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Articles:

Conversations Along the Canal

The League of Women Voters of Buffalo-Niagara, Buffalo United Coalition and Main Street Movement invite you to join us on **Saturday, August 8** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Gateway Harbor Pavilion, 1 Young Street in Tonawanda for Conversations along the Canal and a visible demonstration of the power of community defending democracy. This event is one conversation on a statewide day of civic action honoring the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and inspired by the power of communities coming together to protect and strengthen our democracy. The New York State canal system shaped the early struggle for voting rights by acting as a geographic and cultural conduit for the suffrage movement. The Erie Canal served as an engine for the women's suffrage movement by transporting activists, printing pamphlets, and spreading reform ideas. Suffrage and abolitionist ideas flourished throughout the canal corridor, with towns stretching from Albany to Buffalo acting as hubs of activism. Its corridor, including towpaths and packet boats, was vital for organizing rallies, such as the historic 1848 Seneca Falls Convention. Suffragists utilized canal boats to traverse upstate New York, often hanging "Votes for Women" pennants from packet boats while traveling from town to town to give speeches. Join us as we come together along those same waterways to celebrate one of our nation's most significant civil rights achievements and reaffirm our shared commitment to democracy. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 expanded access to the ballot, but its legacy depends on each generation choosing to participate. [click here to attend](#)

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on Thursday **August 13th** at 5:30pm at **Brazen Brewing Co.** (5839 Genesee St, Lancaster, NY 14086) The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Cooperative Changemakers Fellowship

In our free 11-week course, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the principles, practices, and potential of cooperatives and the part they play in building a Solidarity Economy. This knowledge will empower and activate those interested in joining and contributing to Buffalo's thriving cooperative community. Come be part of this growing movement where we build power through shared ownership, equity, and decision-making. Learn more and apply at our website: CooperationBuffalo.org/fellowship. Deadline is **August 15** with course beginning Sept. 2.

Volunteers Wanted at Penn Dixie

Are you enthusiastic about science and interested in supporting Penn Dixie? Penn Dixie would not exist without our volunteers! To keep growing, we're always on the lookout for new volunteers to help with programming, school visits, community engagement, site maintenance, and administration. No experience necessary. Visit penndixie.org/volunteer/ to apply! Come to our Volunteer Orientation on **August 16** from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at Penn Dixie!

Prioritizing Future Conservation Efforts for Lake Erie Wetlands

The Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Conservation Framework is a binational, expert-led initiative through the [Great Lakes Coastal Assembly](#) designed to map the baseline extent, determine necessary restoration targets, and prioritize future conservation efforts for wetlands with hydrologic connections to the Great Lakes. A series of virtual workshops in August will be offered to review the Framework's targets for wetland condition and extent in the Lake Erie and St. Clair to Huron corridor. The general orientation session will feature a primer on how the Framework has been developed, including a decision support mapping tool. Each shoreline session will review targets and offer opportunities for comment and small group discussion. The workshops begin with a general orientation on **Monday, August 17** from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM with other sessions focusing on regions of Lake Erie. The focus will be on Eastern Lake Erie on **Monday, August 24** from 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (this session will include NY's stretch of Lake Erie). [Register](#)

Grassroots Gardens Annual Pie Raffle

Join Grassroots Gardens at our delicious annual fundraiser as we welcome you to Five Points Bakery (44 Brayton, Buffalo) from 5:30 to 8pm on **September 9** for the 11th Annual Pie Raffle and Harvest Celebration! [Your ticket](#) to this evening event includes live music, savory barbecue, and the chance to win delicious baked goods from local bakeries and gardeners!

WNY Land Conservancy Conservation Celebration

The 2026 Conservation Celebration [website](#) is now live! Join the WNY Land Conservancy for our third annual Conservation Celebration on **Thursday, September 10**, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the beautiful Farmcraft Brewery, nestled in the rolling agricultural landscape of Wyoming County, just 8 miles from East Aurora in the heart of the Western New York Wildway. Enjoy an evening of great food, live music from local Americana band [Tough Old Bird](#), and the company of fellow conservation supporters. A delicious farm-to-table buffet will feature meat-based, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, making this family-friendly event perfect for guests of all ages. Every [ticket](#) helps the Western New York Land Conservancy permanently protect the forests, farms, and wetlands that make our region so special, ensuring they remain healthy and accessible for future generations. We hope you'll join us for a fun evening celebrating conservation together!

Save the Date for our Fall 6MBS

Save **September 24** for Buffalo Architecture Foundation's 6 Minute Building Stories (6MBS) series which features short, PechaKucha-style presentations from a diverse group of speakers who help shape our built environment. Since 2012, BAF has organized two 6MBS events each year while partnering with a wide range of exciting venues along the way. We promote a broad and inclusive view of who shapes the built environment by featuring speakers from architecture, construction and engineering backgrounds as well as real estate developers, artists, community organizers, tradespeople and allied professionals. Presentations are recorded and added to our Building Stories Archive at UB. If you would like to share your building story with our community, please email us at info@buffaloarchitecture.org.

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! 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](#).

2026 Great Lakes Conference

Registration for the 2026 Great Lakes Conference is now open! The conference, hosted by the [Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition](#), will be **September 24-25, 2026**, in downtown Detroit, Michigan. The Great Lakes Conference brings advocates, professionals, and community members from around the region to a Great Lakes city to learn, share, and network around Great Lakes issues - including restoration needs and successes, water infrastructure, Great Lakes policy, environmental justice, emerging issues, and more! The conference also features field trips that take participants throughout Detroit to share our host city's vibrant history and see firsthand the exciting water work happening throughout. [Info and registration](#).

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

The next free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held in southern Erie County on **November 7, 2026**. Check back in October for registration information and location details. 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. Free Paint Collection in Erie County will take place on **September 12, 2026** ([Registration](#) will open on July 13) and **October 17** ([Registration](#) will open on September 13, 2026). Safely dispose of your leftover paint.

New Species Selection Tool Supports Ecological Restoration in New York

Are you a natural resource professional or ecologist looking for recommendations of native plants and trees to plant on a restoration site? NYS DEC and the New York Natural Heritage Program recently released a Species Selection Tool that provides a list of recommended native tree, shrub and herbaceous plant species to improve habitats, increase biodiversity and benefit wildlife across New York State. Simply enter your planting site location, review the site conditions and choose the type of natural community you want to plant. The tool narrows down the species list and provides information on each species, including height, lifespan, shade tolerance and climate adaptability. [Learn more here.](#)

I BIRD NY Challenge

The 2026 [I BIRD NY Challenge](#) is 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. 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.](#)

Beech Leaf Disease Distribution and Research Updates

Trees are beginning to leaf out in New York, which means you may start seeing symptoms of beech leaf disease (BLD) in your trees. BLD affects and kills both native and ornamental beech tree species and is associated with a nematode, *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii*. Learn more [about the disease](#). BLD has been confirmed in all but three counties in New York. If found, please report BLD in: BLD can be reported via [iMapInvasives](#)- please include a photo of the underside of the beech leaves that clearly show striping for easiest confirmation.

Digital State-by-State Guide to the Great Lakes Compact

Industries such as huge data centers, fish farms, and paper mills are attracted to the Great Lakes region for their developments, seeking to use staggering amounts of fresh drinking water each day. When these projects come to a community, residents may have some questions and concerns, such as: Is this large water withdrawal regulated? How much water can be consumed without a permit? Freshwater Future's [new digital guide](#) can help! It includes information about each Great Lake state's laws and regulations under the Great Lakes Compact in an easy-to-read format.

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

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.

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.

Wilderness First Aid Training

Register today for vital wilderness first aid training which will help prepare you for your next adventure! Wilderness First Aid training is for everyone, whether you're an avid mountain climber or someone who takes walks at your local town park. Preparation is key and this training will cover the basics of what to do when things go wrong and how to avoid getting into dangerous situations to begin with. Registration is limited! [Sign up](#) today to ensure your spot! Training is **September 18-20**.

