.**

[Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program](#)-funds projects that will help improve Great Lakes water quality by reducing nutrient loads from agricultural watersheds and eroding shorelines and streams. A webinar for potential applicants will be held on March 11 at 2:00PM. Deadline: **April 27.**

[Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework \(ACPF\)](#) grants to create targeted outreach plans for agricultural conservation practice siting. Eligible Indigenous Nations, nonfederal units of government, and incorporated nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for small grants of up to \$10,000. Deadline: **April 27**

[National Environmental Education Training Program Grant](#)- supports environmental education (EE) and training for teachers and other education professionals through the National Environmental Education and Training Program (NEETP), informally known as the Office of Environmental Education's teacher training program. The purpose of this program is to provide EE training and long-term support to formal and non-formal education professionals across the United States, bolstering their ability to effectively teach about environmental issues. Deadline: **April 27.**

[NYS Food and Fiber Processing Grant Program](#)- Deadline: **April 28, 2026.**

[Economic Evaluation of Nature-Based Solutions for Stormwater Management](#)-The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) is seeking proposals to carry out an economic evaluation of community benefits using diverse case studies of nature-based solutions (NBS) for stormwater management implemented in rural, suburban, and urban communities across the Great Lakes basin. Deadline: **April 30.**

[NFWF Five Star Grant](#)- The Five Star grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Deadline: **May 15.**

[Green School Grant](#)-NYSAR³ will award projects implemented during the 2026-2027 school year. Multiple projects will be awarded for a maximum of \$1,000 each. The goal is to provide funds to develop new programs or support existing programs related to the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle), composting, and outreach. All public and private, K-12, schools in New York State are eligible to apply for funding. Deadline: **May 15.**

[New York Pollinator Conservation Fund](#)-invites proposals for smaller projects (\$5,000–\$20,000) to be implemented in disadvantaged communities, as identified through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Deadline: **May 20.**

[2027 National Sea Grant College Program Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship](#) - eligible graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources. The program, sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Sea Grant College Program, matches highly qualified graduate students with "hosts" in the legislative and executive branches of government located in the Washington, DC area, for a one-year paid fellowship. Deadline: **June 3, 2026.**

[NYS Beginning Farmer Grant](#)- will provide 1.7 million to support beginning farmers in building financially sustainable, independent, commercial agricultural enterprises throughout New York State. Deadline: **June 14.**

[New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization \(NY PLAYS\) Initiative](#)- a competitive grant program to help municipalities and nonprofit organizations construct, expand and renovate public playgrounds for all abilities across New York State. Eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations may apply for NY PLAYS grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$2.5 million for the acquisition, design, construction, major renovation or equipping of public playgrounds, along with other related capital costs necessary to complete a project. Grantees must demonstrate a 20 percent match toward total project costs. Applications will be accepted from May 4 through **June 15, 2026 no later than 3:00pm.**

[Greenway Standing Committee and Greenway Ecological Fund](#). Projects should support at least one of the following: land acquisition and conservation; habitat research; aquatic and terrestrial land restoration for habitat and species benefits and/or ecosystem services; or ecological stewardship activities and education. Applicants must be from one of the following entities within the Niagara River Greenway: a not-for-profit corporation with IRS determination as a 501c3 entity; a city, town village, county or Indigenous Nation located in the area defined by the [Niagara River Greenway Plan](#); or a public benefit corporation organized under the laws of New York State. Cycle 2: Application deadline: **June 30.**

[‘Regenerate NY’ Forestry Cost Share Grant Program](#). The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supporting green jobs and local economies. For Round 5 of this grant opportunity, DEC's goal is to support underserved landowners and priority projects. A portion of the grant funds will be reserved until March 10, 2026, for landowners and projects that meet the following criteria: active or veteran military landowners; first time landowners (owned property less than 10 years); and State or Federally recognized Indian Nations or Tribes or projects dedicated to improving the health of significantly degraded forests due to an insect pest or disease outbreak; and large scale planting projects (greater than 5 acres). Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. **Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on August 31, 2026, in SFS Grants Management.**

[Dart Stormwater Grant](#)- Council of the Great Lakes Region is offering a grant to help communities purchase, install and monitor innovative stormwater filtration systems designed to capture and prevent land-based plastic litter, oil and sediment from entering our waterways and ultimately the Great Lakes. **Rolling until funding allocation.**

[Critical Material Innovation, Efficiency and Alternatives](#)-designed to conduct a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercialization to develop alternatives to critical materials, to promote their efficient production and use, and ensure a long-term secure and sustainable supply of them. **Rolling until funding allocation.**

[T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program](#) - Building community, together. We're focusing on revitalizing community spaces in towns with 50,000 people or less. Submit a proposal for a town project of your choice, and if selected, use the funds to get started. Deadline: **Quarterly**

[The Story of Stuff Project Grassroots Grant Program](#)- BIPOC-led groups focusing on water privatization, plastic pollution, or environmental justice projects that are campaign-focused, community driven, and serve communities of color can receive up to \$5,000. Deadline: **Quarterly**

[Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant](#) - The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality. Deadline: **Ongoing**

[Amber Grants for Women](#)-funds for women's businesses. Deadline: **Ongoing with monthly and quarterly funding.**

[Groundswell Grants for Black Buffalo](#)- stabilization funds awarded to Black-owned and Black-led nonprofits and small businesses working in East Buffalo. Deadline: **Rolling.**

[The Karma for Cara Foundation](#) is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Deadline: **Rolling.**

[Ben and Jerry's Foundation National Grants](#)- offers two-year unrestricted, general operating support grants of up to \$30,000 per year, to small (budgets under \$350,000), constituent-led grassroots organizations throughout the US and its territories to support groups carrying out activities that address the impacts of inequity and injustice in their communities. Deadline: **Rolling.**

[Kauffman Foundation Grants](#)-The Kauffman Foundation accepts new ideas and innovative project submissions throughout the year. They support ideas and solutions designed to improve education, boost entrepreneurship, and help communities and individuals thrive. Deadline: **Rolling.**

[Toyota 4Good Grants](#)- Projects that are needed and will help contribute to the long- term sustainability of the community. Deadline: **Rolling.**

[The Story of Stuff Project Grassroots Grant Program](#)-BIPOC-led groups focusing on water privatization, plastic pollution, or environmental justice are encouraged to apply. We support projects that value local community involvement and organizing, creative interventions, strategic thinking, and both defensive "fight-back" and offensive solutions-focused projects. Deadline: **Rolling**

[Power of Youth Summer of Service Grants](#) - The Challenge will provide 201 grants to young people seeking to serve their communities. Young people ages 13-19 across the country are encouraged to apply now for the \$300 grants. Projects can address any issue/need that youth are passionate about. Deadline: **Rolling**

[Climate Emergency Fund Grants](#) - The Climate Emergency Funds awards grants up to \$75,000 across four major campaigns: Confronting Media Climate Silence, Climate Emergency Campaigning, Building Movement Infrastructure, and Back To The Streets. Deadline: **Rolling**

[Global Youth Mobilization Grant](#)-Do you have an idea for a solution to overcome a community challenge created by the COVID-19 pandemic? Any young person between the ages of 14 – 30 can apply for funding from \$500 –\$5,000. Deadline: **Rolling.**

[The Pollination Project Grants](#) support organizations/groups that do not have any paid staff with initial grants of up to \$1,000. Successful grantees become eligible for larger impact grants of up to \$5,000 and other support. One grant is awarded every day. Deadline: **Rolling**

[The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program](#) is designed to connect New York State students with nature and history. Each grant reimburses of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for Special Education students) for trips to state and federal parks, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[H2O for Life Mini-Grants](#) provide \$250-\$500 mini-grants for schools to organize projects that educate youth about the global water crisis and help them take action to provide water, sanitation and hygiene education (WASH) for global partner schools. Deadline: **Rolling**

[The Kars4Kids Small Grant Program](#) is dedicated to supporting education, mentoring, and youth development programs around the country that help children develop into productive members of their community. Grants typically range from \$500-\$2,000. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Avantor Foundation Science and Technology Education Grants](#) funds community-based organizations that teach science and technology to underserved high school students. Eligible applicants are invited to submit a Letter of Intent via email. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[NIEHS Conference Grants](#)-The mission of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is to discover how the environment affects people in order to promote healthier lives. All conference grant proposals must focus on or clearly indicate relevance to advancing our understanding of the role of environment and/or gene-environment interactions in disease/dysfunction. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Saving Species](#)- We help local conservation groups purchase land for conservation and habitat restoration, and may consider projects for restoration of habitat on land that is within an existing protected area. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovation Grant Program](#) funds projects and programs related to research and development for new and emerging clean technologies by working with universities, colleges, research institutes and laboratories as well as entrepreneur incubator, accelerator and business plan competitions. If you would like to submit a topic for consideration, provide a brief description (150 words or less). **Rolling**

[Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant](#)- up to \$200 available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators. To apply for a grant, complete an NGC Grant Application, and provide detailed information about the project.

[Cornell Douglas Foundation](#)- Its mission is to provide small grants to organizations which promote the vision of the foundation: advocating for environmental health and justice, encouraging stewardship of the environment, and furthering respect for sustainability of resources. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Cedar Tree Foundation](#)- Letters of Inquiry Accepted at Any Time. Areas: Environmental Education, Environmental Health, Sustainable Agriculture.

[Food Waste Grants](#) –reimburses businesses that generate over one ton of food waste per week to offset cost of select technologies and equipment that reduce or divert that food waste from landfill or incineration. Projects must reduce and/or divert wasted food at a NYS business including supermarkets, restaurants, and hospitals. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[VolunTEEN Nation International Service Project Grants](#)- Students (ages 13-22) from the US going abroad to volunteer or study in a developing country are encouraged to apply for an international service-learning mini-grant. Grants are for up to \$300 to create a service project in a developing country while you are visiting that country. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[KEEN Effect](#) is committed to inspiring responsible outdoor participation to help preserve the places we all play. Through the KEEN Effect, \$10,000 grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations around the world who are dedicated to responsible outdoor participation. Projects must increase responsible outdoor participation as a way to work towards building a strong community. Deadline: **Ongoing**.

[Everyday Young Hero Award](#)- young people, ages 5-25, who are improving their communities through service to others and making significant progress in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each week, YSA selects one young person to receive this honor and receive \$250 grants to continue and expand their project. Deadline: **Rolling**

[The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation](#) is dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Doris Duke Environment Program Grants](#)-For Nonprofits registered and working in the US. Permanent land protection (i.e., the acquisition of conservation easements or fee title interests to secure high-priority sites), management of lands already in protected status, and more. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[WalMart Community and Education Grants](#) . Rolling Deadline, but minimum 6 month lead time advised. 501 (c) (3) organizations, schools, religious organizations and government agencies for requests over \$250. For requests under \$250, get a local donation form from your nearest Walmart at the customer service desk.

[Environmental Research and Education Foundation](#). Open. All educational materials for sustainable solid waste management, including conferences or events, which advance the foundation's educational mission. Grants are typically not provided to support the development of educational projects.

[KaBOOM! Let's Play Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing Grants and Let's Play Maintenance Grants](#)- awards grants of \$750 each to communities who wish to top-off their Engineered Wood Fiber safety surfacing or who are working to make their existing playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting. **Rolling deadlines**.

[J-Serve Start-Up Grants](#)-J-Serve is the International Day of Jewish Youth Service. Grants are available for \$500 micro grant to communities that plan and execute projects that bring a minimum of 10 and maximum of 74 Jewish teens together in partnership with a least two movements or agencies in the community. **Rolling deadline**.

[Staying Bothered Foundation](#)-grants to nonprofits that have shown transformative leadership in the areas of education, mental wellness, and gender equity. Application deadline: **Rolling**.

[The Coca-Cola Foundation](#) partners with nonprofits that address priorities focusing on one of the following: Water Stewardship, Healthy and Active Lifestyles, Community Recycling and Education. **Rolling deadlines**.

[Kresge Foundation's Healthy Environments grant program](#) seeks to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable populations by making the places they live, learn, work and play safe and conducive to overall good health. Application deadline: **Rolling**.

[Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants](#) support nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and worldwide that provide assistance to underserved populations and leverage technology solutions to improve the reach, efficiency, and impact of services. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Technical Assistance Grant Information](#)-The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is continuously accepting applications for Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs). TAGs are a citizen participation tool available to eligible community groups to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in their community. Eligible community groups may apply to receive grants for up to \$50,000 per site.

[Shell Foundation Grant](#)—Programs that restore critical ecosystems, address water, air quality research, preserve wetlands and sponsor wetlands initiatives. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Home Depot Community Impact Grants](#)-Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to non-profit organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

[Fluor Foundation Grants](#)—Nonprofits and academic institutions. Projects promoting responsible stewardship of the environment and supports organizations that protect natural resources and habits through conservation, restoration and beautification, and environmental education. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Youth Outdoor Equity Leadership Fund](#)- The Children & Nature Network invites young leaders between the ages of 16 and 30 to request up to \$500 to grow professionally as a leader in the movement or to implement projects that create change in equitable access to nature, community health and well-being, and justice. Deadline: **Ongoing**.

