

Enviro-News

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Film Screening: “The Fish Thief”

The Aquarium of Niagara, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, and other conservation partners for a free screening of [The Fish Thief: A Great Lakes Mystery](#) on **February 5**. This documentary showcases the relentless efforts of scientists in both the United States and Canada to uncover and mitigate the cause of a devastating environmental crisis—vanishing populations of the most prized fish in the Great Lakes. The film delves into the battle to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species and brings together breathtaking visuals and expert insights to reveal the ecological stakes of preserving the world’s largest freshwater ecosystem. The event begins at 5pm with Conservation Partner Mingles, followed by the film screening at 6pm. Event is free but [pre-registration](#) is required.

Environmental Excellence Awards: Applications Open

The Erie County Environmental Management Council Environmental Excellence Awards Program recognizes exceptional projects carried out by municipal and non-profit organizations in Erie County that are likely to have a significant and lasting positive impact on the natural environment. The program is designed to showcase and promote projects that can be replicated in communities across Erie County and beyond. If you represent a municipal government, institution, or non-profit organization in Erie County that has recently completed a project that has environmental benefits, we invite you to nominate your project for consideration in the 2026 Environmental Excellence Awards Program. [Click here for more information and instructions](#). Deadline is **March 6**.

CNLP Horticulture Conference

PlantWNY is hosting their annual conference on **Thursday, February 5 and Friday, February 6** at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens, Depew. Horticulture 101 with various talks will be on Thursday. There is a full day of seminars and trade show on Friday. Attend one or both days. [Register](#).

Birds on the Niagara Festival

Save the date for the annual Birds on Niagara Festival. For 2026, the events are planned for **February 12-16**. Check for schedules at [2026 Birds on the Niagara Festival](#). Speakers and many guided hikes are available.

Buffalo Auto Show: Mark Your Calendars!

The Buffalo Auto Show will be held **January 29-February 1** at the Buffalo Convention Center ([153 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202](https://www.visitbuffalo.com/153-franklin-street-buffalo-new-york-14202)). The show highlights the future of transportation, featuring electric vehicles and other alternative-fuel technologies.

Great Lakes Public Forum

The United States and Canada invite members of the public and those involved in Great Lakes programs to register for attendance at the Great Lakes Public Forum - Clean Water Through Cooperative Partnerships on **February 4-5, 2026**. The forum will be held in public meeting space in Chicago, and virtual attendance is also available. Agenda topics include the State of the Great Lakes, Revitalizing Great Lakes Communities at Areas of Concern, Managing Nutrients in the Great Lakes, Healthy Watersheds, and an International Joint Commission listening session. [Registration](#) for this event is free.

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, February 12th** at 5:30pm at Frequentem Brewing (Taproom at 225 Louisiana St. Suite 107, Corner of Republic & Kentucky). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Gardening Workshops

MAP, Urban Roots and Grassroots Gardens are partnering to sponsor Saturday gardening workshops from 10am to noon on various dates. Topics vary for skill levels from beginner to advanced. Tickets are pay as you can from \$5-\$30 and may be purchased at <http://bit.ly/wintergardeningworkshops>.

Air and Waste Management Association Seminar

The 2026 A&WMA-NFS and BAPG Annual Enrichment Seminar will be held on **February 19, 2026** at The Grapevine Banquets and Event Center which is located at 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043. This year's seminar will include five presentations. To register, please click [here](#).

Empowering Women in Agriculture Workshop Series

Join us for 3 online workshops Wednesdays (**February 4, 11, 25**) from 11:30am to 1pm via Zoom. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Annie's Project, the program seeks to empower farm women through education, networks and resources. We welcome, and encourage, learning and sharing amongst farm women as we help you grow as decision-makers and leaders on your farm. Cost is \$25. Contact Laura Basillo for more information and to register at lw257@cornell.edu.

Greater Niagara Fishing Expo

This pure fishing show is designed by anglers for anglers to promote and teach fishing. This annual event attracts thousands of anglers to the Niagara Falls Convention Center (NFCC) in downtown Niagara Falls, NY. Now in its 11th year, the Expo will run from **Thursday, February 19, to Sunday, February 22, 2026**. With hundreds of hours of fishing education available for attendees to choose from and over 170 booths of fishing-related exhibitors, the Greater Niagara Fishing Expo is the largest fishing show in New York State and among the largest in the Great Lakes. Check for [info](#).

Freshwater Flicks

Support Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and enjoy some water-related films. Freshwater Flicks 2026 will be on **March 1, 2026** beginning at 1pm at The Caz in South Buffalo. Ticket sales are now open and [we have released our list of films](#). These are all different films released by Wild & Scenic Film Festival from prior years and we can't wait to watch together with you. [Tickets](#).

Master Gardener Education Day 2026

The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Erie County Master Gardener Program will host its 2026 Education Day on **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Classics V Banquet Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY. The invited speakers and their topics are: Understanding Cultivars, Nativars, and Native Species by *Dan Segal, Plantsman Nursery and Greenhouse*; Flowers in Your Landscape by *Nell Gardner, Flower Fields*; and The Good, Better, Best Approaches to Urban Green Space Management by *Carl Schimenti, Cornell University*. Advanced registration is required. Space is limited. General Public: \$65; CCE Erie Master Gardener Program Volunteers: \$50; Out of County Master Gardener Volunteers: \$55. Registration fee includes continental breakfast and hot buffet lunch. The registration fee is non-refundable. [Registration](#). For more information, contact Jolie Hibit at (716) 652-5400, x176, or jah663@cornell.edu.

Rural Landowner Workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County will host the 33rd Annual Rural Landowner Workshop on **March 7** from 9am to 3pm at Pioneer Central High School. This regional program involves several agencies that provide educational information and outreach to landowners. Presenters from both private and public sectors provide participants with up-to-date information. Exhibitors from forestry- related business, civic organizations and agencies will also be on hand to address landowner questions. For more [information](#) or for required registration, contact Lynn Bliven at lao3@cornell.edu or (585) 268-7644 ext. 18.

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

The 56th Annual Buffalo Geological Society Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show, featuring **Ancient Life of New York**, is rapidly approaching on **March 14-15, 2026**, at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg, NY. The Show hours are from 9am to 6pm on Saturday and 10 am to 5pm on Sunday. Admission is \$7 and children 12 and under and scouts in uniform are FREE. For info, visit <https://www.bgsny.org/annual-show>

Charity Candlelight Tea & Soiree

Join Hope Rising Together and over 200 guests at the historic Hope Rising Silo on **March 20** from 6-10pm for a beautiful evening. Stringed Quartet, a community basket raffle, a moving presentation, light faire & desserts & tea, candlelight decor, photo op, red carpet & more!! Get [tickets](#) now. Proceeds benefit Hope Rising Together a Buffalo Based 501c3 Not For Profit working in food relief, volunteerism and youth leadership in Buffalo and Sierra Leone, Africa as well as drilling and maintaining clean water wells, a school, children and medical programs in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Celebrate Explore Buffalo!

Celebrate Explore Buffalo, a fundraiser for Explore Buffalo will be held on **March 28** from 6-8pm at The Terrace at Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway. This special celebration will showcase Explore Buffalo's tours and programs, highlight the impact we have across Buffalo's neighborhoods, and honor the dedicated volunteers whose passion and commitment power our work year-round. Guests will enjoy drinks, appetizer stations, passed hors d'oeuvres and more at The Terrace in Delaware Park, one of Buffalo's most picturesque settings. [Tickets](#): \$150.

Western NY ReLeaf Tree Care Safety Workshop

Join Western NY ReLeaf for a full day technical workshop on tree care safety on **April 2** from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Buffalo Zoo, 300 Parkside Ave. This workshop will include tree care safety basics, chipper safety, chain saw safety, and more! This is a demonstration and lecture workshop; participants will not be hands-on with tools. Hear from Tim Walsh, Vice president of Safety and Training for the Townsend Company, Dan Gaidasz, Urban Forestry Technical Coordinator for NYS DEC, and others. The program costs \$40 for NYS Urban Forestry Council members and ReLeaf Members, and \$60 for non-members. [Registration](#) includes parking, coffee, and lunch. Registration closes on March 25, or when full.

Explore Buffalo Education Docent Training

Applications now open for the Explore Buffalo Education Docent 2026 Class! Training will take place **March 24 – April 23**, 2026 on Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Education Docents lead our many Education Tours – you can choose from tours for students, families, and special needs groups, or give tours for all these groups. This is a rapidly growing program and an essential part of our organization's mission to provide opportunities for learners of all ages. [Learn more](#)

Erie County Rain Barrel Painting Contest for Youth

The 2026 Erie County Rain Barrel Painting Contest is in full swing! Contestants design and paint a plastic rain barrel (provided) illustrating stormwater pollution prevention and/or re-using rainwater. Contest is open to schools and student-based community groups in Erie and Niagara counties; this painting contest is held annually in honor of Earth Day. For information on stormwater pollution prevention see www.erie.gov/stormwater. All participants will retain their final painted rain barrels to use, donate or raffle as desired. [register](#). Photo submissions due by April 1.

How to Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count

You're invited to a lively, beginner-friendly webinar to discover tips, tricks, and ideas on how you can participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) on Thursday, February 5 at 3 p.m. ET or **Wednesday, February 11** at 7 p.m. ET. Please join us and spread the word about this webinar and the GBBC! [Register for the webinar here](#).

Taking place February 13–16, the GBBC is an inter-organizational effort between Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Birds Canada. This fun and impactful global community science event engages bird watchers of all ages and skill levels in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations.

Tree and Shrub Seedling Program Orders

Erie County 2026 Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedling Program Order Form [Is Here!](#)! Order by **February 27** and pick up on April 18.

Niagara County Tree & Shrub [Order Form](#) lists the various plants available. Orders are due **February 28, 2026** and order pickup is on April 17th and 18th.

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

Applications also are now being accepted for the nursery's [School Seedling Program](#). From now **until March 27**, schools and youth education organizations across New York State may apply to receive 25 free seedlings to plant with students. For assistance or questions, contact the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery at nysnursery@dec.ny.gov or 518-581-1439.

Take a Chance and Support the SPCA

The SPCA will hold its Pot of Gold Raffle from **February 2 through March 13**. Kick off the year with a chance to win big! This is your opportunity to win money while supporting our lifesaving work. Ticket info is available at <https://yourspca.org/>

Wildlife Rehabilitation Training

AWARE (Association for Wild Animal Rehabilitation and Education) will be offering classes for those interested in preparing for the NYS DEC Wildlife Rehabilitator License exam and/or volunteering with AWARE. Classes will be at Starpoint Central School, 4363 Mapleton Road, Lockport, NY 14094. Cost is \$135 and registration will be through [Starpoint Community Ed](#). Session 1 will meet on **February 14 and 21** from 10am to 1pm and is focused on mammals. Session 2 will meet from 10am to 1pm on **March 7, 14 and 21** with a focus on birds.

Beekeeping Around the World' Webinar Series Continues

Penn State Extension announced a new season of its free "[Beekeeping Around the World](#)" webinar series. Six webinars will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursdays from **February 12 to March 19**. Each session features a different location, with Italy, Israel, Zimbabwe, Korea, New Zealand, and Northern Quebec scheduled this year. Participants must register to receive the link to access each live webinar. Recordings of previous episodes are available online on demand.

Canalway Challenge is On!

Get outside, get some fresh air, and get active with the **February 15 Canalway Challenge**. Walk, hike, run, snowshoe or ski your way to 15 miles anywhere in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor during the month of February. A virtual option is available for people with disabilities. Complete the challenge to earn a pair of (free!) 15-Miler crew socks, along with a sticker and magnet. [SIGN UP](#)

Wilderness First Responder Training

Wilderness First Responder (WFR) courses provide the ideal training for people who travel in remote locations, in challenging weather, with limited equipment, unreliable communication, and limited or no access to outside assistance. The course involves online training and in-person sessions and begins **February 27**. See [registration link](#) for more detailed information on dates and cost.