Grant Award for Hydrology

The University at Buffalo, Hydrology Academy Workforce Training received \$32,017 for their work. The funding will address critical hydrologic data gaps identified in the Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) by expanding regional capacity for collecting hydrologic data. The Academy will provide targeted workforce training for environmental scientists, local municipal planners, watershed groups, and university students through a four-day workshop and a series of instructional videos. Curriculum will provide hands-on experience and train regional practitioners to support watershed management plans.

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.

'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.](#)

Help Document New York's Weather Impacts

[MyCoast NY](#) is a public web tool where you can contribute and access photos of flooding, shoreline change, and storm damage from anywhere in the state. When you submit a photo, it is automatically linked to real-time weather, river, and tidal gauge data to help provide context for the photo. The tool also creates reports that help stakeholders such as government agencies, business owners, and residents understand our changing environment and make informed decisions. Photos can be submitted through the app [iPhone](#) / [Android](#) or the [MyCoast NY website](#).

Scientists Create 'Living Plastic' That Can Self-Destruct on Command

Plastic is useful because it is extremely durable. That is also the problem. The same polymer chains that give plastic its strength can linger for years, decades, or even centuries, breaking into smaller fragments rather than degrading completely into the natural environment. Now, researchers have built a plastic with a strange escape hatch: dormant microbes embedded inside it. When activated, the microbes wake up and help digest the polymer material from within. [Read 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.

Harmful Algal Bloom Notification System

DEC's New York Harmful Algal Bloom System ([NYHABS](#)) is now active as the 2026 harmful algal blooms (HABs) notification starts. This system give New Yorkers the ability to send reports of HABs to DEC electronically via a simple user- and mobile phone-friendly form. [The public is encouraged to report any sightings of suspected blooms](#) through the NYHABS notification system as a key component in effective monitoring and communication about where and when HABs are occurring across the state. Reports are evaluated by DEC and the Department of Health and once confirmed, are posted to the [NYHABS page](#). The system features an interactive map of current and archived bloom locations to help keep New Yorkers informed. For more information about HABs, visit DEC's [Harmful Algal Blooms \(HABs\) webpage](#).

Biophilic Cities Webinar Recording: Parks as Community-Driven, Biodiverse Spots

This Biophilic Cities [webinar](#) explores how parks are evolving into multifunctional, community-driven, and biodiverse spaces. As cities grow and community needs diversify, parks are no longer just spaces for recreation — they are buffers for climate adaptation, hubs for social connectivity, ecosystems for native plants and animals, and economic catalysts. This session brought together planners, designers, and park managers to examine the priorities shaping innovative parks today.

Summer Turkey Sighting Survey 2026

While you are out exploring New York's beautiful August landscapes, be sure to keep an eye out for wild turkeys and report your observations to the DEC. Since 1996, the DEC has conducted the Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey to track wild turkey productivity (the proportion of young of the year to adult hens) across the state. This index allows the DEC to gauge reproductive success and predict future turkey populations and harvest opportunities. Turkey reproductive success in New York, as measured by this survey, is consistently higher than southeastern and many midwestern states, but remains lower than it was in the early 2000s. However, in 2024, statewide turkey reproductive success was highest estimated in over 15 years, likely because of favorable spring weather. You can view turkey productivity estimates from past years on the [Fall Turkey Harvest and Productivity Dashboard](#). When you observe a flock, record the number of adult females, adult males, and poults (young of the year) that you see and [submit your observation online](#).

Beyond the Bin Video Series — Municipal Solid Waste

What happens to waste generated at home, school, work, or in public? The new *Beyond the Bin: Municipal Solid Waste* video walks residents through what happens to the waste that is thrown away and its real costs. This video follows the process in Syracuse, NY, but applies to locations across the state. You'll hear directly from professionals in the field about how waste is processed and the challenges involved with managing the waste stream. [This video](#) is a great resource for residents, educators, students, and anyone else interested in understanding how our daily disposal decisions impact our environment. Is the plastic in your recycling bin really getting recycled? Join us as we explore the recycling bin and the plastics recycling process in the [third video](#) of the new Beyond the Bin video series.

Yellowstone Winter Adventure with Earth Spirit

Join Earth Spirit from **December 6-13** for a Yellowstone winter adventure. This trip will be full of wildlife viewing opportunities and Winter activities in this unique and historic location. Guests will be staying in one of two beautiful lodges just outside of the park where two gourmet meals per day will be prepared by our leaders and shared with the group. The focus of the trip is wildlife, and guests will be provided with Swarovski spotting scopes and will be led to viewing hot-spots throughout the Excursion experience in order to locate and view the animals each day. There will be plenty of other adventures as well, including explorations outside of the park and visits with local guest experts in the field. [Info](#)

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.

Look for the Zero: Use Only Phosphorus-Free Lawn Fertilizer

DEC encourages homeowners to go phosphorus-free when using lawn fertilizer. Consumers should review bag labels for phosphorus content when shopping for fertilizer. Fertilizer labels have three numbers. The number in the middle is the percentage of phosphorus in the product. Regardless of the lawn's location, excess phosphorus can wash off and pollute lakes and streams, harming fish and ruining boating and swimming. For more information, visit DEC's [Lawn Fertilizer webpage](#).

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.

Check Your Pool Filter for Asian Longhorned Beetle

[Asian longhorned beetle \(ALB\)](#) is active from now through Labor Day. DEC asks pool owners to check filters for the invasive insect regularly, and submit a report if any are found. ALB attacks and kills maples, birches, willows, and other hardwoods. They emerge from infested trees in the late summer to find a new host. The beetles are 1.5 inches long, have long black-and-white antennae, and have black and white spots on their body. They should not be confused with the native white-spotted pine sawyer, which has a distinctive white spot on their back, below their head. No pool? You can still help! Be on the lookout for ALB exit holes, sawdust accumulating at the base of trees, oozing sap, or pits in bark. If found: [Submit a report form](#); or Email foresthealth@dec.ny.gov and include images of the insect and record the location.

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.

Air Pollution Survey - What's Your Story?

Consider submitting your experiences with air quality through this survey! [Responses](#) about where, when, and how you were affected by pollution will help guide local and state responses.

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.

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. Save your seat by [registering](#) for our live or self-paced options.

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](#).

New DEC Webpage on Pollution Prevention

DEC has launched a [new webpage](#) that makes finding pollution prevention information easy to find and navigate. Whether you need to know about pollution prevention laws and regulations for your business or you are a consumer looking for educational information about how to reduce waste or you are seeking programs that keep toxic chemicals out of everyday products, you can find it all on this one webpage. Educators will also benefit from exploring the pollution prevention webpage for a plethora of information about school chemical management. From green chemistry to toxic chemical bans to hazardous waste reduction programs this webpage will guide you to the pollution prevention information you are seeking.

Survey of Nature-Based Stormwater Projects in Great Lakes Basin

[The Great Lakes Stormwater Collaborative](#) is seeking information about stormwater management projects across the [Great Lakes Basin](#) that have incorporated nature-based solutions. Nature-based solutions are stormwater management practices that are inspired or supported by natural processes (e.g. permeable pavements, green infrastructure, etc.). If you have completed a stormwater management project that incorporated nature-based solutions, please share it with the Collaborative through their survey. These projects may be used in an economic analysis of nature-based solutions in the Great Lakes Basin. [Survey](#).

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.”

Seed Libraries

Many Erie County libraries have seed packets that patrons can check out. There is also an opportunity to collect seeds and donate to the collection. Check [here for a list of libraries](#).

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

Educators across the country are using Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs) in their classrooms. 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](#).

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.

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](#).

Actions Students Can Take at School

DEC developed new resources for K-12 schools to help students take action on sustainability in their schools. These action sheets focus on: [Reducing Wasted Food](#) (PDF), [Composting](#) (PDF), [Reduction, Reuse and Repair](#) (PDF), [Recycling](#) (PDF). They provide practical strategies that help students connect their everyday actions to conserving natural resources and reducing waste. These materials are designed for use by student leaders, environmental clubs, and teachers, making learning interactive and encouraging students to think critically about how their choices impact the environment.

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

[NEW literacy resource: Storybooks](#)-Wildlife stories for pre-K through 3rd grade.