[Wayfinder Mini Grants](#)- to educators leading the way on environmental education. The mini-grants will range from \$100 – \$750 and are unrestricted. Deadline: **Rolling**.

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Conservation Operations Supervisor 4](#)-DEC in Little Valley. Deadline: **April 8**.

[Fish Culturist 3](#)-DEC in Randolph. Deadline: **April 8**.

[Youth Development / Ag In the Classroom Educator](#) - CCE from Warsaw office. Deadline: **April 14**.

[Executive Director](#)-WNY Peace Center

[WNY Coalition Community Organizer](#)-Clean Air Coalition

[Ecological Restoration Assistant](#)-Tiff Nature Preserve.

[Executive Director](#)-Grassroots Gardens.

[Seasonal Farmstead Assistant](#)- Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

[Nature Camp Counselor](#) or [Counselor-In-Training \(CIT\)](#) for Buffalo Audubon- Summer employment.

[Food Distribution Assistant](#)- Providence Farm Collective

[WNY PRISM Summer Positions](#) (16)- Join the team and spend the summer gaining hands-on experience in invasive species management. Boat Steward applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; application review begins on March 2

[Environmental Education Counselor @ NYS DEC Summer Camps](#) - Spend your summer outside inspiring and educating campers aged 11 to 17. Runs mid-June through mid-August. Four Locations: Allegany, N. Adirondacks, S. Adirondacks, and Catskills. \$8,152 before tax for 10 weeks. Must have 48 college credits, at least 12 of which are in STEM or Education. Interviewing on a rolling basis. Apply now! *Email Resume, unofficial college transcript, and cover letter to campemploy@dec.ny.gov*

[Ecological Construction & Restoration Program Manager](#)-LaBella Associates. This position may be based out of their Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, or Ballston Spa offices.

[Climate Justice Planner](#)-Shared Mobility

[Development & Stewardship Officer](#)-Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

[Marketing and Communications Assistant](#)- Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

[Executive Director: WNY Peace Center](#)

[Farm Crew Member](#)-Root Down CSA, part-time, full-time and/or seasonal

[Tift Discovery Camp Counselor](#)

[Assistant Planner](#)-Buffalo Place is looking for an Assistant Planner with a passion for Downtown Buffalo.

[Program Consultant: Waste Diversion](#)-Remote.

[Providence Farm Collective Administrative Coordinator](#)- Deadline: **until filled**

[Environmental Management Assistant](#)-Niagara County.

[Tool Library Repair Technician](#)-Part-time. Deadline: **until filled**

[Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Intern](#)- paid intern for Spring/Summer 2026. Will work on outreach tasks with our Sustainability Group.

[Communications & Media Relations Manager](#)-Buffalo Science Museum.

[Part-time Exhibits Technician](#)-Buffalo Science Museum.

[Animal Behavior Manager](#)- Erie County SPCA

[Community Engagement Specialist](#)- Erie County SPCA

[Director of Planning: City of Niagara Falls](#)

[Horticulture Assistant](#)-Botanical Gardens

[Seasonal Visitor Experience Associate](#) -Botanical Gardens

[Digital Engagement Manager](#)-Field and Fork Network

[NYS Sustainable Materials Management \(SMM\) Stewardship Internship](#)- Fall and Spring

[Development and Member Associate](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Animal Keeper 1 for Rainforest Exhibit](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Education Seasonal Assistant](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Education Seasonal Summer Camp Counselor](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[EcoVerde Organic Compost Crew Member/Driver/ Laborer](#)- Full-time & Part-time available

[Paid White House Internships](#)- numerous council opportunities, varied deadlines.

[Aquarium of Niagara Internships](#)-Opportunities for high school or college students to work with marine mammals, fish, penguins and turtles. Certain requirements must be met.

[Paid Internships in the Energy Sector in NY](#)- you will gain hands-on experience in the growing clean energy sector as either a part-time or full-time paid intern in one of many potential roles.

[Clean Air Coalition Internships](#)-The Clean Air Coalition is a grassroots environmental health and justice organization based in Buffalo, New York. All internships include some operations and administrative work.

[Service Collaborative of Western New York Vista Positions/Americorps](#)-Opportunities for paid community involvement. Check out the available opportunities and eligibility.

[Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Internships](#)-Seeking individuals to work with Education Dept., Special Events, and Horticulture.

[EquiStar Intern](#) will assist both the Program Coordinator and Barn Manager in providing a therapeutic riding program during the summer sessions.

[Asha Farm Sanctuary Interns](#)- Asha's Farm Sanctuary provides a hands-on learning experience for students enrolled in colleges, universities, and trade schools.

Citizen Science

Vernal Pool Monitoring-Volunteers will be needed in 2026 and 2027 to survey select vernal pools up to three times through the year to assess habitat, amphibian breeding, and other key factors. In Region 9 there are opportunities for volunteers in Chautauqua and Erie counties. Volunteers located within (or willing to travel to) these counties can [sign up to be involved](#). For additional information, contact NYNHP Zoologist Ashley Ballou at Ashley.Ballou@dec.ny.gov.

[FISHstory](#) is a project that trains citizen science volunteers to identify and count fish and people in historic fishing photos. Data collected with your help will provide a novel picture of the fishery prior to dedicated monitoring programs and help improve our understanding of the fishery for several iconic species. Analyzing the photos will help provide better information of what people were catching during this time period, seasonality of their catches, and possibly estimate a rough catch per angler which can provide insights on the health of fish populations.

[Global Earth Challenge](#)-Collecting data from multiple citizen science projects. See how you can be involved.

[Hemlock and HWA Hunters](#)-volunteers locate hemlock stands and hemlock woolly adelgid in NY. To join our project please send us an email at cm933@cornell.edu or info@nyshemlockinitiative.info.

[EPA Citizen Science Database](#)-offers a searchable site for ways the public and EPA can partner to collect environmental information.

[Tree Pictures for NASA Data Verification](#)- NASA would like you to take a picture of a tree, please. The space agency's ICESat-2 satellite estimates the height of trees from space, and NASA has created a new tool for citizen scientists that can help check those measurements from the ground. All it takes is a smartphone, app, and tree.

[Record Your Squirrel Observations](#)-People of all ages are encouraged to contribute to Project Squirrel, a citizen science project that has been operating since 1997. Join Project Squirrel by recording squirrel observations, sharing squirrel stories, sharing squirrel photos, or contributing data to an experiment using food patches.

[CoCoRaHS](#) is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation (e.g. rain, hail and snow). By using low-cost measurement tools, training, education, and utilizing an interactive website, the goal is to provide the highest quality data for natural resource, education, and research applications. Requires purchase of an approved rain gauge.

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

<https://www.neefusa.org/story/environmental-education/how-participate-citizen-science-all-year-long>

Upcoming Community Activities:

Wednesday, April 1

Conservation Conversations: On Indigenous History, Culture and the Land-7 to 8:30pm. Black Rock Harbor Center, 52 Amherst St., 14207. Featuring Melissa Leonard. Free but [required registration](#).

GBNRTC Meeting-9:30 AM at Erie County Rath Building Room 1404, 95 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202. You can attend the monthly PCC meeting live at: meetings.gbnrtc.org/PCC

Biting Pests: A Pet Owner's Guide-Noon webinar. Understand how fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes spread disease to dogs and cats; recognize common health risks; and learn practical steps to protect your pets. [Register](#).

Falls Misconceptions-4:30 to 6 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). APRIL FOOLS! Celebrate this annual day of practical jokes and hoaxes with a walk around Niagara Falls to hear all the misconceptions surrounding the area that our team has heard over the years! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Senior Hiking Club-9:30am - 12:30pm at [Eighteen Mile Creek - Meeting Location: Parking Lot](#). Join us as we partner with Erie County Senior Services. The Hiking Club is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to stay active and enjoy the beauty of nature in the company of like-minded individuals. [Register](#).

Thursday, April 2

Bike Volunteer Night- 5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin every first Thursday. Put your own bike aside. On Thursdays, we invite everyone to 98 Colvin to work on kids bikes donated to us so that we can get them back out into the hands of those kids who need them most. <https://gobikebuffalo.org/volunteer/>

Wellness Walks-10am to noon. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. **Ages:** All Ages, **Cost:** FREE. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will take place.*

Garden Talk "Creating a Cutting Garden"-12 to 1pm. Hybrid event. Who doesn't love fresh flowers all summer long? Learn all about the do's and don'ts of creating a garden space dedicated solely to growing flowers for bouquets and arrangements with Master Gardener Connie B. Register in advance for this meeting: Call 585-343-3040 ext. 101 to register to attend in-person at Genesee CCE, 420 East Main, Batavia OR [register for online](#).

6 Minute Building Stories- Doors at 5:30 PM | Presentations 6–8 PM at Big Ditch Brewing Company, 55 E. Huron, Buffalo. Join the Buffalo Architecture Foundation for stories of success. \$5 admission at the door.

Friday, April 3

Timberdoodle Twilight Hours- 7:45 to 8:45 pm at [Evangola State Park](#). Watch in amusement as woodcocks strut their stuff in a hilarious dance that would make even the finest ballroom dancer envious. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

"What's Bugging You" talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Learn how professionals control moles and having beneficial insects in your garden. [Register](#)

Spring Egg-stravaganza- Tiff Nature Center. Join in the EGG-streme fun and EGG-citement at Tiff's annual indoor celebration of animals that hatch from eggs! Meet live animals with Messinger Woods Wildlife Care, enjoy make 'n' take crafts, games, guided hikes and hands-on activities. Plus, dye eggs using handmade, natural dyes from flowers and vegetables! Bring your own hard-boiled eggs; maximum of 6 per person. [Timed entry; advance registration required](#). Space is limited. \$14.

Buffalo Geological Society Monthly Meeting-7pm at 100 Lee St, Buffalo. Speaker: Dominic D'Amore on *"Like pulling teeth: biomechanical explanations for tooth loss in theropod dinosaurs including birds."*

Friday Morning Birdwatch-Join Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr every Friday morning at 8:00 AM. Each week we will highlight some of the different birds and habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve. [Tickets.](#)

Saturday, April 4

Springtime Welcome Walk-11am. If you are new to Reinstein Woods, or want to bring a friend who's never visited, this walk is for you! We'll talk about Reinstein Woods and explore how plants and animals are waking up to spring. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Spring Birding at Beaver Meadow- 10am to noon. [Tickets.](#) Spring is here and the birds are on their way back! Join Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr for a spring birding tour at Beaver Meadow looking for some of the first birds to return for the season.

Woods Walk: Spring Ephemerals-1pm. These woodland plants race to bloom before the shade forces them to wait another year. Maybe we can spot some along the trails, but even if we don't, there's always so much to see in the woods! No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Potting Up & Hardening Off Your Seedlings-10am to noon at Massachusetts Avenue Project 387 Massachusetts Ave. This class will cover one of the most important, but often overlooked, parts of growing from seedlings: potting your seedlings up into larger containers and hardening them off before they go into the ground. Taught by Katie Pfohl, MAP Farm Manager. [Register.](#)

Introduction to Leatherworking- 10 am - 12 pm at [Evangola State Park](#). Create your own stamped leather bracelet or hair barrette. All equipment provided. For adults only. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Vernal Pool Exploration-2 - 3:30 pm at [Joseph Davis State Park](#). Greeted by the sounds of spring, explore the trails of Joseph Davis State Park in search of vernal pools and their inhabitants! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Master Your Garden Series: Nature Journaling for Gardeners-10:00 am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Suggested donation: \$5. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email klo54@cornell.edu.

What's Growing On: Pot and Harden Seedlings-10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst, NY. Grassroots Gardens WNY is teaching a seed germination workshop at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village. Topics covered will be the basics of seed growth, viability, selection, and how you can start your garden from seed. Tickets are available here: <https://bnhv.org/bnhv-events/seed-germination>.

Safe Boating Course-8:30am to 4:30pm, \$85. Comfort Inn & Suites, 4345 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225. This course meets all the requirements under Brianna's Law (a law that requires completing the course to operate a vessel in NYS) and meets the NYS and USCG requirements for PWC/Jetski Operation and Boating Certification (i.e. Licensing). Upon successful completion, you will have met the requirements and can operate a PWC (i.e. Jet-ski) and operate a powerboat independently. You will receive a safety certificate (often referred to as a NYS Boating License or jetski license) upon successful completion of this course- certificate received same day as class. You also have the option to add an endorsement to your NYS Driver's License. [Register.](#)

Buffalo Astronomical Association Public Nights at Beaver Meadow Observatory-7 to 11pm. Free. 1610 Welch Road, North Java.

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

Earth Month TLC at Pelion-10:00 am – 12:00 pm Volunteers are needed at [Pelion Outdoor Classroom](#), 212 Best Street, each Saturday in April! If the weather seems suspect, please txt Ms. Caesandra to confirm the volunteer event is still happening at 716-803-5566.