Raptor Education Course 2026

The 2026 version of the Raptor Education Course will consist of five online classes (7 to 9pm on alternate Tuesdays) beginning **February 3** to be presented via Zoom. Topics to be covered will include Braddock Bay Raptor Rehabilitation history, hawk watching, raptor identification and natural history, raptor banding, and owls and owl migration. The course will also include field trips! There will be two small group in-person field trips to different parts of Braddock Bay focusing on the owl migration, raptor banding and the hawkwatch. This course is suitable for adults, but youth with interest are encouraged to attend. Space is limited. [Registration](#) fee is \$60 for non-members, or \$35 for BBRR members and current volunteers and covers all classes and field trips. Those individuals successfully completing all class requirements will be recognized as official BBRR Educators. Field trips will take place in March and April, and will be scheduled once the course begins in February. Field trips will be scheduled based on the number of participants and their availability.

Ready to Start Your Farm Business?

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

City of Buffalo Curbside Food Scrap Program Expanding

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

2026 Erosion and Sediment Control Workshops

Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District and WNY Stormwater Coalition will host a DEC-Endorsed 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop for Construction Site Contractors and Operators in Winter 2026. The virtual workshop will be **Tuesday February 10th, 2026**; 8:30am- 1:00pm. All Qualified Inspectors and Trained Contractors must complete 4 hours of training in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control through a program endorsed by NYDEC, SWCD or CPESC, Inc. every three years. Upon completion, each participant will receive a NYS DEC registration number that is valid for 3 years. Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), LA's and PE's are exempt from these training requirements. Registration fee is \$95.00 per attendee. Attendees must pre-register. Register for [February](#).

2026 Lunenfeld Beautification Grants

Applications for the 2026 Lunenfeld Beautification Grants are open! The Grants support community-centered garden and beautification projects that strengthen neighborhoods and make Buffalo more beautiful. Thanks to the generosity of the Buffalo Together Fund, \$40,000 in total funding is available this year, with grants of up to \$1,500 per project. [Applications](#) are reviewed by a committee of dedicated volunteers. The Grants prioritize projects that are creative, community-driven, and have a positive impact on the neighborhood and the environment. Deadline: **March 15, 2026**.

Save the date: Tree Expo!

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

Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century

The Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century will be held on **April 17**, at the Gateway Building, SUNY ESF in Syracuse. To the many who are looking forward to attending, [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN](#).

The 12th annual New York State Organics Summit

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

Botanical Bash

The Botanical Bash is off to the races on **May 1** from 6 to 10pm! Grab your hats and hold your horses as we celebrate our Botanical Gardens—Kentucky Derby style! Sip on handcrafted cocktails while you bid on exciting auction items to raise funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. [Early bird ticket](#) sales end March 1.

WNY Raptor Fundraiser

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

New York State Senate District 61 Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters hosted a candidate forum for the vacant state Senate District 61. You can view the forum [here](#).

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](#).

Riverwatch Water Quality Report and Volunteer Opportunities

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

STAMP Update

According to the Buffalo News, a massive data center planned for Genesee County is expected to seek a new – and bigger – incentive package as the project grows in size. Stream Data Centers is expected to submit its updated request ahead of the Genesee County Economic Development Center's Feb. 5 board meeting. After withdrawing a previous proposal, Dallas-based Stream has said it wants to build a data center campus in the town of Alabama that would double the project's square footage, to 2.2 million square feet, and would use twice as much power. The campus would be built inside the Science, Technology and Advanced Manufacturing Park, or STAMP. Visit <https://streamwny.com> to learn more and see any public meetings scheduled.

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

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

“Don’t Be Salty, New York” Public Awareness Campaign

The DEC announced the [launch of the “Don’t Be Salty, New York” public awareness campaign](#) to help educate property owners, managers, communities, and snow and ice removal professionals about the impacts of rock salt and the various strategies that can be implemented to reduce salt use. The goal is to protect water quality while maintaining public safety. DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to reduce the overuse of rock salt when possible. Although applying rock salt on roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks helps to ensure the safety of those traveling by vehicle or foot, overuse of salt can be costly for consumers, degrade infrastructure, contaminate runoff that enters streams and waterbodies, and impact drinking water.

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.

Plastic Recycling Declining

[Reloop's What We Waste Dashboard](#) reveals that between 2015 and 2024, an estimated 1.5 trillion beverage containers were sent to landfills in the U.S., including 785 billion PET bottles (that's **2,309 bottles per person**). Americans wasted an average of 504 beverage containers per person in 2024 alone, including 263 PET bottles each. If current collection rates remain unchanged, an additional 878.6 billion beverage containers will be wasted between 2025 and 2029. Meanwhile, 83% of the plastic packaging that could be recycled curbside isn't even being put in the bin, according to The Recycling Partnership's [2024 State of Recycling report](#).

New York State's Foam Cooler Ban Starts January 1, 2026

Starting January 1, 2026, New York State's Foam Ban is expanded to include polystyrene foam coolers and other containers intended to be used for cold storage, adding even stronger protections to reduce plastic pollution, keep the recycling stream clean, and encourage the switch to more sustainable container and packaging options in New York. For more info about the new requirements including who is affected, container types affected, and exemptions visit [Polystyrene Foam Ban webpage](#).

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.

Restrictions on Hotel Hospitality Personal Care Products in Plastic Containers

The practice of hospitality properties providing small plastic hospitality bottles of personal care products in guest rooms and retail shops has proven wasteful in both natural resources and products. Plastic bottles are resistant to degradation and last many years in a landfill. As the bottles deteriorate, they spill the residual contents of product and the packaging itself can also release micro and nano plastics that can negatively impact humans, wildlife, and our ecosystems. The New York State Small Bottle Personal Care Product Restrictions Law Article 27, Title 32, began January 1, 2025 for any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, or boarding house with more than 50 rooms and, begins January 1, 2026 for any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, or boarding house with less than 50 rooms, constitutes the following: the properties must not provide any small plastic bottle containing less than 12 oz. of a hospitality personal care product. [For more info or to file a complaint](#), please email recycling@dec.ny.gov or visit our website.

Cooling without GHG Refrigerants

A new eco-friendly cooling device without greenhouse gas refrigerants, is the first such system in the world to reach temperatures as low as -12°C. Elastocaloric cooling is a technology that relies on the temperature change of materials called shape memory alloys (SMAs) when they are stretched and released. But past cooling devices have not had enough cooling power for commercial use. The Hong Kong research team developed a device that uses a new type of solid refrigerant, a nickel-titanium alloy with a higher nickel ratio. They also use calcium chloride as the working fluid that transfers heat away for cooling. Their design connects multiple alloy tubes together for a cascading effect that amplifies cooling. Cooling food comes with a significant environmental footprint because of the technology used today, using about 20% of global electricity, and today's refrigerants that have high global warming potential. The new technology could be a game changer.

Source: Guoan Zhou et al. Sub-zero Celsius elastocaloric cooling via low-transition-temperature alloys, *Nature*, 2026.

How Big is the Streaming Footprint?

Streaming video is now a regular part of life for billions of people. In 2024, Netflix users watched 94 billion hours of content, and over 122 million Disney+ subscribers streamed about 28.4 billion hours. Since video streaming makes up 60 to 70 percent of global internet traffic, it's more important than ever to understand its environmental impact. Because so many people stream and data centers are also needed for artificial intelligence, the environmental impact of digital entertainment is now too big to overlook. A 2020 [International Energy Agency analysis](#) suggested a figure of around 36 grams CO₂ per hour. These individual stream impacts may seem small, but they add up quickly. According to a [Greenly analysis](#), Netflix's total streaming emissions reached approximately 5.17 million metric tons of CO₂e in 2024, comparable to driving 18.6 billion miles in a gasoline-powered car. Add in Disney+, Amazon Prime Video, YouTube, and other platforms, and global video streaming produces emissions rivaling those of small countries. [Read more.](#)

New Guide to Reforestation in New York State

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

Common Ground Film Available for Viewing

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

New 25 million Trees Initiative ‘Tree Tracker’

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

Plant-Based Plastic That Dissolves in Seawater

Modern plastics break into microplastics that drift through oceans, move up the food chain, and linger for decades. Japanese researchers have created a plant-based plastic that dissolves completely in seawater within hours, leaving no microplastic fragments behind. The material is made from a modified form of cellulose produced using ionic polymerization and cross-linked with guanidinium ions. It remains strong during use but breaks apart safely if it escapes into the ocean due to temporary links between opposing charges that can be separated with the sodium and chloride ions of saltwater. A thin coating prevents salts from disrupting the material prematurely. If successfully scaled, the material could deliver packaging that remains durable in everyday use but breaks down more quickly once it enters seawater. The study is published in the [Journal of the American Chemical Society](#).

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

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

PFAS in Fish Provide Path to Global Spread

A study in [Science](#) highlights that the global fish trade is a major pathway for spreading PFAS, known as "forever chemicals," around the world. PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) are human-made chemicals used in many products (non-stick pans, waterproof clothes, food packaging) for their resistance to heat, water, and oil. By modeling PFAS accumulation in over 200 fish species and tracking international trade flows, researchers found that seafood exports transfer significant PFAS loads from contaminated regions to countries with otherwise clean waters, making the global trade network a key driver in worldwide PFAS exposure.

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. The good news is there are many ways to care for your lawn that avoid putting family and neighbors at risk. 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.

The Most TREE-mendous Earth Day Nature Program!

[Sign](#) your child up by **March 15, 2026** for a FREE native tree to plant in your yard! Trees will be delivered to the Kenmore Library and can be picked up anytime during our Nature Craft Program on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM**. Participants must register by March 15 to receive a free tree! All trees will be provided by Neighborhood Forest.

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.

WNY PRISM is Accepting 2026 Boot Brush Station Applications!

Boot brush stations are an effective and cost-efficient means to prevent the spread of invasive species along trails and in natural areas. They also serve as an important educational tool, helping the public understand the threat of invasive species and the simple steps they can take as individuals to *spread the word, and not the species*.

Through the program, partners receive the supplies needed to install a station and then they maintain it for community use. We encourage applications from both new partners and those who have participated in the program before. If applications exceed our supply of boot brush stations, applications will be prioritized based on gaps in coverage and proximity to early detection species. Applications are due by **February 23, 2026**. To learn more about the program and apply, visit <https://www.wnyp prism.org/programs/boot-brush-stations/>.

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

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

New Jetting Method Reclaims Spawning Habitat for Lake Trout

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has completed an experimental aquatic habitat reclamation project on Brocton Shoal, 10 miles southwest of Dunkirk in Lake Erie. A groundbreaking high-velocity jetting method was developed to clean and restore historical spawning habitat for lake trout. Lake trout require clean rock containing crevices in which eggs can become lodged and protected from weather and predators. However, the habitat has been severely degraded following the introduction of zebra and quagga mussels in the 1990s. A high-velocity jetting nozzle was designed, fabricated, and deployed in mid-September at two test sites removing silt, sand, and mussel shells covering the rock piles. DEC staff deployed an underwater drone to evaluate and adjust the method in real time. These sites lie in 50–60 feet of water, greatly increasing the difficulty of the work and making the resulting clean rock that much more impressive. To learn more about the [Lake Erie Lake Trout Rehabilitation Plan](#), (PDF) contact DEC's [Lake Erie Fisheries Research Unit](#) at fwfishle@dec.ny.gov.

Free Poster Download: Popular Feeder Birds

Which birds flock to which feeders? Birds of the U.S. and Canada from both the East and West are shown in this beautifully illustrated poster by Maria Klos. Celebrate popular feeders and feeder birds with [this downloadable, double-sided poster](#) you can print at home. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a membership institution dedicated to interpreting and conserving the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds.