[World Wildlife Fund's Food Waste Warriors](#) is a K-12 program that empowers students to understand, measure, and reduce food waste in their schools. Through hands-on audits, data collection, and action planning, students identify waste patterns and implement solutions to improve efficiency and sustainability. The program builds awareness of the environmental and social impacts of food waste while fostering student leadership and real-world problem solving.

[Off-shore wind hands-on activity](#)- This lesson collection includes a teacher guide and student handout for a hands-on offshore wind engineering challenge. Student teams design and build a floating, moored platform for a model wind turbine, run four tests under simulated wind and wave conditions, then redesign and test again.

[AI, Data Centers, and Energy](#)-Investigate how AI and data centers are increasing energy demand and what that means for the future.

[Our Beautiful Planet](#) is a series of compelling, 5-7 minute science films highlighting the cutting-edge research that climate scientists are doing to solve some of the world's most pressing environmental issues.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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 benefits 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.

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[Climate Tech Fellows Application](#)- a six-month pre-accelerator program designed to help early-stage climate innovators advance breakthrough technologies from lab to market. The Fellowship, supported by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will focus on energy and urban resilience. Deadline: **August 1, 2026.**

[Cooperative Changemakers: A Community Power Fellowship](#) is back and accepting applications! For 11 Wednesdays from September 2nd through November 11th, participants will engage in classroom training with experts in the skills required to be a changemaker in the cooperative movement, including cooperative business development, finance, governance, democratic decision-making, communication, and conflict transformation. On Wednesday, November 18th, the Fellowship course will end with a graduation celebration. Deadline: **August 15.**

[2027 True Blue Fellowship.](#) -The Fellowship empowers young people ages 16–24 around the world who are using the creative arts to address issues affecting the ocean, waterways, and climate. Through seed funding of up to USD \$2,500, peer support, and capacity-building programs, Fellows gain the resources and community needed to advance their projects and create meaningful environmental impact. Application deadline: **August 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.**

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Grants Under Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act](#)-The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently accepting grant proposals for projects to protect, restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat within the Great Lakes basin. Deadline: **August 3.**

[Advancing Forest Markets](#)- designed to help remove key barriers to large-scale tree planting efforts by increasing access to high-quality, locally grown seedlings for reforestation, afforestation, and climate resilience projects. It also seeks to strengthen New York State's forest economy by expanding access to critical resources for producers of forest commodities like wood and maple syrup and other forestry businesses through projects that encourage innovation and expansion in product development, capacity, and market access. Deadline: **August 5.**

[JLIF Commercialization Competition](#)- New York State startups with an innovative prototype can compete for a share of up to \$420,000 in funding to accelerate commercialization. Deadline: **August 10.**

[Urban and Community Forestry Grant](#)-\$10 million in funding is now available through Round 17 of DEC's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Grant Program. Maximum grant awards are limited to \$2.5 million and minimum awards are of \$50,000. urban and community forestry management projects for enhanced environmental quality, increased tree health and diversity, and climate mitigation. The grant opportunity is available to municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, Indian Nations and Tribes, and other community-based organizations. Deadline: **August 12 at 2pm.**

[Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts \(FCELT\) Grant Program](#)-Eligible accredited land trusts may apply for up to \$350,000 to purchase conservation easements on privately owned forested land in New York State to protect these lands from future development. Deadline: **August 13.**

[The Livestock Conservancy Microgrants](#)- support farmers and organizations actively working with endangered livestock and poultry breeds listed on the Conservation Priority List. Grants from \$500 to \$2,000 fund improvements to a variety of farm-related operations. The program offers grants in adult and youth categories. Deadline: **August 15.**

[‘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. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Deadline: **3:00 p.m. on August 31, 2026.**

[National Household Wasted Food Prevention Project](#) (NHWFP)-accepts proposals to develop, launch, and implement a coordinated, nationwide effort to reduce wasted food in households by 10% per capita nationally and by 20% per capita in communities supported through grants by 2030. Deadline: **September 1.**

[DEC's HABs Research Grant](#)- funds projects to advance research goals of the DEC [HAB Roadmap](#) and the [DEC HABs Research Guide](#) through improved understanding of HAB drivers and reduce impacts to health and recreation across New York State. Deadline: **September 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

[Second Nature's Catalyst Grants](#)- Designed to help member institutions turn ideas into action, the Catalyst Grants provide up to \$5,000 in unrestricted funding to support projects that ignite meaningful climate action on campuses and in communities. Whether you're launching a new initiative or accelerating an existing effort, these grants are intended to build capacity and advance your institution's climate leadership. Deadline: **September 24, 2026.**

[USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife FY26](#). Helps private landowners restore and protect habitats for fish and wildlife. It offers both technical assistance and financial support, mainly through cooperative agreements. Deadline: **September 30, 2026.**

[2026 Freshwater Futures Fall Project Cycle Request for Proposals](#)- provides financial support for community groups working to promote drinking water, river, lake, shoreline, wetland, and groundwater protection in the Great Lakes Basin through grassroots advocacy efforts. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. Grants Q&A Webinar September 2nd, 12-1pm ET, [Register](#). Deadline: **September 30, 2026**

[Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education \(SFE\) Program](#) is now accepting applications for the 2027 planting season. Since 1996, this Wild Ones donor-supported initiative has awarded native plant grants to schools, nature centers, and youth programs across the country. These small grants, ranging from \$100 to \$500, help create pollinator gardens, rain gardens, prairies, monarch waystations, and more, all designed and maintained by youth. Deadline: **November 15.**

[Growing the Clean Energy Workforce](#)-The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) [Office of Just Energy Transition \(OJET\)](#) will fund up to \$7 million in awards to support programs that prepare workers for employment in the electric vehicle repair and maintenance field. Proposals accepted now through **December 3, 2026 by 4:00pm EST**

[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. **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

[Watercraft Inspection Steward / Environmental Educator](#) -WNY PRISM

[Fish Culturist 2](#)- NY Helps, Randolph. Deadline: **August 5, 2026**.

[Fish Culturist 3](#)- NY Helps, Randolph. Deadline: **August 5, 2026**.

[Development Coordinator](#)- Part-time, Buffalo Botanical Gardens

[Communications Manager](#)- RENEW Institute, UB North Campus

[Program Manager](#)- RENEW Institute, UB North Campus

[Part-time Facilitator of Learning](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Staff Accountant](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Groundskeeper](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Full-time Facilities Technician](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Chief of Staff](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Membership and Database Coordinator](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Tift Groundskeeper](#)-Tift Nature Preserve

[Ecological Restoration Technician](#) - LaBella Associates

[Conservation Advocate](#) - Environment New York

[Senior Environmental Planner](#) - The Wetland Trust

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

[Stewardship Intern](#): Western New York Land Conservancy, part-time, unpaid. The position is primarily field-based and offers hands-on experience in conservation land management, ecological restoration, conservation easement monitoring and preserve stewardship.

[Climate Justice Planner](#)-Shared Mobility

[Adoptions Counselor](#)-Erie County SPCA

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

[Community Campaigns Organizer for Western New York](#) -to lead local outreach, grow membership, and drive issue-based and electoral campaigns.

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

[Primate Animal Keeper](#)- Buffalo Zoo

[Carnivore Animal Keeper](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Hoofstock Animal Keeper 1](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Educator & Program Assistant \(Part-Time\)](#)-Botanical Gardens

[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

[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.