Creating a Bird Paradise-10 to 11:30am. Join us at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge for a special program with Kathy Contrino focused on transforming your yard into a welcoming habitat for birds. Learn how invasive species impact local ecosystems and bird populations, and discover practical, easy-to-implement strategies for managing invasives in your own landscape. Kathy will share tips on selecting native plants, improving food and shelter resources, and creating healthier outdoor spaces that support birds year-round. Meet in the Education Room at the Iroquois NWR Visitor Center - 1101 Casey Rd. **Sign Up:** To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

Wild Birds and Reptiles Presentation- 1 to 3pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Dr. Bernie Clabeaux will share the mission of WNY Raptor and Wildlife Care, Inc. and highlight successful rehabilitation stories, including those of orphaned barn owls, turkey vultures, hawks, and others. She will also discuss the organization's current research projects and introduce live owl ambassadors. Helen Busch will feature reptilian ambassadors and explore the fascinating characteristics that connect these animals to their avian relatives. Meet in Education Room at the INWR Visitor Center. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

Sunday, April 5

Spring Floral Exhibit- Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Daytime admission to the Botanical Gardens is open from 10am to 4pm. [Tickets.](#)

Tuesday, April 7

Rhino Roundup: Conservation Conversation-7 to 8:30pm at the Buffalo Zoo. Join us for an in-depth look at the Buffalo Zoo's rhino conservation successes and the lasting impact of our current and past rhinoceroses. Hear from Buffalo Zoo President and CEO Lisa Smith as she explores how the Zoo supports global rhino conservation efforts, highlights key successes made possible through our animals and partnerships, and shares how these initiatives are helping protect rhinos in the wild. [Ticket.](#)

The Library of Things: Material Reuse Forum 12- 1:30 to 3pm webinar. The "Library of Things" (a collection of non-traditional, non-book items available for loan, such as tools, kitchen gadgets, and games) is a growing business in the country. In addition to local public libraries hosting libraries of things, non-profit organizations, municipalities, and community groups have also spearheaded innovative community-based lending platforms. Come to this forum to learn about how they are organized and maintained, as well as some of the challenges that can arise. [Register.](#)

Data Centers: State and Local Regulation-1pm webinar. Explore how state and local governments are responding to data center proposals, with examples of statutes and ordinances shaping energy costs and community impacts. [Info and register.](#)

Cannabis 101 Class-6pm-7:30pm at Urban Roots, 428 Rhode Island, Buffalo. Cost is \$25.00. Come and learn the fundamentals of growing Cannabis and your legal responsibilities as a home grower in NYS. We will cover all the topics you need to know to grow this unique plant successfully. You must be 21 yrs of age or older to attend. Seating is limited. You can purchase your non-refundable seat at the store or online @ <https://urbanroots.org/?s=cannabis>

Wednesday, April 8

Global Affairs Expert Webinar: Food and Water Security- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Caitlin Welsh, director of the Global Food and Water Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, will lead the conversation on food and water security. [Register.](#)

Citizens' Climate Lobby-6pm at the Buffalo-Erie County Central Library in the **Central meeting room** (2nd floor) Or zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9345918056?pwd=SmpQeFhRN01nd0hpaTURM3UxVk1BZz09> . For info, contact buffalo@citizensclimatelobby.org

Senior Saunter-10am. Experience nature at your own pace and enjoy a leisurely hour-long guided walk through the woods. For adults only. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Using Our Power: Advocating for Fair, Climate-Friendly, Food Policy in New York- 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. webinar. Join Groundswell Center for Local Food and Farming on Zoom to learn how you can take action for food system policies that support equity and climate action. Discuss the important food and agricultural policy being considered at the state level, how to take action, and strategies to share your story and perspectives as a farmer. [Learn more and register.](#)

Using Data Tools to Drive Bird Conservation-Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting, 7 pm in the Cummings Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Schuyler Lawson: "How can decades of citizen science better inform local conservation? Join Schuyler Lawson as he demonstrates how Microsoft Power BI can transform raw Christmas Bird Count data (2000–2024) into dynamic, interactive visualizations. This session will showcase how modern data tools reveal hidden trends in our local avian populations and explore a new initiative to digitize and preserve the full historical record of BOS counts. Come discover how your contributions to the field can be leveraged to strengthen our conservation efforts and boost member engagement."

WNY Stormwater Coalition Meeting-2 to 3:30pm. Please contact Mary Rossi at mary.rossi@erie.gov for meeting details and updates.

Thursday, April 9

Antarctica's View on Extreme Volcanism of the Past!-7pm. Science in the Pub talk by Dr. Adriane R. Lam, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University. Prior to the mass extinction event that killed the non-avian dinosaurs, called the End-Cretaceous Mass Extinction, there was extensive volcanism that was occurring on the Indian Subcontinent. Although geologists are now certain this volcanism did not cause the mass extinction event, we are still unsure if this volcanism, and more importantly the vast amounts of greenhouse gas it spewed into the atmosphere, affected marine plankton. In Spring of 2026, a team of U.S. based researchers, including paleontologists and geochemists, will collect marine sediments from Seymour Island, Antarctica, to quantify how pulses of volcanic activity changed plankton communities prior to the extinction interval. This talk will focus on the expedition to Antarctica, the process of obtaining samples through coring and surface collection, and will dive more into the science the team will be working on in the coming years. [Register.](#)

Wellness Walks-10am to noon. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. **Ages:** All Ages, **Cost:** FREE. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will take place.*

Co-op Fest Kick-Off Party and Mixer-6pm at *Polish Cooperative Savings and Loan building* at Cafe Gezellig - 617 Fillmore Ave, Buffalo. In addition to being able to connect with fellow cooperators, this will be an opportunity for you to give your input on this year's Co-op Fest! This yearly event is all about showcasing and promoting our local co-ops, and we want to hear from you on how to make it even better! Please join us for guided discussion, networking, and mingling. We will serve snacks and there will be a cash bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Whether you're a member of an existing co-op, interested in starting a cooperative, or want to learn more about Buffalo's co-op community, this event is for you!

Green Drinks-Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks at 5:30pm at Mint Mojito Bar (1225 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213) and co-hosted with [Gardens Buffalo Niagara](#). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Rights of Nature WNY Discussion-6pm at 371 Delaware at Trinity Episcopal Church (upstairs room).

Friday, April 10

Owl Prowl-5:30 - 7 pm at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Explore the hidden trails of Fort Niagara with a Park Naturalist in search of elusive owls! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Friday Morning Birdwatch-Join Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr every Friday morning at 8:00 AM. Each week we will highlight some of the different birds and habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve. [Tickets.](#)

Friday Field Days-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Thomas F. Higgins Natural Habitat Park \(Bailey Peninsula\) - Parking Lot](#). Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools. Volunteers Needed: 10, Task: Planting native perennials, seeding, and strawing, Rain Date April 17th, [Register for Friday Field Days](#)

Saturday, April 11

Dare to Repair Café-11am to 2pm @ UB South Allen Hall (3485 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214). Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Community Shredding and Textile Recycling Event-9am to noon at JFK Park (363 Clinton St.). Details at <https://buffalorecycles.org/calendar/>

Birding for Kids-10am. Learn tips and tricks for spotting birds in the woods and try out binoculars on a guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Stories in the Woods-2pm. Celebrate the Week of the Young Child by hearing a nature story, followed by a guided walk in the woods. For children ages 3–7. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Ontario Pebble Painters- 1:30 - 3 pm at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Join a Park Naturalist at Wilson Tuscarora State Park for an Eco-Friendly rock painting program. Visitors will have the chance to walk the beach to gain inspiration before painting their rocks. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Buffalo Bonsai Society- 1pm. STEM Building, Erie Community College North Campus 6205 Main St., Amherst, New York. Bring your own tree. https://www.buffalobonsaisociety.com/monthly_meetings.html.

Terrarium Workshop at Lockwood's- 11am. Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Join us to create your very own miniature garden! The class includes a glass terrarium, 3-4 plants of your choice, and various accents to personalize your creation. We will guide you through the process and provide tips on how to care for your new terrarium. Sign up today to reserve your spot. Price: \$45.00. [Register.](#)

Spring Pruning-2:00 pm, Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. In this class at Lockwood's, Jeff Fabian will talk about the specifics of pruning in the spring season. As an ISA Certified Arborist, he will guide you on what types of plants to prune in the spring and how to make the cut. He will also talk about different pruning techniques that can be used to achieve your goals. Prune with confidence this spring to get great results for the growing season ahead. To register, call (716-649-4684) or email us at orders@weknowplants.com. Free.

Mythical Terrarium: Kids Workshop at the Gardens- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. Create your own miniature magical world in this fun workshop for kids! This workshop includes all materials needed to build a tropical terrarium complete with mythical dragons and unicorns. Kids will learn about how terrariums work, how to create an enclosed ecosystem, how to care for their tropical plant and more! This special learning experience is best suited to kids ages 5-12. For more information and to reserve your spot go to: <https://www.buffalogardens.com/events/mythical-terrarium-workshop/event/2026-04-11/>

Birds and Brews- 6 to 7:30pm at Woodcock Brothers, 908 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120-2016. Join Buffalo Audubon and Woodcock Bros for \$1 Off Pints at their Niagara Falls Blvd. location before heading to 5 Senses Nature Park to see Woodcocks doing their courtship display. [RSVP](#)

Woodcock Sky Dance-8 to 9:30pm at Five Senses Nature Park, 6535 Ward Rd., Sanborn. See woodcocks gather for their mating display. [Register.](#)

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

Supply and Seed Swap-12-3pm at the West Side Bazaar, 1432 Niagara St. for a free community event to kick off your spring and summer gardening adventures! Bring labeled seeds, clean tools and pots, healthy plants, and gently used garden supplies to share, and discover new-to-you treasures from fellow gardeners. All items must be clean, pest-free, and free of invasive species. Bring a bag for your finds and come ready to swap plants, stories, and growing tips.

Farm Safety Clinic- 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM at Niagara County Fairgrounds. Breakfast & lunch provided by Niagara County Legislature. Please RSVP for meal planning - enginetechn88@gmail.com. 4-H'ers: Counts for 1 animal science meeting for 1 species of 4-H member's choice, which you can write down on the sign in sheet when you arrive. Open to all farm families, 4-H members, FFA members, and the public.

Woodcock Walk-7:00pm-8:30pm, Davis Road, East Aurora (exact address provided during registration) Join Earth Spirit staff for an evening program dedicated to a unique and marvelous bird, the American Woodcock. During this program we will be in search of American Woodcocks performing their courtship sky dance. This special phenomenon only occurs for a brief period during this time of year. Whether you watch the sky dance yearly or have yet to witness one, this program is for all who are looking to celebrate the arrival of Spring and welcome back our feathered friends. This program is located at a private property that is not open to the public. [REGISTER](#) , *Pre-registration is required*

Earth Month TLC at Pelion-10:00 am – 12:00 pm Volunteers are needed at [Pelion Outdoor Classroom](#), 212 Best Street, each Saturday in April! If the weather seems suspect, please txt Ms. Caesandra to confirm the volunteer event is still happening at 716-803-5566.

Spring Tree I.D. “Bark and Buds”-10:00 - 11:30am at [Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park - Parking Lot](#). Join Park Ranger Austin as he leads a Spring Tree I.D Nature Hike at Seneca Bluffs Habitat Park! Learn how to identify local tree species during the spring season and enjoy a beautiful walk through one of your favorite habitat parks. Please review the hike summary to be sure this hike is a good fit for you! [Register for Spring Tree I.D. “Bark and Buds”](#)

Sunday, April 12

Friends of Reinstein Woods Spring Walk -9:30am. Join us as we traipse through the woods and enjoy the beginnings of spring. Coffee and doughnut holes provided. Not a member yet? Come learn about joining and supporting this beautiful place! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Blue Birding-10 - 11:30 am at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Did you know that the Eastern Bluebird is the official bird of New York State? Enjoy a walk to observe the many nesting bluebirds of Knox Farm (ages 8+.) *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Monday, April 13

Applications of Museum Collections and Genomics to Biodiversity Conservation -Noon to 12:30pm online. Meet the authors of an [open-access teaching resource](#) on using museum specimens to answer conservation research questions! Museomics is an innovative field which involves the use of museum specimens to monitor biodiversity or examine the evolution and genetic diversity of species over time. Want to learn more about it? Join us at our next NCEP Lunch & Learn and hear from the authors of a synthesis document that provides background theory and practical logistics of conducting conservation museomics projects and two accompanying exercises on the topic! The authors will provide a quick overview of the modules and will be there to answer your questions on how you could teach this in your classroom or implement it in your research! [Register](#).

Bowmansville Garden Club- 7:00 pm at Bowmansville Fire Hall 36 Main St., Bowmansville, New York. If you are interested in attending and meeting our members please reach out to Lynne at llovery@sprintmail.com.

Emerging Trends: Geothermal Energy Opportunities-Noon webinar. Explore how geothermal energy works, where it's used today, and how new Enhanced Geothermal Systems could expand clean power—plus what induced seismicity is and how it's managed. [Register](#).

Tuesday, April 14

The Conscious Cup- 4:30-6:30pm. Sustainable Business Roundtable Networking for members and potential members. Stop by, grab a hot beverage, and say hello! No registration required. Facilitated by Fenna Mandolang (716-504-7474) at Socotra Yemeni Coffee House, Lackawanna.