Floating Fen Preserve

Western New York Land Conservancy announced the opening of their newest preserve, the [Floating Fen Preserve](#) in Chautauqua County. This spectacular 225-acre forest is home to a unique wetland that includes a floating peat mat, from which the preserve derives its name. Visitors to the new preserve will be able to enjoy scenic vistas around this remarkable fen. The Land Conservancy's stewardship team, led by Josh Balisteri, designed and built the 2-mile hiking trail. Plan your visit by visiting the [Floating Fen Preserve](#) page on our website. Watch the video below to get a preview of the preserve.

European Union Requiring Transparency for Clothing

The European Union is targeting the fashion industry's greenwashing with new rules for a new level of transparency. By 2027, garments entering the European Union could be required to carry digital product passports (DPPs), offering consumers an unprecedented look into the environmental and social footprint of what they wear. Consumers will be able to scan QR codes or electronic tags to see the garments' digital product passports (DPPs) and check if a fashion brand's green claims are true. The tags will tell consumers what the clothes are made of, how much energy, water and chemicals were used to make them, and who took part in each stage of their production.

Drop Off Your Cans and Help Audubon

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

Case Studies Illustrate How Agrivoltaics Preserves Farmland

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

Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

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

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

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

Funding Available for Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations for Municipalities

Funds of \$5 million for municipalities is available on a first-come, first-served basis through the Municipal ZEV Infrastructure Grant program to support the installation of Level 2 and Level 3 electric vehicle chargers, in addition to hydrogen filling station components. DEC is **accepting applications through 4 p.m. on February 27, 2026**, available through the [Consolidated Funding Application](#) (CFA) under the name “2025 Municipal ZEV Infrastructure Grants.” The local match requirement for funding varies based on the municipality’s median household income (MHI) and whether the ZEV infrastructure is located within a disadvantaged community (DAC). If located in a DAC, no match is required, regardless of the municipality’s MHI. Please note, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) [Charge Ready Program](#) and the DEC ZEV Infrastructure Grant program cannot be used together for the same installation.

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.

Mosquito Yard Spraying Influences Pollinators

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

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

Sustainable Pest Management Online Courses

Wild Farm Alliance is pleased to release six free courses designed to help growers and pest management practitioners successfully integrate sustainable pest management strategies in their operations. Four are newly developed and two continue to be offered. Each course explores a piece of the puzzle. From supporting beneficial birds, bats, and insects to building healthy soils and diverse habitats, you’ll learn how to strengthen ecological health and reduce chemical reliance. [Access Courses](#)

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

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

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](#).

“Insulating” Windows

Energy-efficient windows aren't new, but a radical design from [LuxWall](#), a Michigan-based startup, goes further. Rather than relying on double or triple panes, it uses a vacuum to block heat transfer. A typical energy-efficient window might have an R-value (the measure of a material's resistance to heat transfer) of R3. Luxwall's windows have a rating of R18, similar to a solid wall. When they're used to replace single-pane windows, they can cut energy use by as much as 45%. On large projects, the payback period for the windows can be three to seven years. Some utilities in other areas are starting to offer incentives to use LuxWall as they look for new ways to help the power grid. [Read more](#)

Free Online Course: Continuous Living Cover 101

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

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds Expected to Increase Over Winter Months

[Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#) (HPAI) continues to infect birds and mammals across the U.S. and Canada, including New York State. In November and December 2025, DEC received 69 reports of suspect mortalities, and presumptive positive cases were detected in wild birds in 10 counties. HPAI incidence may remain high through spring when large numbers of ducks and geese will migrate through the state. There is no treatment for HPAI, and transporting suspected HPAI-infected birds to wildlife rehabilitation facilities is discouraged to prevent the spread of the disease to other animals in their care. HPAI is carried by free-flying waterfowl and other waterbirds, such as ducks, geese, and shorebirds, but can also infect domestic poultry, raptors, corvids, and mammals. DEC's Wildlife Health Program is monitoring the spread and impact of HPAI throughout the state and has an online reporting tool the public can use to report suspected HPAI mortalities: [NYSDEC Avian Influenza Reporting Form](#). If a landowner decides to remove carcasses: use disposable gloves, a mask, and eye protection; use a shovel to avoid direct contact with the carcass or carcass fluids; triple bag carcasses with garbage or contractor bags and put in an outdoor trash receptacle for trash pickup or deposit at a local landfill; and wash hands and clothing with soap and hot water immediately afterward.

Free Educational Resources on Electricity in the US

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

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

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

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

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

Eco-Anxiety and Our Plastic Future: TEDx Talk

Eco-anxiety or climate anxiety reflects our worry about the impacts of climate change on the environment and our health, and now the term encompasses a generalized anxiety about the future. But what if these emotions are a message from our future selves? In this [TEDx talk](#), author Heather White encourages you to tap into these emotions and consider them a call to action to envision a plastic-free future; to change the conversation from gloom and doom to what's possible in bold, creative and beautiful ways.

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

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

Greenhouse Gas Emission E-Learning Courses

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

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[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.

[Micoplastics 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. **Includes project grants and teacher stipends (deadline Feb. 26, 2026).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[National Geographic Society Slingshot Challenge](#) - The National Geographic Society believes that changing the future of conservation begins with small steps: that your ideas and actions will add up to progress protecting our planet. They invite 13-18-year-olds to submit a 1-minute video describing their idea for solving environmental issues for a chance to receive up to \$10,000. Deadline: **February 6**.

[Girls in Science Fellowship Program](#): Earthwatch's Girls in Science fellowship empowers teens to expand their interest in science and technology and to build confidence through hands-on environmental research. Deadline: **February 28**.

[NYSAR3 NYS K-12 School Composter Contest](#)-Is your school interested in composting cafeteria food scraps and using the finished compost on school grounds? The [NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling \(NYSAR3\)](#) is partnering with the company [Ecodrum](#) to facilitate this statewide contest and to promote the benefits of composting at schools across New York State. The winner will receive an Ecodrum 410 in-vessel composting unit (shipping included). Deadline: **March 15**.

[Foundation for Environmental Education \(FEE\) - Education Awards](#)-Applications are now open for the 2025–2026 FEE Education Awards, which recognize excellence in environmental education. This year's theme is "Healthy People on a Healthy Planet – Transforming Food Behaviors for Sustainability." Educators can apply in one of two categories: (1) Lesson Plan Competition or (2) Teacher Award. Deadline to submit applications is **March 27, 2026**.

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

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[New York Farmers Market Resiliency: Regional Sub-Grant Program](#)-Funding of \$500,000 will be available for projects that help enhance New York's food system resiliency through farmers markets, including projects aimed at the development and enhancement of farmers market infrastructure, online infrastructure, marketing and outreach efforts, and/or delivery capabilities across the state. Applications are due by **February 4, 2026**.

[2026 Climate Resilience Grant Program for Land](#)- The New York chapter of The Nature Conservancy program is to protect the lands that contribute to climate resilience for the benefit of people and nature. Funding is available to land trusts and other conservation organizations, academic institutions, Tribal Nations, municipalities, and local agencies. Deadline: **February 13, 2026**.

[2026 Climate Resilience Grant Program for Water](#)- The New York chapter of The Nature Conservancy program is to protect the waters that contribute to climate resilience for the benefit of people and nature. Funding is available to land trusts and other conservation organizations, academic institutions, Tribal Nations, municipalities, and local agencies. Deadline: **February 13, 2026**.

[Zabar Scholarships](#)- These are competitive scholarships intended to help defray the cost of a student's education and support their growth as future leaders in the preservation field. Scholarships are available to students enrolled in a college, university, or post-graduate program in historic preservation or related fields in New York State. Deadline: **February 13**.

[New York State Wetlands Forum Student Research Grant Program](#)- to support student candidates in producing and sharing independent research focusing on wetlands. Deadline: **February 28**.

[Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative's small grant program](#) funds activities such as strategic planning, outreach, habitat management and stewardship, bird monitoring, [eBird](#) use, capacity building, and land or easement prioritization. Deadline: **March 1, 2026**.

[The Culture of Repair Project](#) provides funding to educators and repair advocates who are advancing a culture of repair among young people. Repair is more than a technical skill; it's a mindset and a way of engaging with the world. Our grants are designed to support projects that: teach the thinking skills, conceptual frameworks, and mindset that undergird a culture of repair; normalize repair; cultivate students' agency to take full ownership of their belongings by daring to repair. Proposals are due **March 2, 2026**.

[Environmental Education \(EE\) Grant Program](#)- EPA will award grants between \$200,000-\$250,000 each, up to 16 grants nationwide. These grants support hands-on projects that help people better understand environmental challenges in their own communities and take practical steps to address them. Funded projects will focus on environmental education efforts that use modern tools, including artificial intelligence, to help identify problems early, monitor water quality, and prevent future water contamination before it affects families and neighborhoods. Deadline: **March 3, 2026**.

[Farmers' Market Resiliency Funds](#)-Grant funds must be used to increase farmers' markets' resiliency. For this grant program, farmers' market resiliency is defined as: (1) a commitment to long-term market viability, sustainability, and accessibility; (2) the ability to recover from or adapt to changes and adversity in the farmers' market environment and/or the local community. Deadline: **March 4**.

[Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance Water Quality Improvement Projects](#) -funds proposals for water quality improvement projects in Erie County. If you have an idea for a small-scale watershed project or for a project that needs seed money to determine feasibility, this grant is for you! Potential projects include stormwater management, riparian stabilizations and habitat work, outreach and education, and more. Deadline: **March 6, 2026**

[1890 National Scholars Program](#) offers scholarships to U.S. citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the nineteen 1890 Land-Grant Universities in the fields of food, agriculture, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines. The 1890 National Scholars Program provides full tuition, fees, books, room and board, and a summer internship which may convert to full-time employment with USDA after graduation. High school and college students who are U.S. citizens, are admitted to or attending qualifying institutions in eligible degree programs, and who meet academic requirements are eligible to apply until **March 8, 2026**.

[Climate Smart Communities Initiatives Grant](#)-provide funding and technical assistance to advance community-based climate resilience in communities or regions that are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Deadline: **March 12, 2026**.

[2025 Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\)](#)-The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is making available up to \$97.4 million (statewide) to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path and active transportation-related projects and programs through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP funding is made available to the State through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Deadline: **March 12, 2026**.

[National Wildlife Federation and Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom](#) - grants that support universities and colleges throughout the country to showcase and fund innovative and solutions-based programs or strategies that help protect and/or restore wildlife, especially threatened and endangered species, and/or their key habitats. Deadline: **March 13**.

[2026 Lunenfeld Beautification Grants](#) - support community-centered garden and beautification projects that strengthen neighborhoods and make Buffalo more beautiful. Applications are reviewed by a committee of dedicated volunteers. The Grants prioritize projects that are creative, community-driven, and have a positive impact on the neighborhood and the environment. Due: **March 15, 2026**

[Martin Luther King Jr. \(MLK\) Corridor Community Grants](#)-In collaboration with Keep America Beautiful, Target and Scotts Miracle-Gro are delighted to announce the MLK Corridor Community Grants. These grants empower communities to revitalize, beautify, and transform areas within and surrounding Martin Luther King Jr. corridors and neighborhoods. Deadline: **March 16, 2026**.

[Earth Day Grant](#)-The Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) will be awarding one or more grants worth up to \$500. The program promotes environmental awareness through creative and impactful educational activities and community engagement efforts. The grant is open to educational institutions and community organizations in New York State counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Wyoming. Deadline: **March 20**.

[Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species \(MAPAIS\)](#)- small grants for research related to aquatic invasives. Deadline: **March 23**.