[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:

Saturday, August 1

Chores and Chuckles at Pelion Garden-10am to noon at 212 Best St, Buffalo. Join us the first Saturday morning of each month for some gardening chores and accidental fun. Tasks vary but may include: weeding, watering, light carpentry, planting, harvesting, collecting seeds, starting seed trays, turning soil/compost, transplanting, raking, deadheading, putting up groundhog deterrent fencing, pruning trees and shrubs. Bring your favorite work gloves and water bottle. Individuals do not have to signup--just show up. Stay for an hour or the whole session. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1522655979385495>

Wild Weekend at the Botany Barn- 12-5pm. Royal Fern Nursery, 8888 Glasgow Rd, Fredonia, NY 14063-9696 Join us as we highlight some of the wonderful organizations (many of them nonprofits) in our WNY area that are doing WILDLY GOOD WORK! The Botany Barn will be hosting EverWild Land Trust, WNY PRISM, Audubon Community Nature Center, Greystone Nature Preserve, Wild Ones WNY Chapter, Buffalo Bat Habitat, TSE Wildlife Rescue, Ecos Cooperative Inc., and Wild Creatures. [Schedule and info.](#)

Enchanted Wild Fest Event-11:00am – 4:00pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. Immerse yourself in your favorite movies and stories at Enchanted Wild Fest! You never know who or what you'll meet – will it be a wild cat, a princess, and eagle, or even superhero? Dress as your favorite movie character to add to the fun! Tickets available here -> <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product/enchanted-wild-fest/>

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Erie Canalway Junior Ranger Day-10am to 4pm. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day of exploration and discovery at 15 canal sites across the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Kids can pick up a free Junior Ranger Activity Booklet, complete hands-on activities, and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Hosted by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the NYS Canal Corporation, Junior Ranger Day invites kids and families to discover New York's canal heritage in a lively, memorable way. Enjoy time along the waterway with activities such as boating, fishing, picnicking, biking, and wildlife watching. [Info.](#)

Master Your Garden Series: From Garden to Vase-Each class begins at 10 a.m. and is held in the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 12690 State Route 31, Albion. Suggested donation: \$5. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email klo54@cornell.edu. This month the topic is taking the flowers

Niagara History Hike-9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Free at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a challenging hiking loop with an educator to learn more about the history of industry and power that once stood beneath your hiking boots. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Birding at River Lea-10:00 - 11:30 am, free, [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist on a stroll along River Lea in search for songbirds and waterfowl. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Niagara County 250 Celebration-6:00 - 10:15 pm, free at [Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site](#).

The event will feature three concerts- County-wide high school band, Revolutionary era music by David and Ginger Hildebrand and the Fort Drum Army Band. At the conclusion of the evening, will be a drone light show presented by Skyworx. During that whole weekend, the Fort will also host a Revolutionary War Encampment with musket firings, artillery salutes and living history programs. The daytime programs on August 1 & 2 will be regular admission and the Saturday evening program will be free.

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

A Class About Something Astonishing-10am. Instructor: Master Gardener Nancy Halstead. Transform your garden flowers into beautiful arrangements with Orleans County Master Gardener Nancy Halstead. Learn essential design techniques, proper conditioning methods, and how to maximize your vase life. This class will teach you how to make the most of your homegrown blooms and bring your garden indoors all season long. Part of our Master Your Garden education series, this class is held at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 12690 State Route 31, Albion. Suggested donation: \$5. To register, call 585-798-4265 or email orleansmg@cornell.edu.

2nd Annual Roots & Rhythm: Summer Garden Party- 3 PM to 7 PM CS53 Community Garden 91 Winslow Ave, Buffalo NY 14208. Join East Side Stewards for their second annual Roots and Rhythm Community Garden Party. There will be art, vendors, music, food, games, giveaways, and more! RSVP [here](#)

Yoga on the Creek at Market Square Park- 10 AM - 11 AM at Market Square, Niagara Street Buffalo, NY 14207. Ready to stretch it out and find your zen? Join us in person at Market Square Park for Yoga on the Creek. It's the perfect way to connect with nature, breathe deeply, and flow with a fun crowd. Bring your mat, bring your vibe, and let's unwind together by the peaceful creek. Register [here](#)

Buffalo Area Daylily Society: Daylily, Hosta, and Iris Public Sale- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at Vigilant Fire Company 666 Main Street, West Seneca.

Beginner Birdwatching-11am to 1pm at Warsaw Public Library, 130 N. Main St., Warsaw. [Register.](#)

Sunday, August 2

Hike Through History-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park on this guided walk. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Nature Stroll: Little Beaver Island-10:00 - 11:30 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist and take a nice nature-driven stroll around Little Beaver Island. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Pictures and Paints! -10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Free at [DeVeaux Woods State Park](#). Take a tour of DeVeaux Woods with an educator, snapping pictures and learning more about the nature around you before sitting down to use your photos as inspiration for your watercolor painting! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Great Gorge to Gorgeview-12:00 PM - 2:00 pm, Free at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Adventure along part of the old railway in the gorge to learn about the ecosystems around us before adventuring up the stairs and strolling along the gorgeview paths. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Tails on Trails at DeVeaux Woods-3:00 - 4:30 pm, Free 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](#)

Niagara County 250 Celebration-6:00 - 10:15 pm, free at [Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site](#).

The event will feature three concerts- County-wide high school band, Revolutionary era music by David and Ginger Hildebrand and the Fort Drum Army Band. At the conclusion of the evening, will be a drone light show presented by Skyworx. During that whole weekend, the Fort will also host a Revolutionary War Encampment with musket firings, artillery salutes and living history programs. The daytime programs on August 1 & 2 will be regular admission and the Saturday evening program will be free.

Monday, August 3

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Buffalo Zoo, 300 Parkside, Buffalo, NY, 14214. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Community Outreach During Ongoing Radiological Investigation in Niagara and Erie Counties- 3 to 7pm drop-in session. Residents can ask questions and learn more about the property access and survey process. Calvin K. Richards Senior/Youth Activity Center, Veteran's Memorial Community Park, 7000 Joe Rotella Way, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

Tuesday, August 4

Virtual Gardening Conversation-Join Trevor Smith on Zoom every Tuesday evening through Oct. 27 from 6:00-7:00pm for a free-form conversation about all things gardening. Bring your gardening questions and gain insight from Trevor's experiences as a designer and ecological practitioner. [Register](#).

Wednesday, August 5

GBNRTC Meeting-9:30 AM. You can attend the monthly PCC meeting live at: meetings.gbnrtc.org/PCC

Connected to Place: Regenerating Nature, Community, and Local Economies Through Systems Change- 3 to 4pm webinar. How can stronger connections to place help create healthier communities and a more sustainable future? Join Matt Biggar, Ph.D., for an eeWEBINAR exploring ideas from his new book, *Connected to Place*, and discover how place-based education and systems thinking can inspire meaningful environmental and social change. Register today and be part of the conversation. [Register](#).

Family Fish Night-Tifft Nature Preserve, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Ages 5-15 | \$10 per child*. Join in on a sunset fishing experience off the Lake Kirsty fishing pier. Meet at the Education Center for instruction, bait, and fishing rods to borrow for children ages 5-15. Adult supervision required. [Advance registration required](#).

Thursday, August 6

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tifft Nature Preserve. Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.*

Evening Ride Along the Gorge-6:00 - 7:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Get out into nature this week by taking your bike out for a ride with an educator along 9 miles of paved pathway! Bikes not provided and helmets are required. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Adults-only Twilight Mocktail Hike-7 - 8:30 p.m. at Tifft Nature Preserve | Ages 18+ | \$16 per person*. Make a delicious seasonal mocktail and enjoy the golden hour of summer on a guided twilight hike through the Preserve. [Advance registration required](#).

Orchard Park Garden Club General Meeting: Interactive Horticulture-11:30 am - 12:30 pm at American Legion Post 567 5784 Ellis Rd., Orchard Park. Orchard Park Garden Club's meeting features Interactive Horticulture: members bring a specimen from their garden for judging, with ribbons awarded for best in class.

Providence Farm Tour- 1 to 2:15pm. Providence Farm Collective, 5701 Burton Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127. [Tickets](#).

Beyond Lithium, Part 3: Form Energy's Iron-Air Battery-1 to 2pm. Clean Energy Group's "[Beyond Lithium](#)" webinar series spotlights the emerging energy storage technologies that are expanding the grid's capabilities beyond today's lithium-ion batteries. Each session in the series will feature a leading non-lithium-ion storage company, offering a practical look at how their systems work, where they are being deployed, and how they compare on performance, cost, scalability, safety, and supply chain considerations. Participants will gain insight into the potential benefits, barriers, commercialization timelines, and policy frameworks shaping this evolving market. This session will explore [Form Energy](#), manufacturer of 100-hour, iron-air battery systems, with a manufacturing facility in West Virginia, a demonstration project in Minnesota, and a commercial pipeline of over 750 megawatts/75 gigawatt-hours under agreement. Form's Director of Government Affairs, Sarah Jackson, will give an overview of their technology and answer questions from attendees. Clean Energy Group President and Executive Director Seth Mullendore will moderate. [Register](#).