Annual Dinner Meeting of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society -(deadline for reservations, April 6) is under the Meetings tab at the [NFBS web site](#).) Following dinner and a very brief business meeting, the banquet speaker will be Eli Knapp, PhD, Professor of Ecology at Houghton University, Houghton, NY. The title of Prof. Knapp's presentation will be "Chicken Coop to Nature Snoop: How to See Nature through the Eyes of Aldo Leopold." Prof. Knapp will share insights on the great naturalist, forester, conservationist, professor, and writer, Aldo Leopold. Considered the father of wildlife ecology and management, Leopold formulated the concept of a land ethic, a cornerstone of the American conservation movement, in his 1949 book, A Sand County Almanac.

Climate Change and the Unfolding Water Crisis in the Middle East-Noon webinar. Jason Rech, Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology and Environmental Earth Science, will speak about past, present, and future climate change in the Middle East and what it means for water resources and political stability in the region. [Register](#).

Navigating Climate Mitigation Policy in Buffalo Niagara -12 to 1pm webinar. Join SBR and the UB Regional Institute to explore the recently released Buffalo Niagara Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), tools for implementing the plan's recommended actions, and the evolving policy landscape shaping climate action in the region. This virtual session will examine how state and federal policies are impacting key sectors, including commercial buildings, transportation, and energy generation, and what that means for local businesses. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of the roadmap for climate action in Buffalo Niagara, practical steps to comply with or leverage new or emerging policies, and how incentives, funding opportunities, and regional collaboration can help support and advance climate action in Western New York. [Register](#).

The Growing Field of Attribution Science and How It Informs Climate Accountability-4 to 5pm webinar. We will discuss the latest science, how it underpins climate litigation and policy, and how you can effectively communicate the science to advocate for climate accountability. [Register for the webinar today](#).

Wednesday, April 15

Lavender Production-12 to 1pm webinar. [Register](#).

WNY Environmental Alliance's 2026 Annual Congress- 5:00 to 7:00pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Cocktail hour afterwards at Buffalo RiverWorks. Please fill out the [form](#) to sign up for a speaking spot to share a bit about your organization. Each speaker will have 4 minutes at our Annual Congress to share about their work and opportunities for others to get involved.

Thursday, April 16

WNY PRISM Spring Partner Meeting- 9:30 AM to Noon at the Science Center at State University of New York at Fredonia. We're excited to welcome Dr. Jonathan Townsend from Royal Fern Nursery LLC, who will present on the importance of native plants. Following the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to tour Royal Fern Nursery! This event is a great chance to connect, collaborate and share updates with partners from across the region. [Register](#).

Wellness Walks-10am to noon. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. **Ages:** All Ages, **Cost:** FREE. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will take place.*

Plastics, Microplastics, and Human Health: The Race to Scientific Research, Regulation and Personal Care Solutions- 7:00 p.m. League of Women Voters NYS Environmental Issues Specialist, Beth Radow hosts Megan Wolff, PhD, MPH, founder and Executive Director of *The Physician and Scientist Network Addressing Plastics and Health* (P-SNAP), which is a national alliance of professionals taking action on the health harms of plastics. [Register](#)

Orchid Repotting- 5 to 7pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. Bring your orchid with you and the experts will help repot your plant and give you lots of great advice on how to care for your orchid. There will be growing medium and varied sized pots for sale. Prices will vary depending on your needs and will range from \$5-\$25. (Prices may include a new pot, growing medium and orchid repotting by an expert). All proceeds benefit the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society.

Climate Conversations: Parks & Recreation- 3 to 4:15pm webinar. Climate change is reshaping parks and recreation systems across the country. As conditions shift, these spaces face growing environmental pressures while also helping to mitigate climate impacts and sustain critical ecosystem services. These changes are already affecting activities like hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation, and are influencing long-term planning. In response, managers are adapting strategies to protect natural resources, ensure visitor safety, and maintain recreational and community benefits. Join us for a conversation on the intersection of climate change and parks and recreation, and the strategies needed to strengthen resilience moving forward. [Register.](#)

Friday, April 17

Friday Morning Birdwatch-Join Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr every Friday morning at 8:00 AM. Each week we will highlight some of the different birds and habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve. [Tickets.](#)

Canal Cleanup at Ralph Wilson Park- 12 to 4pm. DEC will coordinate a trash pick up event for Region 9 DEC staff and the public. An information table will be set up to inform the public about DEC Sustainability programs and snacks for participants. We will be meeting in the Ralph Wilson Park parking lot* at noon to hand out supplies, information on DEC's sustainability programs, and snacks for event participants. *5 Porter Ave, Buffalo, NY 14201; The parking lot is between the Centennial Pool and the Buffalo Skate Plaza. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and long sleeves. Please bring your own sun protection and water since water bottles may be in short supply. Before starting trash-pick up please register at the DEC table so we know you are participating in the event and we can give you the information you need for the day.

Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting-7:00pm via Zoom. [Contact for link.](#)

Science After Hours: Adult Night at the Museum (Ages 21+)- 6 to 9pm at the Science Museum. Remember the best parts of a school field trip to the museum? A day away from textbooks, the school bus gossip, separating off into groups and checking out the gift shop? Come relive those nostalgic memories at the Buffalo Museum of Science! Only, this time kids stay at home because the museum is just for adults, there are no chaperones (*but bring Becky's mom if she wants to come!*), **AND** there's a **cash bar!** Wander the museum at your own pace with drink in hand and drop by hands-on stations that will surely rekindle your childhood curiosity. [Tickets.](#)

Saturday, April 18

Stories in the Woods-10am. Celebrate the Week of the Young Child by hearing a nature story, followed by a guided walk in the woods. For children ages 3–7. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Woods Walk: Seasonal Changes-11am. Join a guided nature hike to search for signs of the changing season. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Decoding Animal Skulls -2pm. Take a close look at animal skulls to discover how teeth, eye placement, and bone shape reveal how animals eat, hunt, and survive. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Plant Maintenance: Pinching, Pruning, Staking & Dead-Heading-10am to noon at Massachusetts Avenue Project, 387 Massachusetts Ave. Once your plants are going, what's next? This class will cover the basics of plant maintenance, from pinching, pruning, staking and deadheading. The teachers will focus on 10 commonly grown plant varieties. Taught by Master Gardeners Brad & Beth. [Register.](#)

Beyond Permaculture Class-10am to 1pm. Master Gardener Kathleen Contrino will instruct on permaculture design and help you design your own permaculture garden based on your space and scaled to your property. This class runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee is \$5. Advance registration is required. Class size is limited to 35 participants. Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 12690 State Route 31, Albion. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email klo54@cornell.edu

Paint Recycling- 8:30am to 1pm at Buffalo State. [Registration required.](#) Easy dropoff and free.

The Sound of Spring-10 - 11:30 am at [Knox Farm State Park](#). A chorus of birds and amphibians fills the air on this guided walk. For adults and children ages 8 and older. *Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Hawk Migration Workshop- 10am to noon at Trillium Nature Center. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113. [Register.](#)

Niagara Street Cycle Track Clean Up - The Campus Cycling Collective will be hosting from 11am to 2pm. We will meet at Campus WheelWorks at 1330 Niagara Street and clean up as much trash and debris from the cycle track and surrounding area as possible. Please bring work gloves, a broom, wagon/wheelbarrow, or anything else that can help in the clean up.

Re-Tree Tree Planting Workshop-9am to noon at Compass East (formerly Sheehan Hospital) at 425 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14204. Before you can plant trees with us, we require that volunteers attend a free tree planting workshop first. [Register.](#)

Canal Cleanup-9am to noon. The City of North Tonawanda Mayor's Office is working in conjunction with the Waterfront Commission & NT Parks & Rec to bring volunteers from our community to help beautify our parks along the Erie Canal and cleaning the shoreline. Every year, our residents volunteer by joining together to partake in cleaning out the shoreline, picking up debris and making our parks cleaner and safer for the benefits of all residents. This event allows citizens to take pride in their city and parks. Refreshments and lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Cleaning materials will be provided however, volunteers are encouraged to bring additional supplies. Please enter Mayor's Park at 987 Sweeney Street and drive down to entrance to the pavilion.

Canal Cleanup-9am to 11am, North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens will lead cleanup of the boat/kayak launch areas, parking lot, shoreline restoration, and botanical garden proper of winter debris, trash, and fallen limbs. Meet-up will be in the parking lot of the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden, next to the gazebo. 1825 Sweeney St., Tonawanda, NY 14120. Please dress for the weather and bring gloves if you have them. [Register.](#)

Lockport Canal Cleanup-9am to noon. Cleanup of litter and debris on Canal Street and the adjacent parking lot, the area around Lockport's Historic Locks, old city hall ,the historic mill, the Main Street mural, and the Market Street Parks. The Canal Street Parking Lot. [Register.](#)

The Nature is Art: Silent Art Auction and Dinner Fundraiser-5:30 to 8:30pm at Park School will feature works of various media from 20+ local and national artists, live art demonstrations, live music, a delicious meal, signature mocktails, and more! This event supports [Earth Spirit Educational Services'](#) environmental education programming. Since 1980, Earth Spirit has been offering educational programming throughout the Western NY area as a way to connect individuals to the nature world in healthy ways. As a 501c3 not-for-profit, Earth Spirit relies on donations, memberships, and fundraising events as ways to support this work. [Tickets.](#)

Unwanted and Problematic: Pests, Plants, and Pathogens in our Gardens-11am at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. This presentation at Lockwood's Garden Center will focus on common problems and pests seen in the garden. Jeff will show you how you can mitigate and hopefully eliminate them. Being aware of what is out there that could cause problems down the road is key to ending issues before they start. To register, call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at orders@weknowplants.com Price: Free.

Mushroom Inoculation Hands-On Workshop- 4:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m. in Warsaw, NY. Learn how to grow your own mushrooms at home from hobby-level to commercial cultivation. Inoculate a log with mycelium, producing edible gourmet Shiitake mushrooms for years. Prepaid registration required of \$30, all materials are provided and you'll take your log home. Limited spaces available. [Learn more and register.](#)

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

Adult Workshop: Gyotaku- 2 to 3pm at the Science Museum. Explore the art of gyotaku, fish printing, in our hands-on workshop that links creativity and natural beauty. Learn about the history and techniques of this art form and create your own lifelike prints to take home. You'll be o-fish-ally hooked! *All materials are provided and no prior experience is required.* Ages 18+, [Tickets:](#) \$10 per participant plus Museum admission or membership.

Earth Month TLC at Pelion-10:00 am – 12:00 pm Volunteers are needed at [Pelion Outdoor Classroom](#) each Saturday in April! If the weather seems suspect, please txt Ms. Caesandra to confirm the volunteer event is still happening at 716-803-5566.

Earth Day on the East Side-10am to 1pm at 1412 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo. Help clean up a neighborhood. [Sign up for a volunteer slot.](#)

Spring Wildflower Hunt-10:00 - 11:30am at [Franklin Gulf - Parking Lot on Larkin Rd.](#) Spring Ephemerals are vibrant wildflowers that bloom for only a few short weeks before the forest canopy fills in. Join Ranger Adam as we hunt for these rare flower species throughout Franklin Gulf Park and discover the unique survival strategies these plants use to race against the summer shade. Feel free to download "Seek by iNaturalist" on your smartphone for a great, plant and animal identification application. [Register for Spring Wildflower Hunt](#)

Sunday, April 19

Birding Trip to Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant with Julia Garver and Sarah Balduf-Meet at the operations center at 830 AM (this is the building you will see in front of you as you drive in through the chain link fence/gate). The facility is located at the end of Industrial Blvd, which is off Pearl St. (Rte 33) at the western edge of the city of Batavia. Julia and Sarah will lead our group through the famous wastewater treatment plant. This complex of man-made ponds and marshes is a verifiable birding hotspot and has attracted such gems as Northern Wheatear, Harlequin Duck, Piping Plover, Neotropic Cormorant and American Avocet. Contact trip leader jagarver@yahoo.com

Spring Ephemerals Walk at Akron Falls- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Akron Falls Park, 44 Parkview Dr, Akron, NY, 14001 [Map](#). Public Welcome, Family-Friendly, Free. Join botanist Charlotte Way and other native plant enthusiasts for a 1-hour guided tour of the spring ephemerals of the Onondaga escarpment at Akron Falls. Learn ID tips and fun facts about this beautiful but short-lived group of wildflowers, including trilliums, violets, lilies, and more! We will also discuss early spring ecology, adaptations, and the role of trees. Please dress appropriately for the weather, including mud-proof shoes. We will meet at the parking lot above the falls at 1:00 pm (at the end, past the rock garden when coming from the Parkview Drive entrance). [Register.](#)

Monday, April 20

Dare to Repair Café-5PM-7PM @ Northland Workforce Training Center (683 Northland Ave., Buffalo, NY 14211). Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Earth Day Celebration- 5 to 7pm at Northland Workforce Training Center, 683 Northland Ave. Buffalo. Prizes, Giveaways, Award ceremony. Register and info at www.erie.gov/earthday

Slow Roll Buffalo Schedule Release-5:30pm at Nickel Plate, 1500 Clinton Ave., Buffalo. Good eats, good drinks, and good people. See you there as we celebrate another amazing season of biking coming up!

Tuesday, April 21

The Conscious Cup- 8am. Sustainable Business Roundtable Networking for members and potential members. Stop by, grab a hot beverage, and say hello! No registration required. Facilitated by Jenny Bruce (716-279-9884) at Five Points Bakery, Buffalo West Side.