[Great Lakes Basin Small Grants](#)- funding is available for projects benefitting New York's Great Lakes basin by demonstrating the application of ecosystem-based management approaches to local watershed challenges. Deadline: **March 27.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Dart Stormwater Grant](#)- Council of the Great Lakes Region is offering a grant to help communities purchase, install and monitor innovative stormwater filtration systems designed to capture and prevent land-based plastic litter, oil and sediment from entering our waterways and ultimately the Great Lakes, such as the LittaTrap™ and the Gutter Bin®. **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, with an average grant size of \$20,000 per year, to small (budgets under \$350,000), constituent-led grassroots organizations throughout the United States and its territories. These grants will support groups carrying out activities that address the impacts of inequity and injustice in their communities. Deadline: **Rolling.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Biologist 1 \(Ecology\) / Trainee 1 / 2](#) - NY HELPS, Allegany. Deadline: **February 4.**

[Youth Development / Ag In the Classroom Educator](#) located from the Warsaw, NY office. Deadline: **February 5.**

[Mobile Market Procurement Manager](#)- Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **February 16.**

[Mobile Market Outreach Manager](#)- Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **February 16.**

[WNY PRISM Summer Positions](#) (16)- Join the team and spend the summer gaining hands-on experience in invasive species management. Open positions include one Education and Outreach Assistant, three Invasive Species Management Assistants and twelve Watercraft Inspection Stewards/Environmental Educators (including two Lead Stewards). Application deadline: **Monday, March 2, 2026.** Boat Steward applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; application review begins on March 2.

[Partner and Inventory Systems Specialist](#): FreshFix.

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

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

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

[Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Interns](#)- two paid interns for Spring/Summer 2026. One intern will assist with creating Compost Education programs and collecting data for projects. Learn more about the Compost Education internship by contacting tyler.hamilton@erie.gov. The second intern will work on outreach tasks with our Sustainability Group.

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

[Part-time Graphics and Marketing Coordinator](#)-Buffalo Science Museum.

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

[Animal Care Part-time](#)- Erie County SPCA

[Community Support Services Consultant](#)- Erie County SPCA

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

[Event Coordinator](#)-Botanical Gardens

[Lead Operations Coordinator](#)-Botanical Gardens

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

[Summer Nature Education Internship: Jamestown Audubon](#)-Deadline: **March 9.**

[Seasonal Invasive Species Management Intern: Jamestown Audubon](#)- Deadline: **March 9.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other Citizen Science Programs

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Saturday, January 31

Back on Track(s)!-10am. An indoor presentation on animal tracks followed by a nature walk to discover real tracks. For all ages. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Managing Pests and Diseases- Garden Workshop hosted at MAP from 10am to noon at 387 Massachusetts Ave. Tickets can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/wintergardeningworkshops>.

Beaver Island State Park Birding- 10am to noon. Register and info at www.buffaloaudubon.org

Join us for a Spark Bird Panel-Trillium Nature Center from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM When did you first fall in love with birds? Join Jenn Lodi-Smith from the Spark Bird Project and our Panel of Birders to share your Spark Bird Story! Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission – \$10.00, 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113. [Buy Tickets](#)

Winter Preparedness: The 10 Essentials for Winter Exploration-10:00 - 11:30am at [Sprague Brook - Meeting Location: Sprague Brook Park, Park Casino](#). Join Park Ranger Adam at Sprague Brook Park to learn the 10 Essentials for Winter Preparedness. After a quick introduction to key survival tips, we'll be putting your new knowledge into practice as we explore some of the Park's extensive trail network. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just starting out, this program will help you stay safe and confident in the winter wilderness. [Register](#)

Sunday, February 1

Orchid Exhibit at the Gardens-10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Exciting pops of color will breathe even more life into the lush greenhouses at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens this winter thanks to the return of the Orchid Exhibit. Experience the expansive collection featuring hundreds of tropical flowers. Find extraordinary epiphytes wrapping their roots into a series of beautiful displays throughout the Gardens. See orchids of all shapes and sizes and learn all about these interesting flowers.

Monday, February 2

Scajaquada Creek Community Workshop – This one is rescheduled due to last week's storm. 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper is hosting a series of workshops for people who want to learn more about the Scajaquada Creek Ecological Restoration Plan, meet the project team, and provide your input on the best areas to implement restoration and resiliency projects in the watershed. Each workshop will focus on a different section of the watershed. This one will be at the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library at 2580 Harlem Road. [Info](#).

HEAP Outreach Schiller Park Senior Center-10am - 2pm. Join us at the Schiller Park Senior Center ([2057 Genesee St, Buffalo, NY 14211](#)) to sign up for the 2025-26 Home Energy Assistance Program (**HEAP**). HEAP may be able to help you if you heat your home with: *electricity, natural gas, oil, coal, propane, wood/pellets, kerosene or corn*. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled. For more information, visit: [Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\) | OTDA](#). ECLIPSE staff will also be available to answer questions about how you can **save EXTRA \$ on your electric bills** and improve energy efficiency in your home through NYSERDA-funded programs. For **ECLIPSE** bring an **email address** and **electric utility bill!** For **HEAP** bring ID, electric/gas/fuel utility bills, social security number, 1 month of paystubs or tax returns.

Tuesday, February 3

Virtual IMAGINE Series- 12:30pm – 1:00pm Speaker: Douglas W. DeCroix, Ex. Dir. Western New York Heritage, Partnered with the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, The Buffalo History Museum & EC200+ [Zoom](#). Each weekly program features a local speaker and Q&A. This series is presented by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library in conjunction with C-SAAHN and ImagineLifelongLearning.com. FREE to the public.

Scajaquada Creek Community Workshop - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper is hosting a series of workshops for people who want to learn more about the Scajaquada Creek Ecological Restoration Plan, meet the project team, and provide your input on the best areas to implement restoration and resiliency projects in the watershed. Each workshop will focus on a different section of the watershed. This one will be at McKinley High School, 1500 Elmwood, Buffalo.

Wednesday, February 4

Turning Gray to Green: Post-Industrial Restoration and Urban Ecological Connectivity in Buffalo- 7 to 8:30 pm at Enterprise Lumber & Silo, 211 Main Street, North Tonawanda. Free, [required registration](#). Featuring Joy Kuebler, BNRLT Board Member and Playce Studio Ltd.

Dare to Repair Café-4:30-7:30PM @ South Park High School (150 Southside, Buffalo, NY). Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

NY Sierra Club Call-6pm. To update supporters on the state's most pressing environmental issues. This month we'll be focusing on battery storage, a crucial piece of the renewable energy transition. [Access here](#).

PFAS in Biosolids: NYS Regulatory Update Stakeholder Meeting-1pm. Online. [Register](#).

Women in Science: How Hands-on Learning and Water Quality Testing Combine to Tackle Impairment in the Mohawk Watershed -3:30 to 4:30pm by Barbara Brabetz. [Register](#).

GBNRTC Meeting-9:30 AM. *Please note that the public may attend in person or virtually.*

For the In Person option, the meeting will be held at City Hall- 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202
You can attend the monthly PCC meeting live at: meetings.gbnrtc.org/PCC

Senior Hiking Club-9:30 - 11:30am at [Emery Park - Meeting Location : Field House](#). Join us as we partner with Erie County Senior Services for their Senior Hiking Club. The Hiking Club is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to stay active and enjoy the beauty of nature in the company of like-minded individuals. [Register](#).

Thursday, February 5

Native Landscaping and Invasive Species-1:30pm. Get inspired for planting your gardens in the spring! Learn the benefits of landscaping with native plants and how to discourage the spread of harmful invasive species during this indoor presentation. For adults only. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Garden Talk “The 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show”-Noon to 1pm. Master Gardener Sue L. will be our host for an armchair tour of “The 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show.” See the amazing exhibits and all the other events this incredible flower show has to offer. The theme in 2025 was “Gardens of Tomorrow,” a reminder that the seeds we plant today shape the world of tomorrow. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) Philadelphia Flower Show has been a staple in Philadelphia since 1829. It is the oldest and largest indoor horticultural event in the world. Register in advance for this meeting: Call 585-343-3040 ext. 101 to register to attend in-person. OR register for online: <https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/1f1LDZPATxS8KYciRZeUWw>
This is an hybrid event – you can join online or in-person at the Genesee CCE office, 420 East Main Street Batavia, NY 14020.

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

“The Fish Thief: A Great Lakes Mystery” Screening-5 to 8pm. You’re invited to join the Aquarium of Niagara, [Great Lakes Fishery Commission](#), [Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper](#), and other conservation partners for a free screening of [The Fish Thief: A Great Lakes Mystery](#). This captivating documentary showcases the relentless efforts of scientists in both the United States and Canada to uncover and mitigate the cause of a devastating environmental crisis—vanishing populations of the most prized fish in the Great Lakes. This event is free but [pre-registration](#) is required

Orchard Park Garden Club Meeting-11:30 am at American Legion Hall 5784 Ellis Rd., Orchard Park. Eastern Monarch Butterfly owner, David O'Donnell, will share the mission of the farm dedicated to increasing the Monarch population. Guests are welcome.

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

How to Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count-3pm webinar (repeated on Feb. 11). [Register for the webinar here](#). Taking place February 13–16, the GBBC is an inter-organizational effort between Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Birds Canada. This fun and impactful global community science event engages bird watchers of all ages and skill levels in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations.

Thriving in an Age of Disasters: How to build emotional resilience and take action-8:00 PM. Climate change isn't just transforming our planet — it's shaping how we think, feel, and show up in the world. In the midst of escalating disasters and uncertainty, what does it truly mean to thrive? And how can we build the emotional resilience needed to face these challenges while staying grounded, hopeful, and engaged? Join this dynamic webinar with national experts to explore the emotional dimensions of climate change and the powerful connection between individual wellbeing and collective action. Participants will gain practical tools and resources for cultivating emotional resilience, alongside concrete strategies for taking meaningful, values-aligned action in their communities. [Register](#).

Friday, February 6

Buffalo Geological Society Meeting-7pm at 100 Lee St., Buffalo.

“What’s Bugging You” talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. The value of insects and feeding friendly insects. [Register](#)

Where Winter Waterfowl Gather- 12 - 1:30 pm at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). From tundra swans to scoters, come enjoy the view of winter waterfowl at Fort Niagara with a park naturalist. **Registration required** [on Eventbrite.com](#)

Birding With Audubon-8 to 9:30am. Each Week we will explore the different habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve to see what birds we can find. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. Meet in the Trillium Nature Center Parking Lot. [Info and register](#).

Saturday, February 7

Freedom Seekers in Nature-10am. Celebrate Black History Month by learning how Freedom Seekers used their knowledge of the natural world to escape enslavement and journey north. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Woods Walk: Winter Warriors-1pm. Look for and learn about the animals that carry on throughout the cold winter season. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. No registration required.

Buffalo Cozy Chat about Native Plants and Ecology- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at Fitz Books & Waffles, 1462 Main St, Buffalo, NY, 14209 [Map](#). Join others who love to nerd out about plants, ecology and books for an informal hangout. Parking is available on the street. Food and beverages (and books!) available for purchase. [Register](#).

Winter Wildlife Walk-10:00am-12:30pm at Waste Management Nature Preserve, Chaffee. Come join Earth Spirit staff for a FREE hike at Waste Management's Nature Preserve. Together, we will learn about mammal adaptations and search for wildlife and their signs throughout the trail system. During this program, we will be collecting data as part of an ongoing wildlife survey of the preserve. This program is sponsored by Waste Management of Chaffee. [REGISTER](#)

Seed Selecting, Starting, Storing and Sharing- Garden Workshop hosted at MAP from 10am to noon at 387 Massachusetts Ave. Tickets can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/wintergardeningworkshops>.

Adult Workshop: Lonely Hearts Dissection- 2 to 3pm at Science Museum. Have your heart set on something fun and unique to do? Find out if hearts truly have heartstrings, explore chambers, sizes and history while taking a knife to the heart (not yours!) while beating the February blues in this dissection workshop. Ages 18+. [Tickets](#): \$20 per participant plus Museum admission or membership.

Gardeners Give & Take -10am to noon, an informal conversation for gardeners of all levels to discuss challenges, successes and share tips. Urban Roots, 428 Rhode Island, Buffalo.