Friday, August 7

"What's Bugging You" talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Managing spotted lanternfly at home. [Register](#)

Friday Fern Foray-10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at College Lodge Forest, Brocton. Ever wanted to learn more plant species but felt intimidated by the thousands of flowering plants in a field guide? Then don't frond, ferns are for you! With easy-to-observe characteristics and fewer than two dozen species you're likely to encounter along Western New York trails, ferns offer one of the easiest and most rewarding gateways into plant identification. We'll hike the trails of College Lodge Forest in search of these ancient plants, learning to recognize the region's usual suspects by their sori, scales, and other surprisingly simple clues. Whether you're a complete beginner or just looking to brush up on your fern knowledge, you'll leave ready to turn over a new frond and see the forest floor in a whole new way. [Register](#)

Whirlpool Education Station-10:00 am - 12:00 pm, [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#).

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Birders Paradise-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). From the lake to the woods, walk with a park naturalist to look and listen for the many different species of birds that call Fort Niagara State Park home! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Climate Science Stroll at the Falls-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll around the park to discuss current climate science topics. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Friday Field Days-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Thomas F. Higgins 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 Seedhead clipping - Teasel and Thistle. Notes: All tools will be provided however we recommend you wear long pants and sleeves to prevent scratches. [Register for 8/7 Friday Field Days](#)

Saturday, August 8

NFTA Parks Adventure Bus to Akron Falls Park-All day, [Akron Falls - Shelter 6 is reserved for seating, shade, and restroom use](#). Erie County Parks is once again partnering with NFTA to offer the FREE Parks Adventure Bus! The bus will take patrons from the main station downtown to Erie County, DEC and NYS Parks throughout the summer. There will be a guided hike at 12:30pm. [Schedule and Information](#)

To the Rapids and Back!-9:30 am - 12:30 pm, [Niagara Falls State Park - Devil's Hole Area](#). Hike with an educator to the northernmost end of the river level trail! Journals will be handed out for those who want to reflect on their experience along this lesser-traveled trail. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Wetland Importance Stroll-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Wetlands are all around us! Why are they important to have? Join a park naturalist on a stroll around Little Beaver Island and find out! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Wildflower Watercolor Series-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for this reoccurring watercolor series where we will create nature journals based upon wildflowers we see throughout the season. It is not necessary to be present at every session to enjoy the program. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Canal Boat Dock Party – 6 to 9pm at Canalside, an evening of live music, cold craft beer, dockside dancing, and golden-hour views beside the historic Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*! The Brother James Band will bring the soundtrack, Big Ditch Brewing Company will keep the beer flowing, and Canalside will provide the perfect waterfront backdrop. [Tickets](#) are still available, so be sure to get yours today!

BWELL Hike Series #3 Reinstein Woods-9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 93 Honoring Drive Depew, NY 14043. Perfect for all levels, so come ready to move, breathe, and unwind surrounded by nature. Please wear comfortable footwear and dress for the weather. You are responsible for your own water and snacks. No dogs are permitted on any of the trails. Register [here](#)

Rewilding of Tiff Nature Preserve Tour-10 a.m - 12 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$11 per person*. Tiff Nature Preserve provides guests with an immersion in nature. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of how this is made possible through unique and innovative ecological renovation projects. We will explore projects along the trails, such as diverse native plantings, invasive species removal, and management of our woodland and wetland habitats. Advance [registration required](#).

Planetarium Movie - Mars: The Ultimate Voyage-Buffalo Science Museum, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. | Ages 5+ | \$15 + museum admission. Ever wondered what it will take for astronauts to travel to the Moon, Mars and beyond? On this long journey, what challenges will astronauts face? This immersive planetarium movie explores these questions and more. This program contains immersive visual effects that may cause disorientation or motion sickness insensitive individuals. [Tickets](#).

Succulent Garden Workshop- 10 to 11am at Botanical Gardens. \$50 (\$45 member). Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll create your own little dessert oasis with a succulent dish garden, a perfect way to welcome in sunny days! You will learn the basics of succulent identification and care, focusing on tips and tricks on how to maintain these unique plants. You will also learn different methods of succulent propagation to keep your garden growing! All materials are included. [Tickets](#).

Sunday, August 9

Hike Through History-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park on this guided walk. [Registration required](#)

Outdoor Skills-10:00 - 11:30 am at [Evangola State Park](#). Build a model of an emergency shelter from natural materials and practice navigation and fire building techniques. For adults and children age 8 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

DIY Bee Hotels-1:30 - 3:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Learn a little more about our native bees before getting to build your very own bee hotel! They're like birdhouses but for our solitary bees! [Registration required](#)

BWELL Adopt a Garden @ Freedom Park-10 AM - 12 PM at Freedom Park 1170 Niagara Street Buffalo, NY 14213. Get ready to roll up your sleeves and join BWELL for our Adopt-a-Garden initiative this summer at Freedom Park! Freedom Park holds deep historical significance as a site honoring the Underground Railroad and the courageous journey of freedom seekers who crossed through Buffalo to Canada in pursuit of liberation. This space serves as both a place of reflection and a celebration of resilience, freedom, and community. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply love being outdoors, we invite you to come grow with us as we help Freedom Park bloom this summer! **Tools will be provided and BYOT (bring your own tools) welcome! Register [here](#)

Monday, August 10

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Grace Guest House 2315 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY, 14210. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Meadow Mondays-7 to 8pm. This is a one hour online monthly meet-up to discuss all aspects of meadows based on native plant communities. These kinds of landscaping solutions, which provide a myriad of environmental benefits, are becoming increasingly popular alternatives to less ecologically productive lawns, old grazing fields, or areas dominated by invasive plants. We can share and expand our collective understanding and experience in designing, establishing and managing these early successional communities as we share our challenges, successes, and accumulated knowledge. [Register](#).

Community Outreach During Ongoing Radiological Investigation in Niagara and Erie Counties- 3 to 7pm drop-in session. Residents can ask questions and learn more about the property access and survey process. Calvin K. Richards Senior/Youth Activity Center, Veteran's Memorial Community Park, 7000 Joe Rotella Way, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

Tuesday, August 11

Unearth a Story with REPCO Reptile Encounters In-Person- 2 to 3pm at Alden Ewell Free Library. Join REPCO Wildlife for an adventure that will take you back in time! See reptiles from around the world as you learn all about their connection to the prehistoric world. Suitable for all ages; best for ages 4 and up. Space is limited and [registration is required](#).

Virtual Gardening Conversation-Join Trevor Smith on Zoom every Tuesday evening through Oct. 27 from 6:00-7:00pm for a free-form conversation about all things gardening. Bring your gardening questions and gain insight from Trevor's experiences as a designer and ecological practitioner. [Register](#).

Shaping Our Future: Community Forum on Redistricting In-Person-5:30 to 7:30pm. Community forum sponsored by VOICE Buffalo. Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library.

Wednesday, August 12

Reptiles Around the World! In-Person-2 to 3pm at Orchard Park Public Library, 4570 S. Buffalo St. Repco Wildlife Encounters presents Reptiles Around the World! Visit with reptiles from different continents! Meet and learn about snakes, lizards and turtles up close! This is an all ages program. Registration required. [\(716\) 662-9851](tel:7166629851)

Thursday, August 13

Botanical Field Trip-9:30am. Beaver Ponds Forest Management Area (Erie County Forestry Lot 4) Wagner Road, Holland, NY. Lat/Long: [42.6117935,-78.4675621](#). This is a site with wetlands, headwater streams, beaver ponds, and potential primary forest. Meet at the [Red & White Café](#) 17 S. Main St, Holland. Leader: Josh Konovitz, jjkonovitz@gmail.com.