Nature Book Club-6:30pm - 7:30pm at Crane Branch Library, 633 Elmwood Ave.. Buffalo.

Tree Health Implications of Long-term Strategies to Treat Emerald Ash Borer: Long-term Effects on Tree Injections and Tree Tissue-1pm. Presenters: Dr. Richard Hauer, Dr. Andrew Koeser, and Dr. Jake Miesbauer. [Register for the April 21 webinar](#)

National Geographic Live: Discovering the Galápagos- 7pm at Kleinhans Music Hall. The Galápagos sparked our understanding of evolution and adaptation 175 years ago. Now, with National Geographic Explorer Sarah Knutie as an expert guide, discover the Galápagos anew as we go on assignment to explore the groundbreaking science that's happening with Darwin's finches, giant tortoises, migratory sharks, and other remarkable wildlife on these islands. [Tickets.](#)

Group Volunteer Training at The Tool Library- 6 to 8pm at 2626 Main St., Buffalo. Want to put your skills to work? Join The Tool Library for their next volunteer training. Just go to : <https://thetoollibrary.org/event/group-volunteer-training-at-the-tool-librayr/> and sign up today.

The African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY Meeting-7pm at GreenFields Assisted Living Facility – Court Entrance, 5951 Broadway, Lancaster NY 14086. Parking is free. The April meeting will be a panel discussion on fertilizers and soil mixes for African Violets and Gesneriads. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission charge. If you have questions, contact Holly Pohl at hollylou51@gmail.com

Buffalo Maritime Center Open House-6 to 8:30pm, 90 Arthur St., Buffalo. We invite you to step inside the Buffalo Maritime Center and explore our boatshop, experience the woodworking we do, meet the people who make it happen, and see what's being built right here in Buffalo. This event is FREE, family-friendly, and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 22

Keeping the Weeds at Bay: Invasive Plant Id and Control Webinar-2 to 3:30pm webinar. Learn how to identify invasive plants and how to keep them from taking over your land! [Register.](#)

Earth Day Floating Fen Cleanup-12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Floating Fen Preserve, Stockton, NY with WNY Land Conservancy. Celebrate Earth Day by helping care for one of Western New York's most unique natural areas. Volunteers will remove roadside litter and, time permitting, help clear and prepare trails for the upcoming hiking season. [Register.](#)

Earth Day Expo at SUNY Fredonia-11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at SUNY Fredonia Campus, 280 Central Ave, Fredonia, NY 14063. Are you eager to explore the Chautauqua County community or curious about making a positive impact on the planet? Join us at the Earth Day Expo at SUNY Fredonia. *Open to the public and free to attend. Indoor event with facilities.* [Click here to learn about parking on campus.](#)

Earth Day Crafternoon-5:30 – 7:30pm. Join BWELL and paint recycled wine bottles. 42 North Brewing Company, 25 Pine St, East Aurora, NY 14052.

West Valley Citizens Task Force Meeting- 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley. For agenda and updates, visit <https://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/>

Thursday, April 23

Science in the Virtual Pub-7pm. Peter Bardaglio, Ph.D., founder and coordinator of the Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative and executive director of the Ithaca 2030 District. Energy systems shape political institutions and civic engagement. We see evidence of this all around us in American society today. Think of how the fossil fuel industry's stranglehold on the U.S. political system has undermined democracy. But political institutions and civic engagement also can shape energy systems. How can a revival of democratic governance promote an equitable and just transition to renewables? [Register](#).

Wellness Walks-10am to noon. Drop by Tift Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteered tour of the Preserve. **Ages:** All Ages, **Cost:** FREE. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will take place.*

Houseplant 101 & Repotting Workshop- 5:30pm-6:30pm at Badding Farm Market, 10820 Transit Rd, East Amherst, NY 14051-1015. An expert-led event featuring essential care techniques and hands-on repotting guidance. Our houseplant experts will demonstrate proper potting methods, soil selection, and plant health fundamentals to set your indoor garden up for success. As a bonus, we will provide 4"-6" houseplant repotting and 10% off all houseplants and pottery. **[Registration](#) is required for every person attending this event**

2026 Bird-Friendly Buffalo Symposium-Sponsored by Buffalo Audubon, from 5:30 to 8pm at UB South, 403 Hayes Hall. The event will highlight practical solutions for making Buffalo a more bird-friendly region. [Register](#).

Planning and Planting a Native Garden- 7 to 8:30pm at Tift Nature Preserve. Grow your gardening knowledge this Earth Day! Discover native and pollinator friendly alternatives for your landscape and garden (plant this... not that!) while also learning the basics of garden design techniques with Kristy Schmitt, Programs Manager at the BMS and Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional. Come away from a relaxing evening overlooking the sunset on Lake Kirsty inspired and ready for this season with a garden blueprint and species list that you create! *All materials provided.* Ages 18+, Advance registration required, [Tickets](#)

Friday, April 24

Arbor Day Tree Tour- 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. Celebrate Arbor Day at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and learn about their collection of trees during the annual Tree Tour. Did you know that South Park is a level two arboretum? Join us to learn more about the trees both inside and outside the Botanical Gardens. We will explore tree biodiversity, basic identification, and more. This program is rain or shine, so make sure to dress for the weather! [Tickets](#).

Arbor Day lecture on native trees, shrubs-3:00 to 4:00 pm at SUNY Buffalo State University 1300 Elmwood Avenue. Friends of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum at Buffalo State will hold an Arbor Day lecture in Technology Building, room 160. Guest speaker Ken Parker will discuss "Native Trees and Shrubs for Western New York Landscapes." It is free. Email Donald Williams for a parking permit at williada05@buffalostate.edu.

Friday Morning Birdwatch-Join Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr every Friday morning at 8:00 AM. Each week we will highlight some of the different birds and habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve. [Tickets](#).

Spring 2026 Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) Sub-Basin Work Group Kickoff Meeting-1 to 2:30pm virtual. DEC's Great Lakes Program will be hosting a virtual kickoff meeting followed by in-person sub-basin workgroup meetings for regionally focused discussions. Meeting objectives include sharing DEC Regional, Program, and Great Lakes Program updates, hearing updates from partners, reviewing and discussing the Sub-Basin work planning process, as well as discussing upcoming funding and collaboration opportunities. [Register](#).

Saturday, April 25

Fabulous Fungi-11am. Join a mushroom enthusiast on this beginner-friendly walk as we attempt to identify as many mushrooms as possible. For ages 12 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Build a Raised Bed-10am to noon at Grassroots Gardens Offices, 389 Broadway Buffalo, NY 14204. Interested in raised beds gardens at home? Not sure where to start? Join this beginner-friendly class for an exploration of picking the right type of raised bed for you, and then get some hands-on practice in basic power tool use and simple wood carpentry. Attendees will *not* take home a raised bed, but will learn all the skills needed to make one. [Register](#).

Spring Nature Walk- 10:30 am - 12 pm at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a Park Naturalist for a stroll along the Niagara River on the River Lea trail. Park visitors can expect a casual walk in search of local wildlife and talk about some nature related themes. **Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)**

Find that Frog-1 - 2:30 pm at [Evangola State Park](#). Spring is here, and so are the frogs! Vernal pools are hopping with toads and salamanders. Use all of your sense to find that frog! **Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)**

Tails on Trails at DeVeaux Woods- 2 - 3:30 pm at [DeVeaux Woods State Park](#). Bring your furry friend on this casual walk through the new and old growth woods at DeVeaux while discovering the park's history and what critters might call this park home. **Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)**

Spring Birding Challenge Kick-off-10am to noon at Beaver Meadow. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, NY 14113. [Tickets](#).

Citywide Tree Planting- requires attendance at a tree planting workshop. [Register and info](#).

Earth Day Cleanup at Burchfield Art and Nature Center- 10am to noon. 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca. All ages welcome.

Earth Day Market 2026-11am to 3pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Drop-in and continue the celebration of the Earth Day season by discovering many of Buffalo's eco-minded small businesses at our indoor vendor Market! Think global, shop local all under one roof! Enjoy a make-n-take craft for kids, venture on the trails with an Earth Day scavenger hunt, and bring a used book (children's or adult's) to trade at our book swap. All ages welcome! The Earth Day Market is free to attend; [advanced registration is encouraged](#). FREE!

Grand Island Arbor Day Celebration-11:00 AM–2:00 PM at WNY Welcome Center (1999 Alvin Road, Grand Island). Join your neighbors for a celebration of trees and community! Bring the whole family for a fun and engaging day featuring hands-on crafts, local vendors, and interactive demonstrations and presentations.

Party for the Planet- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Buffalo Zoo. This annual celebration features keeper talks, animal ambassador meet and greets, and educational opportunities throughout the day. Many conservation organizations local to our western New York community will be in attendance to discuss how we can protect our beautiful planet and all who live on it. This is a value-added event included with admission to the Buffalo Zoo. [Info](#).

Spring Ephemeral Stroll-10:00am-12:30pm at JP Nicely Memorial Park, West Falls. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Spring with Earth Spirit staff during this spring ephemeral program at JP Nicely Memorial Park in West Falls. Spring ephemerals are the first woodland wildflowers to emerge and bloom before tree canopies fill in and shade the forest floor. We will look for these lovely yet fleeting plants throughout the trail system and learn about their remarkable features. Come with us to enjoy this magical time of year! [REGISTER](#)

Free Paint Collection at Niagara University - 9am to 1. [Register](#). Celebrate Earth Day with Niagara County and GreenSheen Paint! Safely dispose of your leftover paint. Easy drop off. No fees.

Service Day: Main Street Cleanup & Vernon Triangle Beautification-10am to 1pm. 2626 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214). The Tool Library believes that a strong community is a civically-engaged community. Through their Spring and Fall Service Days, The Tool Library partners with over a dozen community organizations to put its tools to work transforming the spaces we share into the places we love. Projects include neighborhood cleanups, tree-plantings, park stewardship, community garden maintenance, and public art installations. These events bring together community members, teach new hands-on skills, and help steward public spaces like parks, gardens, and trails.

Spring Magic Planter-11:00 am at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Ready your front porch for spring with the spring planter workshop at Lockwood's. Mary will lead you in creating a beautiful outdoor planter using pansies, primrose, and other cool tolerant flowers. The cost is \$40.00 To reserve your spot go to: <https://weknowplants.com/events> .

Spring Planting 101: Trees-2:00 pm at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Healthy landscape plants start with proper planting! Get to this class at Lockwood's where Jeff Fabian, an ISA Certified Arborist, will talk about the specifics of proper planting techniques and care of newly planted trees and shrubs to help them become well established during the growing season. Register today to learn new techniques to help your landscape plants thrive in their new home. To register, call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at orders@weknowplants.com. Price: Free.

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper Spring Sweep- 10am to noon. We expect 1,200 to 1,500 volunteers and hope you can join us. Everyone who registers can come to the free after party at Resurgence Brewing Company. Spring Sweep volunteers get one free drink! Interested in going *Beyond the Bags* for Spring Sweep? [Click here to learn how!](#)

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

All About Our Pollinators: Educational Program at Pfeiffer Nature Center-3pm. Join Pfeiffer Nature Center for an educational program focused on bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators. 1974 Lillibridge Rd, Portville, NY. This free program is ideal for gardeners, families, and anyone interested in supporting local ecosystems.

Earth Month TLC at Pelion-10:00 am – 12:00 pm Volunteers are needed at [Pelion Outdoor Classroom](#) each Saturday in April! If the weather seems suspect, please txt Ms. Caesandra to confirm the volunteer event is still happening at 716-803-5566.

Amazing River Otters-10am to noon at Iroquois NWR Visitor Center - 1101 Casey Rd, Basom. Join us for an engaging presentation all about one of North America's most playful and fascinating mammals - the North American river otter! We'll explore how these sleek swimmers survive in wetlands, what they eat, how they raise their young, and the incredible adaptations that make them perfectly suited for life in the water. We'll also take a closer look at river otter sightings at Iroquois NWR and what their presence tells us about the health of our wetlands and waterways. Learn how to spot signs of otters in the wild and discover why protected places like national wildlife refuges are so important for species like these. Whether you're an otter enthusiast, wildlife watcher, or just curious about the animals that call the refuge home, this program is sure to make a splash! To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

Sunday, April 26

From Olmsted to Gorgeview- 10 - 11:30 am at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a walk around Goat Island on his 204th birthday to learn about landscape architect Fredrick Law Olmsted and how Niagara Falls State Park has changed since his initial vision! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Lead Safe Work Practices Training-1 to 7pm. Traditionally hosted by the Erie County Department of Health, The Tool Library will be hosting Lead Safe Work Practices Trainings on site at The Tool Library, at 2626 Main Street. Designed for homeowners looking to do work on their pre 1978 house, learn all the techniques for lead safe renovation and encapsulation, for free. Lead is a poison that can cause long term health effects, doing work on your house without the proper techniques can put you and your family at risk of lead poisoning. This training will allow you to access our lead safe tools, such as HEPA vacuums and consumables like respirators. [Register.](#)

Spring Clean Up Day-10:00 - 11:30am at Ellicott Creek. In recognition of Earth Day 2026, join Ranger Matt for a Spring Clean Up at Ellicott Creek Park. We'll follow the Empire Trail along Tonawanda Creek down to the Bark Park and back, scanning the shoreline for trash and litter of all shapes and sizes. Every little bit helps, and our park will be a little bit cleaner with YOUR involvement! · [Meeting Location](#): Sports Fields gravel parking lot (across from Shelter 11), [Register for Spring Clean Up Day](#)

Tuesday, April 28

Milkweed Biodiversity: Exceptional plants and natural history-2pm., presented by Anurag Agrawal, Cornell University, [register](#).