Family Workshop: Owl Pellet Dissection- Science Museum from 10:30-11:30am. It's amazing what you can learn from an owl's vomit! Investigate the contents of a unique owl pellet! Piece together bones, learn about owl hunting habits, and discover some special pieces of the museum's collecting in this all ages workshop! All ages, [Tickets](#): \$8 per participant with Museum admission or membership

Adult Workshop: Lonely Hearts Dissection- 2 to 3pm at Science Museum. Have your heart set on something fun and unique to do? Find out if hearts truly have heartstrings, explore chambers, sizes and history while taking a knife to the heart (not yours!) while beating the February blues in this dissection workshop. Ages 18+ [Tickets](#): \$20 per participant plus Museum admission or membership

The Winter Beach-10:00 - 11:30am at [Wendt Park - Meeting Location: Main Parking Lo](#)

Join Park Ranger Roy to check out the beach in our tumultuous winter season. It may be ice free, it may be ice covered- who knows? Last winter we had "ice volcanoes"! [Register for The Winter Beach](#)

Master Your Garden Series: Hydroponic Gardening-10:00 am. Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Join Orleans County Master Gardener Noelle Wiedemer to learn the simple, pump-free, soil-free Kratky hydroponic technique for growing lettuce, herbs, and vegetables using static nutrient solutions in containers without electricity or complex equipment. The event will be 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.

Icicle Walk-10 - 11:30 am at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us as we wander Niagara Falls State Park, searching for the natural ice sculptures and formations that make this park a winter wonderland! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Tournament of Birders- 2 to 3 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Are you ready to put your birding skills to the test? Join us in the education center for a game of bird identification and trivia! [Registration required](#)

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It's Superb Owl Saturday-3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Trillium Nature Center, owl-related events. [Register online](#)

Owl Prowl- 6 to 8pm at Trillium Nature Center. [Tickets](#).

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Survey: Volunteers Needed-8:30am to noon at Town of Boston Facilities. There will be indoor training followed by an outdoor survey. [Register](#) If you have any questions about the event, contact Sharon Bachman at sin2@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 150

Pressed Flower Craft Workshop-2 to 3:30pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. Create beautiful art designs on glass and wood with real pressed botanicals! Decoupage, pressed flowers and leaves, small glass jar and wood circle, plus guided instruction and ideas provided. Ages 12+, Advance registration required, [Tickets](#): \$15 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members save 10%.

Sunday, February 8

Horticultural Heroes-10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. In the Arcangel Gallery, you will find an extraordinary collection of diverse and visually striking portraits of Horticultural Heroes. This collection of works pays homage to the groundbreaking contributions of thought leaders in the world of gardening, botany, horticulture, agriculture, and conservation.

Monday, February 9

Scajaquada Creek Community Workshop - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper is hosting a series of workshops for people who want to learn more about the Scajaquada Creek Ecological Restoration Plan, meet the project team, and provide your input on the best areas to implement restoration and resiliency projects in the watershed. Each workshop will focus on a different section of the watershed. This one will be at the Delevan Grider Community Center, 877 E. Delevan, Buffalo.

T.O.F.F.E.E: The Organization for Facts Everyone Enjoys STEM Club- 4:30-5:30 pm, 2/9-3/16 (no 2/16)
Ages 9+; no registration, Clearfield Branch Library.

Tuesday, February 10

Learn to Cross-Country Ski-10am. Learn the basics of cross-country skiing before going on a short, guided ski tour. Cost is \$15 per person, \$10 for Friends members. For ages 12 and older. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

ADK Monthly Meeting- Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder 14226 (2nd floor). 6:15 Educational program on emergency signaling. 7:30 p.m. Main Program on February 10, 2026, when we welcome Brian Castner who will discuss his recent book, "STAMPEDE: Gold Fever and Disaster in the Klondike." This book is about the 1897 gold rush which includes photographs from that time when thousands of opportunistic men and women were lured to the Yukon territory with promises of gold and fortune. Brian will also share his extensive research hike of the Chilkoot Trail and the path of the stampeders from the Pacific Ocean beach where they landed in Dyea, and up and over the pass into Canada and the Yukon River watershed. Brian describes this area as an open-air museum, with national parks on both sides of the border.

Soup and Solar-6 to 8pm. View the 30 min documentary "Light Won't Dim" and enjoy soup (bring a bowl and spoon) at Mandala School, 738 Main St., East Aurora. [RSVP](#).

Virtual IMAGINE Series- 12:30pm – 1:00pm Speaker: Douglas W. DeCroix, Ex. Dir. Western New York Heritage, Partnered with the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, The Buffalo History Museum & EC200+ [Zoom](#). Each weekly program features a local speaker and Q&A. This series is presented by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library in conjunction with C-SAAHN and ImagineLifelongLearning.com. FREE to the public.

2026 Erosion and Sediment Control Workshops-NYSDEC-endorsed 4-hour GP-0-25-001 Training, 8:30am-1:00pm. Virtual. Registration fee is \$95.00 per attendee. Attendees must pre-register. [Register](#) for a class. Please contact Don Stribick at (716) 652-8480 x 8556 or don.stribick@ny.nacdnet.net for questions.

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

Forest Seminar: Planting for Pollinators- Noon or 7pm. Explore dairy farm diversification strategies, real-world examples, and extension-supported resources to strengthen profitability and long-term farm resilience. [Register](#).

NYS DEC Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) Meeting-2pm. This meeting will include the approval of minutes from the previous meeting, a DAC Investments and Benefits Guidance presentation, and continued deliberations on current DAC criteria. Members of the public are welcome to listen to the meeting via webcast. [Pre-registration](#) is strongly encouraged.

Wednesday, February 11

BWELL Brains and Brews- 6:30pm. Big Ditch Brewing Co. 55 E Huron St, Buffalo, NY 14203. Join us for an inspiring speaker series featuring three accomplished professors. Look forward to conversation, connection, and community as we raise a glass to women leading with knowledge and purpose. [RSVP](#)

How to Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count-7pm webinar. [Register for the webinar here](#). Taking place February 13–16, the GBBC is an inter-organizational effort between Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Birds Canada. This fun and impactful global community science event engages bird watchers of all ages and skill levels in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations.

Citizens' Climate Lobby Meeting- 6pm at Buffalo-Erie County Central Library in the Gallery Conference Room (2nd floor) or via [zoom](#). Meeting ID: 934 591 8056 | Passcode: BxKGf1Lw46

"More (or Less) for Your Money? The Case for Customizable Portions at Restaurants"-1pm. The majority of food waste at restaurants comes from what consumers leave behind. Meanwhile, new research shows that consumers not only feel guilty about that, but nearly 60% would be more likely to visit a restaurant that offers customizable portions on their menu. Join us for a conversation to explore why restaurant owners and operators who offer customizable portions may gain a competitive advantage in 2026 and beyond. Presenters will discuss new research from REFED, Datassential, Georgetown University's Portion Balance Coalition and The Earth Commons Institute, and Menus of Change University Research Collaborative that makes the business case—and the food waste reduction case—for letting consumers choose how much food they're served. [Register](#).

Proposed Rulemaking for Regulating Treatment of Landfill Leachate-2pm. [DEC issued a suite of significant new actions and helpful resources](#) to protect, educate, and assist communities in addressing the threat of PFAS contamination, including the launch of a new [DEC PFAS webpage](#). The webinar will focus on the PFAS Rural Background Study, treatment of landfill leachate, wastewater treatment guidance, sampling of PFAS in biosolids, and drinking water policy. [Register](#).

Zero Waste Audits: Taking the Full Measure of Waste Reduction Programs- 01:00 PM in Eastern Time. Making meaningful progress toward zero waste in corporate and other institutional settings requires a holistic understanding of how waste is generated and managed. Where traditional waste audits analyze discarded waste for insights, zero waste audits look at the steps that products and packaging (materials) follow leading up to that point. Using a systems approach, they evaluate procurement policies and how items are used, as well as end-of-life collection practices and infrastructure, looking for opportunities at each stage to use and manage materials more efficiently. [Register](#).

Women in Science: Making Flood Risk Visible: Communicating the Science of Resilience in New York State -3:30 to 4:30pm by Rewa Phansalkar. [Register](#).

Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting-Meet at 7 pm in the Cummings Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Take a trip down Memory Lane through the avian rarity highlights throughout the BOS Study Area for the year 2025! Bring a snack to share if you wish! This annual feature was originally brainstormed as an interactive program between members to share their moments of discovery when they happened upon a rare bird. For those finders, if you are able to come to the meeting and share your story, that would be wonderful. If you are not able to join the meeting, you can send Alec your story for him to include during the night's narrative (alechumann@msn.com).

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

Thursday, February 12

Winter Wildflowers-1:30pm. Explore the world of winter plants and see what next summer's wildflowers will look like during this indoor program. For adults only. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Advancing Water Reuse in the Great Lakes Region-1pm. Bruno Pigott, Executive Director, WateReuse Moderator: Lora Shrake, Chief Operating Officer, Council of the Great Lakes Region Water is a critical shared resource across the Great Lakes St. Lawrence region, and water reuse is emerging as an important tool to support long-term water security, resilience, and innovation. This webinar will examine the state of water reuse in the region, the barriers and opportunities shaping its adoption, and the collaboration needed to accelerate progress. Featuring Bruno Pigott, Executive Director of WateReuse, the session will highlight best practices, policy considerations, and real-world examples of how recycled water can complement existing water management strategies. [Register](#).

Exploring Opportunities for Energy Parks: The Promise and Potential of Energy Parks-1 to 2pm. Join us for a webinar that explores how energy parks could contribute to a resilient, affordable, and sustainable energy future. Energy parks co-locate generation, storage, and large-scale loads—such as data centers and advanced manufacturing facilities—at one point of interconnection to the electric grid. This shared infrastructure provides an innovative way to meet increasing energy demands efficiently and cost-effectively, while also supporting the development and testing of emerging technologies. [Register](#).

I Love a Rainy Night: The Rhythm of Forest Amphibians-7pm. [Livestream](#). Join Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies for a lecture on amphibian migrations, featuring Laura Heady, a biologist with the New York State Department of Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University. Beneath the towering trees of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains, under the leaves, rotting logs, lives a fantastic group of amphibians. Nocturnal in their behavior and hunkered down in underground retreats, forest salamanders often go undetected – until they move on rainy nights in large numbers for their annual breeding migrations to vernal pools. Along with wood frogs, these amphibians encounter many roads that bisect their habitat, and in some places, they also encounter volunteers who lend a hand to provide safe passage.

Green Drinks-5:30pm at Frequentem Brewing (Taproom at 225 Louisiana St. Suite 107, Corner of Republic & Kentucky). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Bring Back the Pollinators: Tips & Lessons Learned-1pm. Free. [Learn more & Register](#).

There are many ways to create pollinator habitat in your backyard. From plants to overwintering habitat, one small step can make a difference. Join Jennifer Hopwood, Senior Pollinator Conservation Biologist and Rachel Dunham, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator, to explore the steps people can take to build their own pollinator haven. From tips on sourcing plants to lessons learned, there is something for everyone.

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

Planetarium & Nature Hike Date Night-7 to 9pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. Bring a friend or a date for a weatherproof night under the stars inside our portable planetarium! Learn to identify seasonal constellations, listen to globally inspired stories and lore of the stars above, and develop some stargazing skills to take home with you. Top it all off with an indoor hot chocolate bar, a constellation craft, and an outdoor guided night hike in search of winter wildlife (weather permitting). Ages 18+, Advance registration required. **Tickets:** \$35 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members receive 10% off

Between a rock and a hard place: giving urban trees room to thrive-10am to noon. Join Hudson Valley ReLeaf on this free webinar to learn about the conflicts between trees and sidewalks, how to avoid them, and how to mitigate the issue. This webinar will examine the challenges trees face in sidewalks, streetscapes, and other paved environments, and explain the critical relationship between soil volume, root health, and long-term tree performance. Participants will learn practical strategies for preserving existing trees during sidewalk reconstruction, as well as forward-thinking approaches to planning and designing new construction and reconstruction projects to better accommodate roots. [Register](#).

Forest Seminar: Planting for Pollinators- Noon or 7pm. Learn how to prepare, plant, and maintain native pollinator meadows that support wildlife, with guidance on species selection and strategies for season-long blooms. [Register](#).