The Foundry Community Cookout and Celebration-5:30 to 7:30pm at 298 Northampton St, Buffalo. This event will feature a youth showcase where our students will present the mural they've worked on over the course of the summer, free maker activities, tours of our makerspaces, a resource fair to learn about other local organizations. Join us for a fun-filled evening to celebrate youth achievement, creativity and community.

Hyde Park Community Meeting- 5:30 to 7pm. Join Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and our project team on Aug. 13 to explore the proposed shoreline restoration designs for Hyde Park Lake and Gill Creek. Learn how these improvements will enhance water quality, restore habitat, and strengthen the shoreline. Share your questions, feedback, and ideas as we move into the next phase of project design. It will be at the Hyde Park Pavilion/JR's StoneRoom, which is located at 911 Robbins Drive, Niagara Falls, NY, 14301. [Register](#)

Green Drinks Buffalo- 5:30pm at Brazen Brewing Co. (5839 Genesee St, Lancaster, NY 14086). Join others for networking. The event is also listed at <https://sites.google.com/view/greendrinksbuffalo> and <https://www.facebook.com/GreenDrinksBuffalo>.

Water is Life: Speaker Series with Rights of Nature WNY-6pm at Buffalo Maritime Center, 90 Arthur St., Buffalo, NY 14207. Free. [Info](#).

What's Happened to NY Climate Law?-6pm. Join EANY and Catskill Mountainkeeper to for a timely conversation about what happened to the climate law, what the rollbacks tangibly mean, and where we go from here. Spoiler alert: We have solutions! [Register](#).

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tifft Nature Preserve. Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.*

Friday, August 14

Whirlpool Education Station-10:00 am - 12:00 pm, [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#).

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Fire Starting 101-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Join a park naturalist to learn how to start a campfire using flint and steel and make a fire starter to take with you! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Foraging Walk at Pfeiffer Nature Center-6pm. Enjoy an easy walk on our beautiful property while learning about wild edible plants! 1974 Lillibridge Rd Portville, NY. \$5 appreciated but not necessary to attend.

Saturday, August 15

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Astronomy Nights at Penn Dixie- 8 to 10pm. Join us for an out-of-this-world experience! Our astronomers will map the night sky — including stars, planets, constellations, and deep space objects — for you using a variety of telescopes and specialized equipment. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, warm clothing, blankets, a flashlight, and food/beverages. We'll have plenty of telescopes, but you can bring yours along, too, if you'd like some expert advice. All ages welcome. Registration is not required. Check our social media for weather-related updates. [Info](#).

Parks Adventure Bus to Fort Niagara State Park- The Parks Adventure Bus and park entry is free to riders. Arrive 10 minutes early to board buses downtown and at all parks. Park rangers are on park grounds to assist you. More information [here](#)

Woody Plant Selections for Shade Gardens - 1pm at Draves Arboretum for our guest speaker William "Bill" Hendricks. Bill will be going over Woody Plant Selections for Shade Gardens. To register you can go to our website dravesarboretum.org. Draves Arboretum 1815 Sharrick Road Darien, NY 14040.

Urban Farm Day- 10am-4pm. Join us for a day in food gardens large and small— growing, eating, and exploring — in our urban and suburban neighborhoods. [Learn more](#)

Eco-Expedition at Houghton Conservation Area-10am to noon. Eco Expeditions are hands-on community science events where participants help identify and document plants and wildlife. Participants deepen understanding of local ecosystems, build skills, and gather valuable data that supports land protection and restoration. Eco Expeditions are welcoming, educational, and fun, offering people of all ages a meaningful way to connect with nature while learning care for Western New York's waterfronts and green spaces. Houghton Park 1675 Clinton St, Buffalo, NY 14206. [Register](#)

Backyard Bass-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist at the Beaver Island Nature Center and play a little game about fish in our Great Lakes. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Color Walk-1:30 - 3:30 pm at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Hike the upper and lower trail loop while learning about pigments and their role in nature. Bring along a phone or camera and get assigned a color to find to take pictures of! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Dare To Repair Café-10am to 1pm. Reinstein Woods 93 Honorine Dr, Depew NY 14043. [Info and registration.](#)

Life Under Logs Hike-Tifft Nature Preserve, 2 - 3:30 p.m. | All Ages | \$11 per person*. Join us for a joyful exploration of life under logs, rocks, and leaves! We'll start with a brief indoor presentation to meet some of the wild and tiny life beneath the surface and then venture onto the trails to look for the real organisms that call Tifft home. [Advance registration required.](#)

Sunday, August 16

Hike Through History-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park on this guided walk. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Soap Making-1:00 - 2:30 pm at [Evangola State Park](#). Unleash your inner artisan at the Evangola Nature Center! Make your own soap using a glycerin soap base, and fun molds. (Children 8+ with parent/guardian supervision) Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Eco-Printing with Leaves!-1:30 - 3:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Devil's Hole Area](#). Join an educator for a demonstration on how to eco-print, a dyeing technique that transfers colors from nature to paper or fabric! Then learn how to use leaves to ID trees while waiting for the dyeing process to finish. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Monday, August 17

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Kleinhans Music Hall, 3 Symphony Circle. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Providence Farm Collective's Incubator Farm Program-5:30-6:45pm. 5701 Burton Rd., Orchard Park. [Tickets.](#)

Tuesday, August 18

African Violet Society: BINGO-7pm at GreenFields Assisted Living Facility 5951 Broadway, Lancaster, New York. Members and visitors are asked to bring in African Violets, Gesneriad leaves, starter plants, anything plant related to donate as prizes for Bingo. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission fee

Virtual Gardening Conversation-Join Trevor Smith on Zoom every Tuesday evening through Oct. 27 from 6:00-7:00pm for a free-form conversation about all things gardening. Bring your gardening questions and gain insight from Trevor's experiences as a designer and ecological practitioner. [Register.](#)

Meet the League of Women Voters Virtual Meeting-6:30 to 7:30pm. Join us each month to meet and greet new members and reconnect with longstanding members in this virtual opportunity. [Zoom Link](#)

Wednesday, August 19

Planning for the Unknown: Tools for Urban Forest Pest Preparedness-2 to 3:30pm. Urban forests are on the front lines of invasive pest threats and climate uncertainty. This webinar features two practical tools that help communities assess risk, strengthen preparedness and respond strategically to emerging forest pests. Gain practical insights and learn about scalable tools that can help your community prepare for the next pest threat before it arrives. [Learn more and register.](#)

Designing & Implementing Effective Participatory Science Projects-3-4 pm ET. Participatory science is the involvement of the public in science. It uses the collective strength and knowledge of the public to collect, analyze, and use data to answer environmental and public health questions. Are you curious to learn how to engage and collaborate with your local community to do science? This webinar will walk through common steps and processes to design and implement a participatory science project as well as water, air, and soil case studies from across the country. The presenters will walk through their planning process steps, discuss outcomes, and highlight lessons learned. [Register.](#)

Public Charities Can Lobby: How Your 501(c)(3) Can Influence Policy for the Greater Good-Noon. Freshwater Future's partner, Alliance for Justice, will lead our next monthly session focused on nonprofit lobbying "Do's and Don'ts". After this workshop, you will have a clear understanding of what advocacy activities your 501(c)(3) can engage in, what communications count as lobbying, and how to maximize your non-lobbying advocacy. [Register.](#)

The Ecology of Home: Creating Habitat That Works-7pm. Join landscape ecologist, Certified Wildlife Biologist, and author Shaun McCoshum, PhD, for a free webinar exploring how ecological principles can be applied to home landscapes. Drawing on more than 20 years of conservation and restoration experience, Shaun will share practical, science-based strategies for creating outdoor spaces that support biodiversity. [Register.](#)

Thursday, August 20

Memory Café at the Buffalo Science Museum-9:30 to 11am. Join us at the Museum each third Thursday of the month for Memory Cafe. This program provides an opportunity for adults with memory challenges and their loved ones to explore science and nature through the Museum's collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided. In this Memory Cafe for August we are exploring the science behind our favorite Buffalo sports. [Register.](#)