Toddler Time: Backyard Fairies-10 to 11am. Trillium Nature Center, 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113. [Tickets](#). We'll enjoy a snack, make a craft, and read the book *Backyard Fairies* by Phoebe Wahl

Thursday, April 30

Wellness Walks-10am to noon. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. **Ages:** All Ages, **Cost:** FREE. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will take place.*

Creating Habitat in Yards, Containers, and Other Tiny Spaces-1 to 2pm webinar. Limited on space, but want to support pollinators? Learn about ways in which a small native garden can be a quality habitat for invertebrates. Space does not have to be a limiting factor in your ability to help partake in conservation. Join Stefanie Steele and Raven Larcom to explore what a small habitat can look like and the steps people can take to build their own miniature pollinator haven. [Register](#).

Lake Erie Sub-Basin Work Group Meeting-1 to 3pm at the Isaías González-Soto Branch Library in Buffalo, NY with an optional tour of the BSA Green Infrastructure Projects (3-4pm).

Clean Air Coalition Dinner-6 to 8pm at Trinity Episcopal Church. This year's dinner's theme will be Resist and Reimagine. Resisting attacks on environmental justice and reimagining resilient, safe, and supportive communities for all. [Tickets](#).

Wild Ones WNY Meet WNY Wildway with Special Guest Marcus Rosten- 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Audubon Branch - Amherst Public Library, 350 John James Audubon Pkwy, Buffalo, NY, 14228 [Map](#), Public Welcome. Join us to learn more about the Wildway. Our guest Marcus Rosten, WNY Wildway Director, will inspire us with his vision and an update on progress on the WNY Wildway. The remaining time will include breakout groups to discuss ways we would like to engage both as individuals and as a chapter to support regional ecology. [Register](#).

Friday, May 1

Full Moon Walk-8:30pm. Join us on a springtime full moon walk to learn more about the flower moon and explore what the animals of Reinstein Woods are up to at night! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

“What’s Bugging You” talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Jumping worm management and perennials for friendly bugs. [Register](#)

Twilight at the Museum: Shine On- 8 to 11pm at the Science Museum. Twilight at the Museum returns for 2026! These Friday night evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the roof deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited tickets available! Limited tickets available! All ages, [Tickets](#): \$25 per non-member, \$5 for members.

Friday Field Days-10am to noon at [Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park - Parking Lot](#). Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools. Volunteers Needed: 20, Task: Invasive Species Pull - Garlic Mustard, Thistle, Teasel
Notes: All tools will be provided however we recommend you wear long pants and sleeves to prevent scratches. Rain Date May 8th. [Register for Friday Field Days](#)

A Celebration of Stories and Science from The Spark Bird Project-1:00 pm - 2:00 pm via zoom. [Register](#), Join RTPI and [BWD Magazine](#) (Bird Watcher's Digest) to learn more about [The Spark Bird Project](#) from founder Jenn Lodi-Smith, Ph.D., the ongoing community science initiative gathering, sharing, and studying the stories of people's passion for birds! Connect with fellow bird enthusiasts to learn more about the project, enjoy spark bird stories, and get an update on what we are discovering from over 400 spark birders and growing. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/list?ampDeviceId=c0237c3f-077d-4279-8cac-202e74d2321f&SessionId=1773862238996#/upcoming> Webinar ID: 839 4777 4283.

Saturday, May 2

Earth Day in May/I Love My Park Day-10am. Keep the Earth Day spirit alive by caring for Reinstein Woods' trails on I Love My Park Day. Small groups will venture out to work on projects. Scouts and other organizations are welcome, but please note that large groups will be split into multiple parties. Online registration will open in March; check www.reinsteinwoods.org/events for more details.

I Love My Park Day- [Parks & Trails New York](#), in partnership with DEC and [State Parks](#), hosts I Love My Park Day on the first Saturday in May, attracting thousands of volunteers from across the state to participate in stewardship events on New York public lands. Join us for New York's largest single-day volunteer event and help us prepare for spring by cleaning up campgrounds, parks, and beaches; planting native trees and pollinator gardens; restoring trail and wildlife habitat; removing invasive species; and working on various other site improvement projects. Look for a site near you.

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

Woods Walk: Nature Guide's Choice-1pm. Join a guided nature walk through the woods. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Birding On Wheels-9am to noon. Meet up with the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge at Cayuga Overlook off Route 77. Participants will embark on a leisurely drive through scenic routes within the refuge, stopping at designated hotspots known for their diverse bird populations. Led by experienced naturalists, participants learn about the different bird species inhabiting the area and receive tips on identification and observation techniques. Pre-registration is recommended. This program is free and open to all! Starts at 9:00am at the Cayuga Overlook, moves to different spots across the refuge until around 12:00pm. You may leave at any point in time during the program. Starts at the Cayuga Overlook on Route 77. Stop by the visitor center (1101 Casey Rd.) if you have any questions or need help finding your way. Registration Information: Registration is required. Send an email to logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

History of the Bald Eagle Cam at Cayuga Marsh-1 to 2:30pm. Join Amy Merritt from the Friends of Iroquois NWR for a closer look at the history of the Cayuga Bald Eagle Nest at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, including how long eagles have been nesting in the area and the conservation efforts that have helped them return. The program will also highlight the current nesting pair, their behavior over the past few years, and what we've observed during recent nesting seasons. Iroquois NWR Visitor Center - 1101 Casey Rd, Basom. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

Seeds for Thought Book Discussion – “The Book of Hope”- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Concord Public Library 18 Chapel Street, Springville, New York. May's book is The Book of Hope by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams In this urgent book, Jane Goodall and Douglas Adams explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. Copies may be available at the library or by placing a hold here <https://tinyurl.com/mrx2e4zx> No registration necessary – free and open to all.

Herb Container Workshop-11:00 am at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Learn the benefits of growing herbs and create your own herb container garden in the workshop led by our own Herb and Vegetable specialist, Suzanne O'Brien. This workshop fee includes: benefits of growing herbs discussion, planting and care instructions, container, soil, and your selection of 5 herbs grown here at Lockwood's. The cost is \$45.00 To reserve your spot go to: <https://weknowplants.com/events> .

Buffalo Astronomical Association Public Nights at Beaver Meadow Observatory-7 to 11pm. Free. 1610 Welch Road, North Java.

Safe Boating Course-8:30am to 4:30pm, \$85. Comfort Inn & Suites, 4345 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225. This course meets all the requirements under Brianna's Law (a law that requires completing the course to operate a vessel in NYS) and meets the NYS and USCG requirements for PWC/Jetski Operation and Boating Certification (i.e. Licensing). Upon successful completion, you will receive a safety certificate (often referred to as a NYS Boating License or jetski license) upon successful completion of this course- certificate received same day as class. You also have the option to add an endorsement to your NYS Driver's License. [Register.](#)

Master Your Garden Series: Seeing Flowers in a New Light-10am. Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Class that will help you to see flowers in a new light. Join Orleans CCE Horticulture Educator Katie Oakes to discover the remarkable world hidden within every bloom. Through guided observation and hands-on dissection of various flower types, you'll explore how different blooms are ingeniously designed. You'll never look at a flower the same way again. Preregistration required, Call 585 798 4265 ext 125 or email klo54@cornell.edu.

African Violet Society Judged show & sales-Noon - 5:30 pm at John James Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY. The show is open to the public and parking and admission are free

Spring Bird Walk- 8am. Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville. [Register for our programs online.](#)

Creator Series: Beekeeping & Candle Making-10am to 2pm at Smith's Maple Farm, Hamburg. Join Earth Spirit Staff for a Creator Series program where we partner with local organizations and artists who share their incredible knowledge and extraordinary skills! Owners Carl & Bridget will be teaching an introduction to beekeeping and candle making. Participants will make beeswax candles they get to take home, learn how to become a beekeeper, and sample different varieties of honey. A few individuals will get the chance to suit up and inspect a hive (weather dependent). No prior experience is necessary and all materials will be provided, including light snacks and beverages! Minimum age of participants is 15 years old. [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Seedling Sale-10am to 2pm. Join us for our annual spring seedling extravaganza, with live music, local food and drinks, free soil testing, and MAP-grown seedlings for sale for \$4 and up. 387 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo.

Wild Earth Day at Hawk Creek- Eagles have captured human imagination for centuries. Admired for their grace, beauty, and strength, they have held our awe and played an important part in the history of our world. Of course no visit is complete without meeting our Bald Eagle ambassador, Gryphon! You'll also meet hawks, owls, falcons, wild cats, reptiles and more. With activities for all ages, including animal encounters, crafts & games, Hawk Creek is THE place to experience the WILD and celebrate global eagle conservation! 1963 Mill Road, West Falls, NY 14170. [Tickets.](#)

Sunday, May 3

2nd Annual Pollinator Festival-11am - 4pm at Ski Lodge at Emery Park 2084 Emery Rd South Wales, NY 14139. Join Erie County Parks and BWELL in our 2nd annual Pollinator Festival! Discover how to make a pollinator friendly habitat and what you can do to help our native pollinators! Come join us for fun nature walks, taste mead, informational workshops and vendors all supporting and encouraging you to start your very own pollinator friendly garden!! This year we are moving to a bigger venue and we will have food trucks! Family Friendly and Free! Register [here](#)

African Violet Society Judged show & sales-10:00 am - 3:30 pm at John James Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY. The show is open to the public and parking and admission are free.

Public Comments, Civic Engagement and Activism

****This section will share ways to engage and follow policy at the federal and state level. Voting is one action, but civic engagement requires us to share our views and desires with our elected officials.**

Ten-Year Urban and Community Forestry Action Plan (2027-2037)

The National Urban & Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) is seeking public input on the development of its next Ten-Year Urban and Community Forestry Action Plan (2027-2037). The Ten-Year Action Plan serves as a guide for urban forestry organizations and agencies to implement and expand urban and community forestry initiatives across the U.S. [To find more information and submit comments, visit NUCFAC's website](#). Comments are due by **5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2026**.

Amended 6 NYCRR Part 350 Open for Public Comment

DEC is amending 6 NYCRR Part 350. The revised regulations will implement the 2025 amendments to the [Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law](#) enacted in 2019. The revisions reduce the food scraps generation rate required for coverage under the law and extend the distance for determining if a viable organics recycler exists. The public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed rulemaking through **June 2, 2026**. Comments should be submitted to NYSDEC by email to FoodScrapsLaw@dec.ny.gov. Please include "Comments on Revised Part 350" in the subject line of the email. A public comment hearing for the proposed rule will be held on May 28 at 1:00 PM. Registration is required, [register to attend](#).

Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials

[Prohibiting PFAS in Consumer Products](#)- Amends the Environmental Conservation Law to phase out the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in certain products, including textile articles, rugs, fabric treatments, cookware, ski waxes, architectural paints, dental floss, and cleaning products.

[Requiring Corporations to Disclose Climate Emissions Data](#)- This legislation requires U.S.-based businesses with annual revenues over \$1 billion that operate in New York to annually disclose Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions.

[Prohibiting Fuel Oil Grade Number 4 in Buildings or Facilities](#)- This bill amends the environmental conservation law to prohibit the use of fuel oil grade number 4 in any building or facility in the state after July 1, 2030.

[Cleaning Up PFAS in Municipalities](#)- Expands eligibility for the Environmental Restoration Program to allow funding for municipalities to investigate, design, and remediate municipally-owned sites contaminated with PFAS and emerging contaminants.

[Lead Pipe Replacement Act](#) -amends the public health law to establish a statewide plan to replace all of New York's lead service lines by 2037.

[Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act \(PRRIA\)](#)- develops a packaging reduction and recycling infrastructure program and shifts the financial burden of managing packaging waste from taxpayers to the producers of packaging, while reducing the amount of packaging and plastic waste produced in New York State by 30%.

[Beauty Justice Act](#)-creates a list of prohibited substances in cosmetic products, and prevents the sale of any cosmetic product that contains these substances as an intentionally added ingredient after 2029.

[Deploying Commercial Energy Storage](#)-amends Tax Law to establish a sales tax exemption for energy storage and provide local governments with the authority to exempt energy storage from local sales and use taxes.

[Accelerate Solar for Affordable Power](#)- This bill increases the State's distributed solar goal, streamlines regulations and improves the interconnection process for distributed solar, and continues the NY-SUN program.

Lead-Free Parks- The bill amends Section 1110 of the Public Health Law to require testing and remediation of lead in drinking water at New York's state and local parks.

Protecting PFAS Drinking Water Limits- This bill amends the public health law to codify the current federal limits on PFAS in drinking water, with compliance required no later than 2029.

Find Lead Pipes Faster Act- This bill amends the public health law to make it easier for water utilities to conduct service line inspections to identify lead service lines.