“The Flyway Film Forum” Documentary Screening-7pm at Buffalo State University. Kick off the 2026 BON International Birding Festival with a nature themed film screening. Join us at 6:30 for a reception. The screening begins at 7pm. Upton Hall 230 Buffalo State University, Free Parking, map will be emailed to those who [RSVP](#).

Recycling in America: What’s Working and What’s Not-2 to 3pm webinar. We’ll dig into the hard realities facing PET recycling today. With supply on the rise and reclaimers shutting down, the system is approaching a critical imbalance. Join us as we break down what’s happening now, why it’s happening fast, and what must be done to stabilize PET recycling before it falls further behind rising supply. [Register](#).

Friday, February 13

Galentine’s Day Terracotta Pot Painting-7pm. Join us for a fun craft after dinner or to kick off your night out with the gals and pals! Snacks, refreshments, a plant pot, and paint will be provided for you and your galentines. For adults only. Cost is \$10 per person, free for Friends members. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting- 7 to 10pm. For info: <https://www.buffaloastronomy.com/contact/>

Birding With Audubon-8 to 9:30am. Each Week we will explore the different habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve to see what birds we can find. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. Meet in the Trillium Nature Center Parking Lot. [Info and register](#).

Pre-gulling Bird-watching-4:30 to 5:45pm. Join Tonawandan Marcus Rosten at Niawanda Park for a casual pre-event birding meet-up on the shores of the east branch of the Niagara River. Depending on conditions, this will include a short walk along the bike path or a stationary spotting scope setup to scan along the Niagara River before heading to The Gaggle! Niawanda Park, Tonawanda, NY. Registration Preferred: [Registration Link](#)

The Gaggle- 6 to 8pm. Spread your wings and soar into an unforgettable evening as the Feminist Bird Club of Buffalo and Birds on the Niagara present The Gaggle at Tap That Tap Room. Join us for this inclusive social gathering featuring a 50/50 raffle to benefit Feminist Bird Club Buffalo, delicious food and drinks available for purchase, and fun birdy games! Whether you are a life-lister or a first-timer, all are welcome to enjoy an evening of community connection as part of the Birds on the Niagara festival. Tap that Taproom, 363 Delaware St, Tonawanda, NY 14150. Registration Preferred: [Click HERE](#)

Saturday, February 14

Animal Valentines-10am. Celebrate Valentine’s Day with some heart-shaped animal crafts, and write your favorite animal a valentine! All ages welcome. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

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

Snow Rolls- All rides meet at 12:00 PM, with our 3-loop ride rolling out at 12:30 PM. Bundle up, bring friends, and join us for community winter riding! [Sevens \(225 Louisiana St.\)](#). A Valentine’s Day ride! Celebrate community, connection, and maybe even a little love on wheels.

Finding Love in the Dead of Winter (Owl Edition)-7:00 - 9:00pm at [Ellicott Creek - Ellicott Creek Park, Casino](#). Join Ranger Nikki for a nighttime walk searching for our quietest nocturnal bird, the owl. Learn owl calls and some interesting facts about the species we have here in our parks. This program will start inside with a short seminar about owl species and how they are the first species to mate every season. After, we will head out in hopes of catching some owls calling out looking for love! [Register](#)

Gullentines Day-10 to 11 am at [Woodlawn Beach State Park](#). Grab your binoculars and your finest winter coat because it’s time for Gullentines Day at Woodlawn Beach! Get ready to spot our feathered friends along Lake Erie’s shoreline while soaking up some fun bird facts. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Singulls-11 am - 12:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Enjoy the beautiful views of Niagara Falls and venture Goat Island in search of winter migrating gulls with a park naturalist. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Birds on the Niagara Keynote Address: Loving by Nature with Corina Newsome-11am to 1:30pm at Buffalo History Museum. [Register here](#)

Birding Walk-9am to 10:30am. Join Buffalo Ornithological Society member, TJ Mudd, Jr. for a birding walk at Three Sisters Island in Niagara Falls State Park. We will try to find as many gull species as possible. Highlights will hopefully include Glaucous Gull and Harlequin Ducks. Bring binoculars and/or a spotting scope if you have them. Niagara Falls State Park – Three Sisters Island. **Registration Required** – [Registration Link](#)

Birds on the Rapids-1 to 2:30pm. Spend some time birdwatching with an educator on the south end of Goat Island and on Three Sisters Islands to try to identify the many different species of gulls and waterfowl that congregate at the start of the Canadian rapids. Binoculars and spotting scopes are encouraged. Goat Island, Niagara Falls State Park, NY. **Registration Required**: [Registration Link](#)

Birding with Buffalo's Black Birders-2:30pm-4. Join Buffalo's Black Birders for a special winter bird walk at Niagara Falls State Park with special guest Corina Newsome! We'll begin at **Cave of the Winds**, descending to the base of the American Falls to watch gulls and ducks fishing in the mist below, amid towering ice, drifting floes, and rushing water. Winter conditions concentrate birds here, offering close-up and unique viewing opportunities you simply can't get in warmer months. If time allows, we'll head upriver to Three Sisters Islands to scan the Niagara River above the brink of the Falls, where less common and occasionally rare gulls often show up in winter. No prior birding experience is needed—**beginners are welcome and encouraged!** Dress warmly, expect icy conditions, and come ready to experience Niagara Falls in its wildest season. Niagara Falls State Park Parking Lot #2, 15 Goat Island Rd, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. Parking is free, hit the call button and tell the attendant you are with the festival. Meet beneath "Power Portal" Archway across the road from the parking lot. **Registration Preferred** – [Registration Link](#)

Feminist Bird Club: Gullentine's Day Sunset Walk-4:30 to 6pm. Join the Feminist Bird Club of Buffalo for birding at Beaver Island State Park. Beginners are welcome, a spotting scope will be provided. The walk will be led by FBC Buffalo member Ruth Goldman and Joe Fell. **Registration Required** – [Registration Link](#)

Indoor Date with a Book-1 to 3pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. Spend this Saturday afternoon overlooking beautiful Lake Kirsty while you cozy up indoors with a surprise gift-wrapped book to read and keep, within a genre of your choice! Hot chocolate and herbal tea bar, plus indoor activity nooks such as watercolor painting and bookmark-making included. And if the weather suits you, explore the trails at your own pace before or afterwards! Ages 18+. Advance registration required. **Tickets**: \$25 per person; Museum of Science members receive 10% off

Seed Starting 101-1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Hulbert Library in Concord 18 Chapel St., Springville, New York. Learn all the basics of indoor seed starting – including guidance on soil, lights, heat, and humidity at the Concord Library. There will also be trouble shooting, demos of planting and potting up, and plenty of time for your questions. [Registration](#) required – Call the library at 716-592-7742 or stop in to register. Free and open to all.

Sunday, February 15

Daylily Society: 'Souper Bowl'-1:30 pm at Town of Aurora Senior Center 101 King St., East Aurora The Buffalo Area Daylily Society (BADS) meeting-Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 2 p.m. This meeting will be the traditional "Souper Bowl." A range of tasty hot soups will be available for you to sample. Breads, snacks & treats are also welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/events/25598683956407203>

River Lea Birding-9 to 10:30am. Join NYS Parks for Birding at Beaver Island State Park. Join a State Park Naturalist along the beautiful River Lea Trail and observe the beautiful waterfowl that call the Niagara River home for the season. River Lea Parking Lot. Registration Required: [Registration Link](#)

Owl Prowl-6:30 to 8:30pm. Join this night hike along woodland trails in search of owls, enhanced by hoots and whistles from your experienced leader. Total walking distance is about 1 mile. Feel free to bring a small flashlight and/or binoculars (but neither is necessary). Buckhorn Island State Park . [Required Registration](#)

Seven Swans-a-Swimming-10am to noon. Join NYS Parks to look for Tundra Swan's at Beaver Island State Park. We will scan the Niagara River for diving ducks and swans at several points along the Niagara River. We will begin at the Beaver Island Marina and then we will drive east on Park Road making several stops involving short walks to the river. We will have a spotting scope and a limited number of binoculars for people to use, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own equipment. Beaver Island Marina Parking lot. Registration Required – [Registration Link](#)

Tifft Bird Walk-10:30am to noon. Birds are for everyone! Enjoy a guided, family-friendly trail walk in search of winter birds. We'll focus on birding with kids (and beginners of any age!) and provide hands-on, fun learning indoors and out! Binoculars will be available to borrow. This program is part of the International Birds on the Niagara Festival. All ages. Advance registration required. Tickets: \$11 per person; BMS Members receive 10% off. Tifft Nature Preserve. Registration Required: [Click HERE](#)

Beginner Bird Photography-11am to 1pm. This hands-on workshop will introduce basic photo principles that you can use to capture outstanding bird photos in the field. Learn to control shutter speed, aperture, ISO, and understand how lens choices affect composition. Please bring your own camera. The first hour will be indoor instruction, then we'll head outside to put our new skills into practice. Niagara Falls State Park, NY. Registration Required – [Registration Link](#).

Duck, Duck, Goose Guided Walk-10 to 11:30am. Join NYS Parks in search of waterfowl at Buckhorn Island State Park. Join us for a guided walk as we search for diving ducks and geese along the Niagara River at Buckhorn Island State Park. We will begin at the Woods Creek Kayak Launch parking lot and walk the trail west along the Niagara River. We will have a spotting scope and a limited number of binoculars for people to use, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own equipment. Woods Creek Kayak Launch parking lot. Registration Required: [Registration Link](#).

Beginner Birding Walk-2 to 3:30pm. Join NYS Parks for a birding walk at Fort Niagara State Park during Birds on the Niagara! This weekend long festival celebrates all the wonderful birds that live and migrate through our region. Join a State Park naturalist for a beginner friendly birding stroll where we will be searching for wildlife and talking about our environment. South End Parking Lots, Fort Niagara State Park. [Required registration](#).

Stella Niagara Reserve Walk-2 to 3:30pm. Join WNY Land Conservancy for a walk at Stella Niagara Preserve! With its 29 acres and over a quarter-mile of shoreline, the Stella Niagara Preserve is the largest privately-owned, undeveloped tract of land along the entire length of the Niagara River and is one of our region's most ecologically and historically important places. Join Andrew Gaerte with the WNY Land Conservancy on hike down the natural landing of the gorge to enjoy the Bonaparte Gulls on the river, and try to find the Little Gulls and Iceland Gulls potentially mixed in the flock. Stella Niagara Preserve – Park and meet in the parking lot for the Lewiston Senior Services Center (4361 River Rd, Youngstown, NY 14174). Registration Required: [Registration Link](#)

LGBTQ+ and Allies Sunset Walk (Guided Walk)-4 to 5:30pm. Join the Feminist Bird Club of Buffalo for birding at Beaver Island State Park. FBC Buffalo is dedicated to promoting inclusivity in birding while fundraising and providing a safe opportunity for members of the LGBTQ+ community, BIPOC, and women to connect with the natural world. Beginners are welcome, a spotting scope will be provided. The walk will be led by FBC Buffalo member Ruth Goldman and Joe Fell. Beaver Island State Park, Grand Island, NY. Registration Required – [Registration Link](#)

“Listers: A Glimpse into Extreme Birdwatching”-Join BWELL for a screening that provides a fascinating look at the intense world of competitive birdwatching. The film follows two brothers as they learn about competitive birdwatching and push the limits to see and record as many bird species as possible. Light refreshments will be provided. Black Rock Riverside Alliance at 52 Amherst St. Buffalo, 5pm – 8pm. [Registration Required](#).