Sustainable Transportation Happy Hour-4:30 to 7pm. Come grab a drink and join the sustainable transportation conversation! Join SBR and the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus for a happy hour bringing together organizations at the forefront of sustainable transportation in Western New York and those looking to learn more. Join us at the BNMC Pocket Park to meet the organizations leading the charge and learn a little more about their initiatives. Take a tour of the sustainable transportation infrastructure on campus and following introductions, enjoy casual networking. [Register.](#)

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tiff Nature Preserve. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.*

The History of Providence Farm Collective Tour-1 to 2:15pm. 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127. [Tickets.](#)

Friday, August 21

Whirlpool Education Station-10:00 am - 12:00 pm, [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area.](#)

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park.](#) Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Frog or Toad?-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park.](#) Frog or toad? I don't know! Come by the Nature Center to learn all about our local amphibians – their identifying characteristics, their habits and their habitats! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Twilight at the Museum: "Summer Triangle"- 8 - 11 p.m. at the Science Museum for all ages. \$25 per non-member, \$5 per member. These Friday 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! Register online at [sciencebuff.org.](#)

Farmer Pirates Compost Facilities Tour-6 PM at Farmer Pirates Compost 2 Gittere Street Buffalo, NY 14211. Join BWELL as we learn what happens to our food scraps after we give them to our local composters! Farmer Pirate Compost Crew is opening their doors and giving us a tour of their facilities. Come see how they divert our food scraps from the landfill for both commercial and residential properties! Parking is very limited and carpooling is encouraged. There is also no bathroom or running water on site. The tour should not be longer than an hour. Additionally, please wear closed toe shoes as this is an active work site! More Info [here](#)

Saturday, August 22

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Wright Rocks 2026-9:30am to noon. This special tour is like no other! Get down to the beachfront that inspired Frank Lloyd Wright and that the Martin family so enjoyed on Wright Rocks! Exploring Nature's Architecture. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Graycliff sits high on the bluff above Lake Erie, one with the site and nature. Join Graycliff and Penn Dixie for a special geological tour of the site and discover the history of the land, the architecture, Wright's material choice, and more to show why Wright "rocks"! The experience will include hunting for rocks and fossils that have fallen from the shale and included with your admission is a pass to visit and dig at Penn Dixie during the 2025 season. There, you'll be able to dig, find, and keep fossils you discover on the 54 acres of Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve! [Tickets and Info](#).

Hive Inspection Class- 1pm at Masterson's Nursery, East Aurora. Join us in the apiary for a hand-on experience. We'll open up a hive together and see what the bees can teach us. From suiting up and lighting a smoker to proper hive etiquette to locating the queen, we'll share what we've picked up over the years. [Register](#).

Twilight Hike-6:00pm-8:30pm at Waste Management Nature Preserve, Chaffee. Come join Earth Spirit Staff for a FREE summer evening hike at Waste Management's Nature Preserve in Chaffee. This hike will take you on a journey throughout the preserve to experience the various sights and sounds you can encounter during twilight hours. During this program, we will be collecting data as part of an ongoing wildlife survey of the preserve. [REGISTER](#)

Insect Exploration-10:00 - 11:30 am at [Evangola State Park](#). We will search the pond and fields for flying, crawling and swimming insects. Nets and magnifiers will be provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Cleanup at Thomas F. Higgins Park-10am to noon. Join us for a Summer Sweep Pop Up in 2026! We'll be at Thomas F. Higgins Park. Help continue cleaning up and recording litter data alongside other dedicated sweepers. [Register here](#).

Lecture on Tool Safety, Use, and Maintenance-3 to 4pm at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village – Ballroom 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road Amherst, NY 14228. Join Grassroots Gardens at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village in a session on tool safety, use, and maintenance. The right tool can make light work of any gardening task, but deciding on the right tool is only one step. A well-cared-for hand tool makes gardening chores easy on both your plants and your body! And with the tips and tricks from this class, you can bring your old family heirlooms back into service and hand them down for generations to come. Register [here](#)

NY Flora Association Botanical Training- 10 am to 1 pm at Braddock Bay Park in Greece, NY. During the training, participants will learn how to use identification keys, how to create their own keys, and will learn the diagnostic features of 10 Great Lakes Coastal Wetland plant species. We will spend time observing the species along trails and a boardwalk at the park, so please come prepared with hiking or knee boots and long pants and sleeves. Please bring a lunch, water, and sunscreen. A 10x hand lens would be great to bring. If you have any questions about the trip before registering, please email wetlandplants@nyflora.org. All NYFA Learn 10 workshops are free and open to all. [Register](#). Limited to 15.

Furs & Skulls-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist at the Beaver Island Nature Center to learn about the mammals of WNY. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Pictures and Paints At Whirlpool-1:00 - 3:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). Walk partway down the rim trail with an educator, snapping pictures and learning more about the foliage of the Niagara Gorge before sitting down to use your photos as inspiration for your watercolor painting! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Exploring the World of Bats-8:30pm. Join us for a presentation by Jonathan Townsend on the Little Brown Bat, a once-common species that has experienced catastrophic population declines in the last 20 years. The program will cover basic information about these bats, review the cause of their decline, and discuss efforts to research and conserve their populations in the region. This discussion includes an ongoing conservation effort to purchase and protect The Ripley Bat Farm, one of the most important Little Brown Bat maternity colonies in western New York. After the talk participants can take part in an optional bat walk, where an ultrasonic microphone will be used to survey for bats in real time. Pfeiffer Nature Center, 1974 Lillibridge Rd., Portville.

Walk & Talk at Clyde L. Burmaster (Bond Lake) Park- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Bond Lake Park. Explore the lakeshore, learn about aquatic plants and try your hand at sampling them with a rake toss. Discover which plants are native, which are invasive and how we can protect our waterways. [Learn more and register.](#)

Sunday, August 23

Hike Through History-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park on this guided walk. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Let's Go Birding!-10:00 am - 12:00 pm. [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). Go birding along the gorge with an educator while identifying all the species we can along the way! This program is intended for beginners. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Margery Gallogly Nature Sanctuary Workday-10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join us for a fun volunteer workday at Margery Gallogly Nature Sanctuary on Grand Island. We'll be removing invasive species throughout the preserve, including along trails and off-trail around native trees planted on site. This will involve hand-pulling or digging up plants. Identification training will be provided at the event, no previous experience needed! We'll also assess fencing around the planted trees and repair cages and stakes as needed. And if we see any garbage along the way we'll collect and dispose of that, too. There are no restrooms on site. Please wear sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing for working off-trail. Gloves and shovels will be provided, though you are welcome to bring your own. [Register](#)

Monday, August 24

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Kerns Avenue Bowling Center 163 Kerns Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14211. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Lead Safe Work Practices Training at The Tool Library-10am to 4pm at 2626 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14214. 90% of Buffalo houses built before 1978, the year lead paint was made illegal. Learn how to safely do work on your house that might have lead paint and how to encapsulate pre-existing hazards. Upon completion of the class, participants are awarded a free Tool Library membership with special access to our HEPA Vacs and FREE consumables, like 6mm plastic, tyvek suits, respirators and more! Learn more about our Lead Safe Tool Borrowing Program here. More information [here](#), Register [here](#)

Providence Farm Tour- 5:30 to 6:45pm. Providence Farm Collective, 5701 Burton Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127. [Tickets.](#)

Tuesday, August 25

Unify for Climate: The Next Generation of Climate Action in Higher Education-3pm webinar. [REGISTER NOW](#). The session will feature higher education climate professionals from across institution types sharing how they are approaching this moment and where unification across institutions can accelerate progress.