EPR for Mattresses-S. 1463

EPR for Tires- S.7553

Excess Food Act Extender-S.9452

Building Materials Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling Act- Incentivizes municipalities in to adopt deconstruction ordinances, creates a grant program, and establishes a deconstruction contractor certification program

Contact elected representatives today! You don't have to be an energy or climate expert to make a difference. [Get their contact info.](#)

- https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/subjects/environmental_protection/6038 provides a listing of federal environmental legislation that is pending.
- <https://legiscan.com/NY/pending/assembly-environmental-conservation-committee/id/365> provides a list of environmental legislation pending for the NY Environmental Conservation Committee.
- <https://www.eany.org/bills> provides a list on NY environmental legislation with comments from Environmental Advocates of NY.

Tips for the Environment:

- **Plan your summer veggies**- Don't have room or interest in growing your own, check out purchasing a CSA (Community-Shared Agriculture) share ([partial list](#)) or schedules for [local farmers' markets](#). You still have time to start seeds from scratch or you can plan to purchase seedlings for a garden or patio pots.
- **Check your roof** for any needed repairs after our windy winter. If you need to reroof, [consider sustainable roofing options](#).

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. Websites are listed later in the newsletter. You can also create an account at <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians> to volunteer with registered organizations.

Aquarium of Niagara- Scuba-certified volunteers needed to clean the sea lion exhibit (without animals) once monthly. Other opportunities exist for education, exhibit maintenance and other tasks.

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! Help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. No need to register but bring a lunch. Call (800) 377-1520 for details.

Buffalo Central Terminal- For info, check <http://buffalocentralterminal.org/you-can-help/volunteer-with-the-ctrc/>.

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.

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

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper- <https://bnwaterkeeper.org/programs/volunteer/> for opportunities.

Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy will assign volunteers to specific clean up and planting projects throughout the summer. Learn more and [sign up here](#)

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things. 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.

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. For info, email GardenWalkBuffalo@yahoo.com.

Global Justice Ecology Project- volunteers needed for mailing and office support.
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8799.html> <https://globaljusticeecology.org/>

Go Bike Buffalo- If you're interested or want more information, info@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 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, visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-lots of options [here](#).

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Please contact Garner Light at glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

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. <http://mass-ave.org/>, [current needs and dates](#)

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.

Pelion Outdoor Classroom-Volunteers needed for garden maintenance and youth education. Opportunities for school fieldtrips and intern engagement. <https://www.peliongarden.org/>

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? Call (716) 627-4560.

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

Providence Farm Collective- From May through November, PFC offers individual, group, one-time, monthly or weekly volunteer opportunities — on the farm in Orchard Park or at the PFC Farmers Market in Buffalo. [Info](#).

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve offers a variety of volunteer positions as well as internships for college students. For more info, call 683-5959 or visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1960.html>.

Slow Roll Buffalo- our volunteer squad serves in a wide variety of roles on Mondays and beyond, from planning routes and keeping the rides smooth to many forms of community outreach. submit an [application](#)!

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. [716-825-6397](tel:716-825-6397) and tiftreservations@sciencebuff.org.

Western NY Land Conservancy- trail clearing, mailings, technical research and citizen scientist projects. <https://www.wnylc.org/>

WNY Seed Library- Based in Audubon Library. Contact <https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/>

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

Wildlife Rehabilitator Search- https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/sls_searches/index.cfm?p=live_rehab

[Tree Equity Score Tool](#)- tree cover with social and demographic statistics

[Climate Change and Birds Visualizer](#)- examines how birds are faring across regions

[Cover Crop Selector](#)-select appropriate cover crops for your site

[Crop Condition and Soil Moisture Analytics](#) -high-resolution data that can help plan spring planting, track damage

[Climate Change Solution Simulator](#)-En-ROADS is a policy simulator

[BirdCast](#) offers real-time migration maps showing where birds are and in which direction they're going

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

[eBird](#)-record and identify birds that you see

[Personal Plastics Footprint Calculator](#)- measure your footprint for a week or year

[Climate Change Indicators in the United States](#)

[Seagull](#), a slick data platform that brings real-time weather and water data to Great Lakes users

<https://emagazine.com/green-jobs/> Green jobs

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

[Working With Nature: A Guide to Native Plants for New York's Great Lakes Shorelines](#)

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

[#OnesToWatch interactive map](#)-NY invasive species map

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

[Pollution Prevention Institute Tools for businesses, households, others](#)

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)

[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)

[Model Municipal Zoning Ordinance on Community Composting \(PDF\)](#).

[Dynamic World](#) — Land cover dataset

[Target Organics Resource Hub](#) – resource for small scale and large scale composting

[Accessible Recreation Destinations Map](#) for New York

[CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#)

[event carbon calculator](#)

[Organic Resource Mapping Tool](#)

[WNY Food Systems Map](#)

[TreeCanopy.us](#)

Additional local blogs and websites-

Birds on the Niagara- <http://www.birdsontheniagarafrontier.org/>

Breaking Green Podcast- <https://globaljusticeecology.org/breakinggreen/>

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

Buffalo Niagara Nature Almanac- <http://bnnatureblog.com/>

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/>

Canning Tips for Food Preservation- <http://www.motherearthnews.com>

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

Chirps and Cheeps Bird Blog- <http://www.chirpsandcheeps.com/>

Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/>

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/>

Farmer Resource Network- <https://farmerresourcenetwork.force.com/FRN/s/>

Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

Gardening Speakers Bureau <http://gardentalkbuffalo.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

GBNRTC-<http://www.gbnrtc.org/blog/>

Guide to Urban Farming- <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/>

Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkhcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

Heirloom Soul Florals: Regenerative Flower Farming- <https://www.heirloomsoul.com/blog-archive>

Natural and Working Lands-<https://blogs.cornell.edu/workinglands/> Farming and Climate Change resources

Nourishing Harvest- <https://www.patreon.com/anourishingharvest>

Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>

Recycle Right NY- <https://recyclerightny.org/>

Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>

Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>

WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>

Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>

Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>

Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>

Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>

Times Beach Nature Preserve- www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org

Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>

Eco-Island Nature Center- <https://www.grandislandschools.org/domain/49>

NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>

Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal

Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>

New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>

We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>

WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>

Fishing Outdoors- <http://www.huntfishnyoutdoors.com/events.php>

Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)

Sustainability SmartPod- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2127930>

County/New York State Resources

Erie County GIS Mapping- <http://gis2.erie.gov/HTML5/ErieCountyNY/>
Geographic Information Gateway <http://opdgig.dos.ny.gov/#/home>
[NY Greenways interactive map](#)

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

EPA-<https://www.epa.gov/careers>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://greenjobs.net/>
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>
Green Guardian Environmental Volunteers of Niagara Region- <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians>
NOAA Internships- [NOAA Student Opportunities Website](http://www.noaa.gov/education/outreach-and-participation/education-and-training/education-and-training-internships)
Access hundreds of research internships, fellowships, and scholarships funded by the government and private sector organizations: <https://www.zintellect.com/>
Learn more about the variety of opportunities with NOAA: <https://www.noaa.gov/work-with-us>
American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: <https://aaees.mcjobboard.net/jobs>
AGU Career Center: <https://findajob.agu.org/>
ESA Career Center: <https://www.esacareercenter.org/>
American Fisheries Society: <https://jobs.fisheries.org/>
NYSDEC Employment: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/jobs.html>
NY State Parks: <https://parks.ny.gov/employment/>
National Association for Interpretation: https://nai-us.org/interp/nai/_membership/Career_Center/Career_Center.aspx
North American Association for Environmental Education: <https://jobs.naaee.org/>
Northeast Recycling Council- <https://www.nerc.org/job-board>
Marine Biology Education Resources: <https://www.marinebio.org/careers/>

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

[DEC summer camps](#)
www.aquariumofniagara.org
www.buffaloudubon.org
www.buffalogardens.com
www.buffscience.org
www.buffalozoo.org
www.penndixie.org
www.yourspca.org
https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdec.ny.gov%2Fthings-to-do%2Fsummer-camps/1/0101019bdce4ac66-693d49a3-23fb-4450-ba03-1303165648e0-000000/emn2BJaT0rjWtc1xB_pL9STO_xq01qanQvAmsBcxKpY=441

Grant Opportunities /Tools

[Database of Federal Grants to Support Food Waste Initiatives](#)
<https://trust.guidestar.org/grant-writing-101-resources-for-grant-writers>
www.grantstation.com
www.grantwatch.com
www.grantsalert.com
<https://www.remoteclimatejobs.com/>

Find your farmer - [Erie Grown website](#)

Farmers' Markets 2025 map- [farmer's market map](#)

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

Backyard Bounty-podcasts on homesteading, beekeeping etc. <https://heritageacresmarket.com/backyard-bounty-podcast/>
Becker Farms- <http://www.beckerfarms.com>
Brewster Street Farm- <https://www.jersbuffalo.org/brewster-street-farm>
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>

Crown Hill Farms-<https://www.crownhillfarm.com/>
Dirt Rich Farm- <https://www.dirtrichcsa.com/>
Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMonarchButterflyFarm>
Falkimmer Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/FalkimmerFarms/>
Farmer Pirates-<http://www.farmerpirates.com/>
Farmers and Artisans- <http://farmersandartisans.com>
First Light Farm and Creamery- <http://www.firstlightfarmer.com/>
Five Loaves Farm- <https://5loavesfarm.org/>
Fresh Fix -<https://www.freshfix.com/>
Goodman Farms- <https://goodmanfarms.net/>
Gormley Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/gormleyfarms>
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers-<https://www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers/>
Greys U-Pick- <http://gregsupick.com/>
Groundwork Market Garden- <http://www.groundworkmg.com>
Healthy Living Farm- <https://www.healthylivingfarm.com>
Heartland Organics- <https://www.heartland-organics.com/visit>
Kin Loch Farmstead- <https://www.kinlochfarmstead.com/>
Kubed Root-<http://www.kubedroot.com/>
McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com/>
Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Nimble Farms- <https://nimblefarms.com/>
Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com
Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org/>
Produce Peddlers-<https://producepeddlers.com/>
The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandcsa.com/>
Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>
Roots & Wings Family Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/rootsandwingsfarm/>
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>
Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/
Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>
Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>
NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>
WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

Badding Brothers-<https://baddingbrosfarm.com/index.html>
Lockwood's Greenhouses-<https://weknowplants.com/>
Masterson's Nursery-<https://mastersons.net/>
Sweet Flag Herbs-<http://sweetflagherbs.com/>
CW Native Plants- <https://www.cwnativeplantfarm.com/>

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

Buffalo Tours- <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/buffalo-tours/>
Niagara Wine Trail - <http://www.niagarawinetrail.org/>

Recycling, Reuse, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options: (also check www2.erie.gov/recycling/index.php?q=node)

- Year Round: [Food Scraps Drop-Off Collection Program Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [PaintCare Drop-Off Collection Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Electronics Recycling Locator Map](#)

- Year Round: [Textile Donation & Recycling Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Reuse Locator Map](#)

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373

Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot
Batteries (high energy for mowers, power tools)-Lowe's, Bison Turf; Batteries for e-bikes- Tom Pro Bikes

Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>

Books- www.booksforafrica.org, www.operationpaperback.org

Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,

Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org

Cars- <http://www.donateacar.com/>

Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities, Walmart, Lowes, Wegmans

Cigarette Butts- <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/cigarette-waste-recycling>

Clothing, general-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill,

Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>

Clothing, formal/business- www.donatemyweddingdress.org/, www.careergear.org, www.dressforsuccess.org

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's

Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>

Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking drop-offs

Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore

Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices

Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,

Electronics- www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html, most electronics stores, www.sunnking.com

City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.

Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.

Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations

Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)

Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities

Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>

Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>

Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>

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

Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)

Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource

Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf

Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>

Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store

Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>

Pens- Dropoff at Staples stores

Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)

Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery, Lowes stores, Home Depot

Plastic shopping bags, cereal liners, packing pillows-groceries, many retailers, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org

Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448

Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com

Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com

Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.

Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>

Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation

Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>

Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>

Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling

Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>

Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/>, <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> [realsimple](#)

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

<http://www.planetfriendly.net/learn.html>

<http://www.globalteer.org>

<http://www.ecovolunteer.org/>

<http://www.goeco.org/>

<http://www.woof.org/>

<http://www.americanhiking.org/>

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

Solar Energy Training- <http://www.solarenergy.org/training-schedule/>

Coursera- www.coursera.org

[Green Education Foundation](#)

[Facing the Future](#)

[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](#)

[Sustainable Futures Institute](#)

[Nature Generation.](#)

[The Center for Ecoliteracy](#)

[Hamline's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\)](#)

[The National Science Teachers Association Learning Centers](#)

[The US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](#)

[Basics of Organic Farming](#) is a self-directed online course for beginning orchard and vegetable-crop farmers

[Our Farms, Our Future](#) podcast series

[Second Nature's Solution Center](#)

On Demand Webinars:

[Extended Producer Responsibility](#) (other videos on same youtube channel).

[Plan-It GEO](#)

<https://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020-> CERES from NYC program in Climate Week

EarthEcho [Youtube channel](#) Water Challenge [playlist](#).