Monday, February 16

Beginners Bird Walk-11am to noon. Join Feminist Bird Club's Sarah Metcalfe on a beginner friendly bird walk. We will learn some birding basics while seeing some winter birds! Niagara Falls State Park – Three Sisters Island Registration Required – [Registration Link](#)

Winter Gulls of Niagara Falls-9 to 10:30am. Join Buffalo Ornithological Society member, Marcus Rosten for a birding walk at Three Sisters Island in Niagara Falls State Park. We will try to find as many gull species as possible. Highlights will hopefully include Glaucous Gull and Harlequin Ducks. Bring binoculars and/or a spotting scope if you have them. Niagara Falls State Park – Three Sisters Island. Registration Required – [Registration Link](#)

Binational Virtual Program for Birds on Niagara-7 to 8:30pm. Gulls can be confusing, captivating, and endlessly debated—and that's exactly why we love them. Join Birds on the Niagara for The Gull Gab, a lively virtual conversation featuring Amar Ayyash, one of North America's leading gull experts. This interactive Zoom program will dive into gull "hot topics," regional identification challenges, and practical tips for sorting through the rafts of birds that gather along the lower Great Lakes and the Niagara River. Rather than a formal lecture, this program will take the form of an engaging panel-style discussion, with Amar and fellow gull experts sharing insights, stories, and real-world identification strategies. Whether you're just starting to learn gulls or proudly identify as a gull nerd, this program will help sharpen your skills and deepen your appreciation for one of the Niagara region's most iconic (and misunderstood) bird groups. [Registration Required](#)

Tuesday, February 17

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

Putting Beneficial Insects to Work Webinar-2 to 3:30pm EST. Learn how beneficial insects contribute to pest control and how you can encourage them to live and stay within close proximity to crops. [Register](#).

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

Volunteer Training at The Tool Library-6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at The Tool Library, 2626 Main St., Buffalo. Want to put your skills to work? Join The Tool Library for their next volunteer training. Just go to : <https://thetoollibrary.org/event/group-volunteer-training-at-the-tool-librayr/>

Wednesday, February 18

Dark Sky Walk-7pm. Learn how to identify winter constellations and search for Jupiter during this winter night walk. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Bird Feeder Crafts-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Chestnut Ridge - Meeting Location : Chestnut Ridge Casino](#). Join Ranger Nikki at the Chestnut Ridge Casino making some easy bird feeder crafts to take home and hang around your yard for the birds that like to stay during the winter. All materials will be provided! Come sledding and make a craft while getting warmed up! [Register for Bird Feeder Crafts](#)

Biting Pests: Why Are There So Many Ticks?-Noon webinar. From the earliest settlements to modern suburban expansion, human activity has continually reshaped the American landscape—often with unintended consequences. This session explores the historical and ecological factors that have contributed to the rise of tick-borne diseases, tracing how our land-use choices created ideal conditions for ticks to thrive. Through this case study, participants will gain insight into the complex relationship between people, the environment, and public health, and consider what these lessons mean for the future. Free non-credit, [register](#).

Wily Weeds: Plan now to outwit them next year-12 to 1pm webinar. [Register](#).

From Wasteland to Wonder: Easy Ways We Can Help Heal Earth in the Suburban and Urban Landscape-6pm. Link provided with [registration](#).

Non Profit Advocacy vs Lobbying- 12:30 to 2pm. Workshop will include lunch and will be held at Roswell Park Community Outreach and Engagement Center, 907 Michigan Ave, Buffalo, NY 14204. **Space is limited to 35 participants, so please register only if you are confident you can attend.** [Register Here](#)

Road Salt Impacts and Solutions- 12pm. The widespread use of deicing agents, including road salts, has had a significant impact on aquatic ecosystems and drinking water resources. This presentation explores how road salt enters waterways, the factors that contribute to overapplication, and the scale of the issue using water quality data collected in southeastern Pennsylvania. Participants will also examine behavioral drivers of road salt use at the household level and learn practical, research-informed strategies to reduce impacts, with tangible solutions for both municipalities and individual households. [Register.](#)

America's Children and the Environment- 3 to 4pm. EPA's [America's Children and the Environment \(ACE\)](#) serves as a national barometer for children's environmental health, featuring over 35 environmental and health indicators. ACE indicators monitor the progress of EPA's core mission to protect children's health. Essential to the ACE tool is its ability to compile vetted data from a variety of high-quality, nationally representative sources to present informative and reliable indicators on children's environmental health; inform and enhance discussions on key children's environmental health issues; track trends in children's environmental health and help identify opportunities for EPA to further our core mission to protect the nation's children and families. [Register for the webinar: America's Children and the Environment.](#)

Thursday, February 19

Hydrodynamic and Sediment Transport Modeling in Support of Fisheries Sustainability in Eastern Lake Erie- Professor Joseph Atkinson (University at Buffalo) and Jason Robinson (NYSDEC) 2:15pm webinar. [Register.](#)

Swaps, Stores, and More: Strategies to Facilitate Reuse- 2pm. Learn how campuses can make reuse easy, visible, and community-driven. This webinar explores practical strategies for launching and sustaining reuse initiatives—from pop-up clothing swaps models to upcycling programs, permanent location, and engagement campaigns that normalize sharing over buying new. Attendees will leave with adaptable ideas, implementation tips, and engagement approaches to expand reuse efforts on their own campus or organization. [Register.](#)

It Starts with the Soil: Soil Health Practices for Water Conservation- 12 to 1pm. Healthy soils are the foundation of water-smart farming. This session will cover practical, field-level management practices including cover cropping, crop rotation, reduced tillage, and maintaining ground cover, practices that help farms conserve water, improve soil organic matter, and weather climate extremes. [Register.](#)

Limited Free Zoo Admission- The Buffalo Zoo and M&T Bank are delighted to offer FREE admission to the community on select Third Thursdays! Important: Free tickets are required and must be reserved online prior to your visit. A limited number of tickets are available, with a maximum of 10 tickets per group. [Tickets for Third Thursdays](#) will become available to claim at 10 a.m. on the Monday of the week they take place! This means that tickets for this Third Thursday on Feb. 19 can be claimed at 10 a.m. on Feb. 16.

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

Memory Cafe: Native Plants in Your Garden- 9:30 to 11am at Science Museum. Lyn Chimera, Master Gardener and owner of Lessons From Nature who will be discussing Native Plants. 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. Each session will have a presentation on unique collections items aligned with the Museum theme months and an interactive science and nature activity. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided. Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York. Ages 18+, [Advance registration](#) encouraged, FREE.

Friday, February 20

Birding With Audubon- 8 to 9:30am. Each Week we will explore the different habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve to see what birds we can find. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. Meet in the Trillium Nature Center Parking Lot. [Info and register.](#)

Saturday, February 21

Hot Drinks, Cold Trails-10am. Join us for a lighthearted walk through the woods with hot drinks and warm smiles. Bring a reusable mug and enjoy some hot tea or cocoa. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Woods Walk: Winter Wonders-11am. Enjoy the beauty of the winter season on this guided walk. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. No registration required.

Dare to Repair Café-11am to 2pm @ Grant Street Neighborhood Center (271 Grant St, Buffalo, NY). Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Snowshoe & Ice Volcano Walk- 10 - 11:30 am at [Evangola State Park](#). Experience the winter season to the fullest with a guided snowshoe trek on the forested trails of Evangola. If conditions permit, we will end the hike by discovering the frozen marvels of Lake Erie's ice volcanoes! Snowshoes, snow permitting. **Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)**

Dinosaur Terrarium Workshop-11am to noon at Botanical Gardens. Bring home your own prehistoric plant during this exciting workshop for kids. [Tickets](#): \$25/ticket | \$22.50/member. Create your own miniature dinosaur world with this fun class just for kids! This workshop includes all materials needed to build a tropical terrarium complete with dinosaur figures to bring home with them. Kids will learn about how terrariums work, how to create an enclosed ecosystem, how to care for their tropical plant and more! This special learning experience is best suited to kids ages 5-12.

Birding at Fort Niagara-9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. See the diving ducks, loons, and grebes in front of the Toronto Skyline in Lake Ontario! Binoculars are available. [Tickets](#). Buffalo Audubon Members - \$10.00, General Admission - \$15.00, Meet at the Swimming Pool Parking Lot.

Bird Friendly Buffalo-1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Learn how to protect your windows from bird strikes and help save our backyard feathered friends! Make and take a paracord window treatment you can install at home. Measure one of your windows and bring the dimensions of the visible glass with you on February 20th. [Registration](#) is Free!

Gardeners Give & Take -10am to noon, an informal conversation for gardeners of all levels to discuss challenges, successes and share tips. Urban Roots, 428 Rhode Island, Buffalo.

Cassadaga Cozy Chat about Native Plants- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at 3 Lakes Cafe in Cassadaga, 11 S Main St, Cassadaga, NY, 14718. Join us for a casual hangout at a favorite local cafe. Your fellow native plant enthusiasts are excited to share what they have learned and want to try in the upcoming season. All are welcome. Bring your questions! Get advice from more experienced growers. Share your favorite plant stories. A variety of food and drink is available for purchase. [Registration](#) is optional; it will allow us to send you a reminder before the event with any updates.

Dan Jordan Wildlife Program: Birds around the world-1 to 2:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, Portville. Sponsored by Pfeiffer Nature Center.

Soup-Purr Bowl- Noon-3pm. Help Heart Animal Rescue. Lake Erie Italian Club, 3200 South Park Ave. Come join us for our annual Soup Purr Bowl. Enjoy a flight of soup and dessert for \$15.00. Buy tickets online <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/soup-purr-bowl> or at the door.

House Plant Swap- 10:00am-12:00pm. Bring a pest-free plant to trade for a new one. You will be trading with fellow plant owners. The plants can be potted or cuttings- bring one or several. We will have coffee and donuts and a free plant for each person. Do not miss this chance to refresh your collection and meet the local plant community. [Ticket](#): \$5.00. Lockwood's, 4484 Clark Street, Hamburg, NY 14075.

Propagation Pot- 12:00pm. Demonstration on how to create a self-watering propagation pot. You will have the opportunity to build your own rooting station for your houseplant cuttings. [Ticket](#): \$10.00. Lockwood's, 4484 Clark Street, Hamburg, NY 14075.

Sunday, February 22

Winter Tree Identification-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Franklin Gulf - Meeting Location: Franklin Gulf -Larkin Road Lot](#). After the leaves fall the trees go largely dormant, join Ranger Austin for a walk and a chance to start picking up the cues for tree identification when the deciduous trees have shed their leaves. We will learn basic cues to help identify trees we find. [Register for Winter Tree Identification](#)

Sunday Seniors Stroll- 10 to 11 am at [Devil's Hole State Park](#). An easy stroll down the Rim Trail toward Whirlpool State Park. We'll see some great views and talk about some of the natural features that make our park special. Please note that the walk will be less than a mile and the trail is not paved. *Seniors 62+ only. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Soap Making-1 to 2:30 pm at [Woodlawn Beach State Park](#). Unleash your inner artisan at Woodlawn Beach State Park! Make your own soap using a soap base and fun molds (*children 8+ with parent/guardian supervision.*) *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Monday, February 23

T.O.F.F.E.E: The Organization for Facts Everyone Enjoys STEM Club- 4:30-5:30 pm, 2/9-3/16 (no 2/16)
Ages 9+; no registration, Clearfield Branch Library.

Tuesday, February 24

Mammals of WNY- 6 to 7pm at Lancaster Public Library. Get to know your fur-bearing neighbors as we explore the lives of mammals who call Western New York home. Investigate adaptations, learn to identify tracks and scat, and get hands-on experience with a variety of pelts. Presented by WildWood WNY. **Registration required.** [Register](#) or call 716-683-1120.

Hamburg House and Garden Club Meeting-12:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Hamburg Community Center 4540 Southwestern Boulevard, Hamburg, New York. The Hamburg House and Garden Club will be hosting speaker Nancy Kalieta who is the FGCCNYS District Director. She will be sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for the Erie County Fair. The meeting will be held at the Hamburg Community Center at 107 Prospect Ave., Hamburg NY. All are welcome. Not a member now? Come see if you are interested in joining.