Virtual Gardening Conversation-Join Trevor Smith on Zoom every Tuesday evening through Oct. 27 from 6:00-7:00pm for a free-form conversation about all things gardening. Bring your gardening questions and gain insight from Trevor's experiences as a designer and ecological practitioner. [Register.](#)

Wednesday, August 26

Family Fishing Program-6:00 - 7:30pm at [Ellicott Creek - Ellicott Creek Park Flume Parking Lot](#). Come Join a Park Ranger and learn how to fish! This fishing program will teach young park users and their parents/guardians the basics of fishing! Learn how to cast, bait a hook, set the hook, safe handling, and fish identification! Don't have fishing gear? The Rangers will have a limited number of rods and reels available for kids to use, as well as bait (worms and corn). This program has received an exemption from the NYSDEC, and all kids and parents/guardians registered for the program will qualify for free fishing (no fishing license required) for the duration of the program. Any cancellations related to weather will be communicated through your provided contact information. [Register for Family Fishing Program](#)

West Valley Citizen's Action Quarterly Public Meeting- 6:30 to 8pm. These hybrid sessions take place at the Ashford Office Complex (9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY) and offer remote access via [Zoom](#). In-person attendance requires valid photo identification, such as a REAL ID, Enhanced Driver's License, or U.S. Passport.

Thursday, August 27

Sunset Stroll-6:30 - 8:30 pm at [Buckhorn Island State Park](#). Stroll along the rivers edge to take in views of the setting sun as we start to wind down the summer season. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tiff Nature Preserve. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.*

Innovating Agriculture and Food Systems Solutions at Providence Farm Collective-1 to 2:15pm at 5701 Burton Rd., Orchard Park. [Tickets.](#)

Friday, August 28

Whirlpool Education Station-10:00 am - 12:00 pm, [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#).

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Fintastic Fish-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Learn with a park naturalist about the different fishes of Niagara while learning to cast out a line, or learn to tie a simple fly or fly fishing! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

River Stroll at the Falls-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll around the park and along the river to discuss the importance of the great Lakes and the role Niagara Falls plays. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Saturday, August 29

Goat Island Evening Walk-7:30 - 9:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Nature Craft Day-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist at the Beaver Island Nature Center and make your very own nature inspired craft! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Volunteer Workday at Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area-9:30am to noon. Join WNY PRISM and NYS DEC to remove mile-a-minute, an invasive vine that has gained a reputation as "the kudzu of the north" for its ability to quickly grow over and out-compete native plant species. Registration is required. [Learn more and register.](#)

TIFFTIETH Anniversary Celebration-11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | All Ages | FREE! Join us in celebrating 50 years of Tifft Nature Preserve and the opening of our new Accessible Trail! Come and enjoy outdoor activities for all ages, guided walks, food trucks and Buffalo Museum of Science members can enjoy a complimentary relax & refresh area! This is a free event, sponsored by National Fuel and Univera Health; [registration](#) is encouraged.

Sunday, August 30

Hike Through History-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park on this guided walk. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Birds of a Feather-10:00 - 11:30 am at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Discover our feathery friends from Knox Farm. Identify and observe birds on a nature walk throughout the park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Monday, August 31

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Imperial Pizza Main Street, 1665 Main Street, Buffalo, NY, 14209. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Tuesday, September 1

Virtual Gardening Conversation-Join Trevor Smith on Zoom every Tuesday evening through Oct. 27 from 6:00-7:00pm for a free-form conversation about all things gardening. Bring your gardening questions and gain insight from Trevor's experiences as a designer and ecological practitioner. [Register.](#)

Wednesday, September 2

Eternal Flame Trail Hike-6:00 - 7:30pm at [Chestnut Ridge - Meeting Location: Eternal Flame Parking area off of Route 277](#). Come Join a Park Ranger and hike the world-renowned Eternal Flame Trail at Chestnut Ridge Park. This will be a fun-filled educational hike that will take you to the natural phenomenon known as the Eternal Flame! Learn about hemlock forests, local wildlife and more!
[Register for Eternal Flame Trail Hike](#)

Thursday, September 3

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tifft Nature Preserve. Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.*

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.**

Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials

Federal Farm Bill-[Send your message to your Representative today and ask them to champion strong conservation and food waste reduction protections in the Farm Bill.](#)

[Green Jobs-Green New York](#)-Modifies the existing Green Jobs-Green New York program, saving NYSEERDA \$450,000/year, by allowing for higher value loans and more flexible payback options.

[Sewage Sludge Spreading Moratorium](#)-Creates a 5 year moratorium.

Food Date Labeling Act-In Assembly Agriculture Committee- Defines “Use by” and “Best if Used by” labels; prohibits any other phrasing, including “Sell by” unless in coded format.

Idle-Free Communities- In Assembly Codes Committee- Prohibits idling by passenger vehicles, including motorcycles, taxis, and livery vehicles, for more than three minutes.

Healthy Homes Right to Know Act-In Senate Commerce Committee, Requires gas stove manufacturers to place a warning label on any gas stove.

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 to adopt deconstruction ordinances, creates a grant program, and establishes a deconstruction contractor certification program

Perpetuating Road Salt Pollution- Amends the transportation law, imposing certain requirements on the distribution of road salt

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.

Major Milestone to Facilitate New Advanced Nuclear Development

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the kickoff of the [Nuclear Reliability Backbone process by the Public Service Commission \(Commission\)](#). The Nuclear Reliability Backbone initiative is intended to ensure New York maintains a reliable supply of zero-emission electricity while advancing affordability in the State's clean energy goals.

Interested stakeholders should file comments by August 10, 2026 on the issues and questions included in the Order Establishing a Nuclear Reliability Backbone Process. The Department of Public Service Staff and NYSERDA will convene at least one public technical conference before October 31, 2026.

Proposed Leachate Treatment

DEC has announced proposed rules that would make New York the first state in the nation to require treatment of environmental contaminants in leachate at landfills. Leachate is a liquid that forms as water moves through waste at landfills before it is released to the environment. The proposal would build on New York's leadership in addressing PFAS and other harmful chemicals, strengthening protections for drinking water and reducing long-term risks to public health and the environment. [The proposed revisions to 6 NYCRR Part 360--Solid Waste Management Facilities and Part 363--Landfills](#) require leachate from currently active municipal solid waste landfills and currently active construction and demolition debris landfills to be treated to remove contaminants and ensure the proper disposal of those contaminants. **Written public comments will be accepted by DEC through September 9, 2026.**

Tips for the Environment:

- **Try a Mosquito Bucket** - Instead of spraying to eliminate mosquitoes target mosquitoes with a "Bucket of Doom". Use a 5-gallon bucket, water, grass clippings, ¼ of a mosquito dunk and chicken wire. Complete instruction are [here](#). Mosquito dunks are available at most hardware/garden stores.
- **Close the Loop**- Forests don't bag their leaves or call in trucks for cleanup. You can close the loop in your yard by keeping branches and leaves to build soil structure and hold water. Watch the [challenge](#).

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.wnyc.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/cfmx/extapps/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](#)
[Great Lakes WISE Water Stewardship Toolkit](#)

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://hkchcbuffalo.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/>, [Green Jobs App](#) for Android
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>, <https://greenjobs.greenjobsearch.org/>
Green Guardian Environmental Volunteers of Niagara Region- <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians>
NOAA Internships- [NOAA Student Opportunities Website](#)
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/>, [check out the full series](#) on our YouTube channel!
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-

[NYS Woodchip Sources Map](#)

[NYS Compost Facilities Map](#)

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/>

Greater Buffalo Urban Growers-<https://www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers/>

Gregs 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/>

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: check www3.erie.gov/recycling/materials-recycling-sites

- 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](#)
- gogreendrop.com-clothing, electronics, books, misc., check website

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>
Xray film (contains silver)- [X-Ray Film Recyclers](#), [Electronic Recycling Guys](#),
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:

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.buffaloaudubon.org
Buffalo Blueway	https://buffaloblueway.com/
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/
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Climate Lobby	https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-ccl/chapters/
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/
Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.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/
Council of the Great Lakes Region	https://councilgreatlakesregion.org/
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
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://www3.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www3.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/
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://ltlcl.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.sunyjc.edu/sustainability
Keep Western New York Beautiful	https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
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/
NY Center for Organics & Recycling Education	https://cals.cornell.edu/ny-center-organics-recycling-education
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.nylecv.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
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-101363388708865/
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/
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	https://preservationbuffaloniagara.org/.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://roccbuffalo.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
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara
Slow Roll Buffalo	https://www.slowrollbuffalo.org/
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

Tifft Nature Preserve	http://www.tifft.org/tifft/
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/
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.wnyle.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://www3.erie.gov/environment/
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/