STEMExplore Virtual Career Connections [Virtual Events](#) page

Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:

Green America's guide to Socially Responsible Investing- <http://pubs.greenamerica.org/i/116105>

Buffalo Relocation and Self-Promotion <http://www.wherelifeworks.com/>

Community Food Waste Guide- Access the free resource [here](#).

Change Food Library <http://www.changefood.org/changefoodlibrary/>

USDA Tool Kit for Local Food [toolkit](#)

[Better Than Ed](#)-Video series with Actor Ed Begley encouraging environmentally-friendly practices.

[EJSCREEN](#) is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool.

[Local Foods, Local Places Toolkit](#) to help communities develop their own plans for setting and achieving local food and revitalization goals.

[Merlin Bird ID app](#) Bird id by song

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](#)

www.epa.gov/climate-indicators.

[Guide to help schools reduce food waste](#)

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](#)

[Click here to watch the Know Your Food videos.](#)

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](#)

[Green Infrastructure in Parks: A Guide to Collaboration, Funding, and Community Engagement](#)

[EWG's Guide to Healthy Cleaning.](#)

[EWG's Tap Water Database.](#)

<http://www.nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/> -beginning farmer online training through Cornell.

[2018 Fuel Economy Guide](#)

[Climate Hubs](#) provides information for managing risks posed by a changing climate.

[NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Webinar series](#)

[NOAA One Science Seminar Series](#)

[Green Restaurant sustainability tool](#)

[Mapping Climate Change.](#)

[Socially Responsible Investing and Banking](#)

[Bee Better Certified™](#) - pollinator-focused farm certification program

[Promise of Biomimicry](#)

[Pollinators under Pressure](#)

[Recycle Right NY](#) - Resources and info on how to recycle and where you can recycle are shared.

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

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| Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter | http://adk-nfc.org/ |
| AIA Buffalo Western NY | https://www.aiabuffalowny.org/ |
| Air and Waste Management Association | https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/ |
| Allegany Nature Pilgrimage | http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/ |
| Alliance for the Great Lakes | www.greatlakes.org |
| American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate | http://nyupstateplanning.org/www.wnyapa.com |
| Amherst State Park Arboretum | http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html |
| Aquarium of Niagara | www.aquariumofniagara.org |
| Asha Sanctuary for Rescued Farm Animals | http://www.ashasanctuary.com/ |
| Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense | https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora |
| AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education | http://www.awarewildlife.com/ |
| Bergen Swamp Preservation Society | http://www.bergenswamp.org/ |
| Birds on the Niagara | https://bird-niagara.org/ |
| Black Rock Riverside Alliance | https://brralliance.org/ |
| Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee | https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/ |
| Braddock Bay Bird Observatory | http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/ |
| Buffalo Architecture Foundation | http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/ |
| Buffalo Astronomical Association | http://buffaloastronomy.com/ |
| Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve | www.buffaloudubon.org |
| Buffalo Blueway | https://buffaloblueway.com/ |

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| Buffalo Central Terminal | https://buffalocentralterminal.org/ |
| Buffalo Go Green | https://buffalogogreen.org/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition | https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Gardening | https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/ |
| Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens | www.buffalogardens.com |
| Buffalo Farm to School Program | https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/ |
| Buffalo Geological Society | www.bgsny.org |
| Buffalo Heritage Carousel | http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/ |
| Buffalo Maritime Center | http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/ |
| Buffalo Museum of Science | www.sciencebuff.org/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village | http://bnhv.org/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper | https://bnwaterkeeper.org/ |
| Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy | www.bfloparks.org |
| Buffalo Orienteering Club | https://buffalo-orienteering.org/ |
| Buffalo Ornithological Society | https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/ |
| Buffalo Recycles | http://buffalorecycles.org/ |
| Buffalo River Land Trust | https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/ |
| Buffalo Urban Development Corp | http://budc.ecidany.com/ |
| Buffalo Zoo | www.buffalozoo.org |
| Burchfield Nature and Art Center | http://www.burchfieldnac.org/ |
| Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell) | https://bwell.community/ |
| Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature | http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html |
| Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy | http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/ |
| Chestnut Ridge Conservancy | http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/ |

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| Citizens Campaign for the Environment | www.citizenscampaign.org |
| Citizens' Climate Lobby | https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-cc/cl/chapters/ |
| Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment | http://citizencoalitionwe.com/ |
| Citizens for Regional Transit | www.citizenstransit.org/ |
| Clarence Bluebird Trail | https://lambbluebirdtrail.org/ |
| Clean Air Coalition of Western New York | https://www.cacwny.org/ |
| Clean Communities of Western New York | http://www.ccofwny.org/ |
| Coalition of Positively Charged People | https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/ |
| Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo | http://www.cfgb.org/ |
| Cooperation Buffalo | https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County | http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County | http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County | http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County | http://cceniagaracounty.org/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County | https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/ |
| Daemen University Center for Sustainability | www.daemen.edu/enviro-news |
| Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State) | www.dec.ny.gov/index.html |
| Designing to Live Sustainably | https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/ |
| Drave's Arboretum | https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/ |
| Earth Spirit Educational Services | www.earthspiritedu.org |
| East Side Stewards | https://www.eastsidestewards.com/ |
| Environmental Advocates NY | www.eany.org |
| Environmental Education Associates | http://environmentaleducation.com/ |
| Environmental Protection Agency | https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2 |

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| Erie Canal Harbor Development | https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0 |
| Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability | http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability |
| Erie County Conservation Society | http://eccs-club.org/ |
| Erie County Department of Environment and Planning | http://www2.erie.gov/environment/ |
| Erie County Environment Management Council | http://www2.erie.gov/environment/ |
| Erie County Farm Bureau | http://www.ecfarm.com/ |
| Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs | https://www.ecfsc.org/ |
| Erie County Parks and Recreation | http://www.erie.gov/parks |
| Erie County Soil and Water Conservation | www.ecswcd.org/ |
| Explore Buffalo | www.explorebuffalo.org |
| Feminist Bird Club Buffalo | https://feministbirdclubbuf.org/ |
| Field and Fork Network | http://fieldandforknetwork.com/ |
| 500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter | https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/ |
| Food Future WNY | www.foodfuturewny.org |
| Foundry | http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/ |
| Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | http://www.finwr.org/ |
| Friends of Reinstein Woods | http://reinsteinwoods.org |
| Friends of Sinking Ponds | https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/ |
| Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve | http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/ |
| Foothills Trail Club | www.foothillstrailclub.org |
| Gardens Buffalo Niagara | https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/ |
| Garden Clubs of WNY | www.gardenclubsofwny.com |
| Genesee County Village & Museum | https://www.gcv.org/ |
| Global Justice Ecology Project | http://globaljusticeecology.org/ |

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| Go Bike Buffalo | http://gobikebuffalo.org/ |
| Go Buffalo Niagara | http://gobuffaloniagara.org |
| Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary | www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com |
| Grand Island Nature Alliance | https://gi-naturealliance.org/ |
| Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo | www.grassrootsgardens.org/ |
| Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council | www.gbnrtc.org/ |
| Greater Buffalo Urban Growers Network | www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers |
| Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College | http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/ |
| Great Lakes Research Consortium | https://www.esf.edu/glrc/ |
| Green Together WNY | https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/ |
| Habitat for Humanity | https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/ |
| Hawk Creek Wildlife Center | https://www.hawkcreek.org |
| HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption | https://www.heartforanimals.org/ |
| Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc. | www.hocn.org |
| Hope Rising Together | https://tlol.com/ |
| Housing Opportunities Made Equal | https://www.homeny.org/ |
| Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning | http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/ |
| Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter | https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/ |
| Innovation Center Buffalo | http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/ |
| Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/ |
| Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary | http://auduboncnc.org/ |
| Jamestown Community College | http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability |
| Keep Western New York Beautiful | https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/ |
| Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance | http://www.erie.gov/lewpa |

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| Leadership Buffalo | https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/ |
| League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara | http://www.lwvbn.org/ |
| Local Initiatives Support Corporation | https://www.lisc.org/wny/ |
| Lyceum at Silo City | https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/ |
| Massachusetts Avenue Project | http://mass-ave.org/ |
| Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc | www.messingerwoods.org |
| Nannen Arboretum | https://www.nannenarboretum.com/ |
| Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter | http://Nature.org |
| Nature Sanctuary of Western New York | http://nsswny.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 League of Conservation Voters | http://www.nylev.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 | https://nysacc.org/ |
| New York State Ornithological Association | http://nybirds.org/index.html |
| New York State Outdoor Education Association | http://nysoea.org/ |
| New York State Parks | https://parks.ny.gov/ |
| NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling | https://www.nysar3.org/ |
| New York State Sea Grant | http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/ |
| Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group | https://www.facebook.com/NESAWG/ |
| New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council | https://www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-new-york-upstate |

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| New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects | https://www.nyuasla.org/ |
| New York State Wetlands Forum | http://www.wetlandsforum.org |
| Niagara Beautification Commission | https://www.keepniagarabeautiful.org/ |
| Niagara County Farm Bureau | http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/ |
| Niagara County Landfill and Recycling | http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/ |
| Niagara County Parks | http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/ |
| Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District | www.niagaraswcd.com |
| Niagara Fishing Expo | http://niagarafishingexpo.com/ |
| Niagara Frontier Botanical Society | Niagara Frontier Botanical Society |
| Niagara Outfitters | https://niagaraoutfitters.com/ |
| Niagara River Anglers Association | www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/ |
| Niagara River Greenway Commission | https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/ |
| Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York | http://nofany.org |
| North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens | https://ntbgo.weebly.com/ |
| One Region Forward | https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/ |
| Open Buffalo | http://www.openbuffalo.org/ |
| Our Outer Harbor | http://www.ourouterharbor.org/ |
| Partnership for the Public Good | www.ppgbuffalo.org |
| Pelion Garden | https://peliongarden.org |
| Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center | www.penndixie.org |
| Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville) | www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org |
| People United for Sustainable Housing | http://www.pushbuffalo.org |
| Plant WNY | http://www.plantwny.com/ |
| Pollinator Conservation Association | www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/ |

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| Preservation Buffalo Niagara | http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/ |
| Primate Sanctuary | www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary |
| Providence Farm Collective | http://providencefarmcollective.org/ |
| Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy | https://rwparkbuffalo.org/ |
| Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve | www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html |
| Restore our Community Coalition | http://rocbuffalo.org/ |
| Retree Western New York | https://re-treewny.org/ |
| ReUse Action | http://reuseaction.com/ |
| Riverline | https://www.theriverline.org/ |
| Roger Tory Peterson Institute | www.rtpi.org |
| Secret Places of WNY | https://www.insiders-outside.com/events |
| Service Collaborative of WNY | http://www.tscwny.org/ |
| Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter) | https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara |
| Slow Roll Buffalo | www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/ |
| South Buffalo Alive | www.facebook.com/South-Buffalo-Alive-174141769403626/ |
| SPCA serving Erie County | www.yourspca.org |
| Street Synergy | http://www.streetsynergy.org/ |
| SUNY Fredonia | https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/sustainability |
| Tiff Nature Preserve | http://www.tiff.org/tiff/ |
| Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee | www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/ |
| Tool Library | https://thetoollibrary.org/ |
| Tuscarora Environmental Task Force | www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/ |
| UB Engineers for a Sustainable World | https://www.facebook.com/groups/esw.ub/ |
| UB Environmental Network | https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/ |

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| UB Office of Sustainability | http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html |
| UB Regional Institute | http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/ |
| Urban Land Institute | http://newyork.uli.org |
| Urban Roots | www.urbanroots.org/ |
| US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District | https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/buffalo/ |
| US Coast Guard-Boating Safety | https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-co |
| US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast | https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast |
| Vision Niagara | http://visionniagara.org/ |
| Voice-Buffalo | https://voicebuffalo.org/ |
| Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association | https://nywea.org/western/ |
| Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative) | http://www.tscwny.org/ |
| Western New York Environmental Alliance | http://www.wnyea.org |
| Western New York Herpetological Society | https://wnyherpsociety.org/ |
| Western New York Land Conservancy | https://www.wnylc.org/ |
| WNY Mountain Bike Association | http://www.wnymba.org |
| WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY) | http://www.plantwny.com/ |
| WNY Partnership for Invasive Species Mgmt (PRISM) | www.wnyprism.org |
| WNY Permaculture | www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/ |
| WNY Raptor Center | Wnyraptor.com |
| Western New York Science Teachers | https://westernstanys.org/ |
| WNY Seed Library | https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/ |
| Western New York Soil Health Alliance | https://www.facebook.com/wnysoilhealth/ |
| WNY STEM | https://stemecosystems.org/ecosystem/wny-stem/ |
| Western New York Stormwater Coalition | http://www2.erie.gov/environment/ |

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| Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable | http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/ |
| WNY Peace Center Renewable Energy Task Force | https://www.wnypeace.org/ |
| WNY Weather Society | www.facebook.com/amswnychapter |
| WNY Young Birders Club | https://www.wnyybc.org/events |
| West Valley Citizen Task Force | www.westvalleyctf.org |
| Wild Kritters | http://www.wildkritters.com/ |
| Wild Ones-WNY Chapter | https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/ |
| Wild Spirit Education | https://wildspirit.org/ |
| Zoar Valley Coalition | https://zoarvalley.org/ |