Wednesday, February 25

Science Café on Community Perspectives on Plain Language- 5 to 7pm at Isaías González-Soto Branch Library Auditorium. Join an expert from University at Buffalo Clinical and Translational Science Institute (UB CTSI) for a Science Café regarding how to communicate scientific concepts in plain language. UB CTSI's Science Cafés are one way researchers share their findings which can support evidence-based change in our community.

West Valley Public Meeting- 6:30pm. For registration, visit <https://westvalleyctf.org/>

Your Native Plant Journey- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Online/Virtual. Kathy Contrino, owner of [CW Native Plant Farm](#) and Master Naturalist trainee will share tips on beginning or continuing your native plant journey. Gardeners, whether in urban, suburban or rural communities are well situated to provide pockets of biodiversity and greater environmental sustainability. Native plants, bushes and trees, particularly locally-sourced plants, provide the best opportunity for success. Native gardeners incorporate the following key elements: design focused on keystone species, careful landscape management to do no harm (or less harm), and understanding of gardening as one part of a holistic sustainable lifestyle. One common sentiment is, "I want to do more but I don't know where to begin." In this presentation Kathy will address the question of where to begin whether you live in a rural, suburban, or urban community. She will share simple, scalable options to improve the ecology around you. [Register](#).

Women in Science: Portrait of a Graduate, Environmental Education for Changing Guidelines -3:30 to 4:30pm by Emily Marcet. [Register](#).

Clean Air 2026 Annual Meeting – Details will be posted at <https://www.cacwny.org/get-involved/events/>

Thursday, February 26

Science in the Pub: What Happens When You Bring Brain Science into the Real World?-7pm. Whether you are in the classroom, boardroom, or locker room, you can increase your efficiency and effectiveness as an educator, leader, or coach by taking advantage of what is known about the brain and how it works. Dave and Ron will provide numerous, real-world examples of how knowledge of the brain and its evolution including cutting-edge neuroscience and electrocochleogram (EEG) scans can be leveraged to improve performance in your learning and working environments. [Register](#).

Great Lakes Aquatic Connectivity-2:15pm webinar. Tracy Brown and Kyle Glenn (Trout Unlimited). [Register](#)

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

Friday, February 27

DIY Bird Houses-5:30 - 6:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join a park naturalist in a hands-on birdhouse building program. We will talk about some of our local birds and then participants will get the opportunity to build and decorate their own birdhouse and take it home with them. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

Birding With Audubon-8 to 9:30am. Each Week we will explore the different habitats at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve to see what birds we can find. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. Meet in the Trillium Nature Center Parking Lot. [Info and register](#).

Saturday, February 28

Trivia Night-5pm. Join us for a fun game of trivia about nature and Reinstein Woods! Test your knowledge or learn something new. You can sign up solo or as a team. Snacks will be provided. For ages 12 and older. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Seed Starting Class-10:30am to noon at Botanical Gardens. [Tickets](#): \$25/ticket | \$22.50/member
Get growing with this fun and informative seed starting class! You'll learn how to choose the right seeds for your garden, understand what makes seeds sprout, and create a planting schedule that works for you. We'll cover different planting methods, soil mixes, tools, and how to sow seeds properly. You'll also learn how to care for your seedlings so they stay healthy and strong until they're ready to go outside. With live demos and tips for easy garden ideas like kitchen herbs or butterfly gardens, you'll leave ready to start your own plants with confidence.

Niagara Gulls-10am to 12pm. Gull Capital of North America! Working on the Winter Birding Challenge? We'll try to find 7 species of Gulls from the Three Sisters Islands. Binoculars are available and a Spotting Scope will be provided, Meet in Lot #3. [Register](#). Buffalo Audubon Members - \$10.00, General Admission - \$15.00

Growing in Awkward and Unlikely Places- Garden Workshop hosted at Grassroots Gardens from 10am to noon at 389 Broadway. Tickets can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/wintergardeningworkshops>.

Winter Birding-10:00am-12:30pm at Beaver Island State Park, Grand Island. Spend your morning with Earth Spirit staff at Beaver Island State Park as you learn birding skills while exploring different habitats. Winter waterfowl will be the focus of this program, but we will not be excluding any other birds we come across! This program is for birders of all skill levels. Binoculars will be provided for all participants. [REGISTER](#)

Planetarium Movie – Mars: The Ultimate Voyage-11 to 11:45am OR 1 to 1:45pm. 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? How will they stay motivated and healthy on their spacecraft so far away from Earth? This immersive planetarium movie explores these questions and more. This program contains immersive visual effects that may cause disorientation or motion sickness in sensitive individuals. Ages 5+. [Tickets for 11 to 11:45](#) OR [Tickets for 1 to 1:45pm](#). \$15 per participant with Museum admission or membership; members save 10%.

Sunday, March 1

History Hike-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Emery Park - Meeting Location: Emery Park Fieldhouse](#). Join Ranger Matt for a walk in the past at Emery Park. Come explore one of Erie County's Heritage Parks and learn some history of the property, the family that owned it, and its place in our park system. [Register for History Hike](#)

Freshwater Flicks 2026-Support Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and enjoy some water-related films beginning at 1pm at The Caz in South Buffalo. Ticket sales are now open and [we have released our list of films](#). These are all different films released by Wild & Scenic Film Festival from prior years and we can't wait to watch together with you. [Tickets](#).

Monday, March 2

T.O.F.F.E.E: The Organization for Facts Everyone Enjoys STEM Club- 4:30-5:30 pm, 2/9-3/16 (no 2/16)
Ages 9+; no registration, Clearfield Branch Library.

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.**

PFAS in Biosolids - Regulatory Stakeholder Webinar

DEC is holding a stakeholder webinar to share information and receive valuable feedback on an upcoming rulemaking for 6 NYCRR Part 361-2 and Part 361-3 related to PFAS in biosolids. The webinar will be held on **February 4**, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST. [Register](#).

Potential Landfill Leachate Treatment Rulemaking (Parts 360 and 363)

DEC will host a stakeholder webinar to share information and receive input about the potential landfill leachate treatment rulemaking. Find information related to this potential rulemaking and the upcoming webinars on [DEC's website](#). The webinar will be held **Wednesday February 11, 2026**, 2:00-3:30 p.m. [Register](#).

Contact SolidWasteRegulations@dec.ny.gov with questions.

Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act - Rally and Advocacy Day

Join others on **Monday, February 9, 2026** from 10:00AM-4:30PM at the NY State Capitol in Albany to urge your state Assemblymember to join their colleagues in the Senate in putting people over plastic by passing the Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act. This critical bill that was passed (for the second year in a row) by the NY Senate in May 2025 will address the crisis of planet-warming, ocean-polluting, landfill-clogging, human health-harming single-use plastics by reducing them at the source while saving taxpayers money and providing support for recycling and reuse efforts. Register [here](#).

NFTA-METRO Rail Extension

The approved GBNRTC 2026-2030 TIP and 2050 MTP Update each contain a listing of additional unfunded project proposals that may be included in a financial plan for a LRTP or TIP if reasonable additional resources were to become available referred to as “illustrative projects”. The GBNRTC is proposing to amend the 2026-2030 TIP by adding one (1) illustrative project. NFTA-Metro is proposing to expand high-quality transit service from Buffalo to Tonawanda and Amherst from the existing Metro Rail terminus at University Station on the University at Buffalo (UB) South Campus, along Kenmore Avenue, Niagara Falls Boulevard, Maple Road and Sweet Home Road, through the UB North Campus to John James Audubon Parkway and Interstate 990 (I-990). **Public comments will be received for 30 days from 1/22/26 until Close of Business (COB) on 2/23/26.** Comments may be submitted to GBNRTC via email at staff@gbnrtc.org, by voicemail at 716-856-2026 x300, by mail at 438 Main St, Suite 503, Buffalo, NY 14202

DEC Seeks Public Input on Draft Policy to Improve Access to Outdoor Recreation for People with Disabilities

DEC released a [draft Commissioner Policy](#) to improve access to the outdoors for people with mobility disabilities. The intent of this policy is to provide clear information about access to public recreation opportunities that may be enhanced by the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs). The policy will replace existing DEC policies and procedures including [Commissioner Policy 3](#). To provide a greater level of accessibility to a broad spectrum of outdoor recreation programs, and consistent with federal requirements, this policy provides for the use of OPDMDs by people with mobility disabilities on lands managed by DEC. DEC is hosting a virtual public meeting on **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. [Register for the February 4 public meeting](#). DEC is accepting comments on the draft policy until **March 9, 2026**. Please submit written comments by emailing landsforests@dec.ny.gov, or by mailing comments to: Josh Clague, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4254.

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

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

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

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

Tips for the Environment:

- **Reduce your Clothing Footprint-** Repair and maintain the clothes you need to reduce demand for new materials, shop at secondhand clothing stores, purchase fewer, more durable clothes, donate clothing in good repair and recycle clothing for textiles (rags, fibers etc.). More info on [textile reuse and recycling](#).
- **Reduce your Valentine's Day ecological footprint-** prioritize experiences over physical gifts, opt for locally sourced or potted plants instead of imported flowers, and choose fair-trade, dark chocolates. Create homemade, digital, or recyclable cards, and prepare a home-cooked meal with local ingredients to avoid excessive packaging.

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-ctr/>.

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.

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

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

Massachusetts Avenue Project needs volunteers from the 1st week in April through October on Saturdays from 10-1 PM. <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!](#)

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

Western NY Land Conservancy- trail clearing, mailings, technical research and citizen scientist projects.
<https://www.wnlylc.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](#)

Additional local blogs and websites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>

Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>

Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecattrail.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org

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

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

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

Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>
We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>
WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>
Fishing Outdoors- <http://www.huntfishnyoutdoors.com/events.php>
Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)
Sustainability SmartPod- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2127930>

County/New York State Resources

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

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

EPA-<https://www.epa.gov/careers>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://greenjobs.net/>
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.brown girlgreen.com/greenjobs>
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/>
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.buffaloaudubon.org
www.buffalogardens.com
www.buffscience.org
www.buffalozoo.org
www.penndixie.org
www.yourspca.org
https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdec.ny.gov%2Fthings-to-do%2Fsummer-camps/1/0101019bdce4ac66-693d49a3-23fb-4450-ba03-1303165648e0-000000/emn2BJaT0rjWtc1xB_pL9STO_xq01qanQvAmsBcxKpY=441

Grant Opportunities /Tools

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

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

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

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

Backyard Bounty-podcasts on homesteading, beekeeping etc. <https://heritageacresmarket.com/backyard-bounty-podcast/>

Becker Farms- <http://www.beckerfarms.com>

Brewster Street Farm- <https://www.jersbuffalo.org/brewster-street-farm>

Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>

Crown Hill Farms-<https://www.crownhillfarm.com/>

Dirt Rich Farm- <https://www.dirtrichcsa.com/>

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMonarchButterflyFarm>

Falkimmer Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/FalkimmerFarms/>

Farmer Pirates-<http://www.farmerpirates.com>

Farmers and Artisans- <http://farmersandartisans.com>

First Light Farm and Creamery- <http://www.firstlightfarmer.com/>

Five Loaves Farm- <https://5loavesfarm.org/>

Fresh Fix -<https://www.freshfix.com/>

Goodman Farms- <https://goodmanfarms.net>

Gormley Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/gormleyfarms>

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

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/](http://www.kubedroot.com)

McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com>

Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>

Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com>

Nimble Farms- <https://nimblefarms.com>

Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com

Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com>

Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org>

Produce Peddlers-<https://producepeddlers.com>

The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandcsa.com>

Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com>

Roots & Wings Family Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/rootsandwingsfarm>

Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com

Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com>

Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com

Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com

Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>

Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com>

WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market

Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org>

Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com>

NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>

WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

Badding Brothers-<https://baddingbrosfarm.com/index.html>

Lockwood's Greenhouses-<https://weknowplants.com>

Masterson's Nursery-<https://mastersons.net>

Sweet Flag Herbs-<http://sweetflagherbs.com>

CW Native Plants- <https://www.cwnativeplantfarm.com>

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

Buffalo Tours- <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/buffalo-tours/>

Niagara Wine Trail - <http://www.niagarawinetrail.org/>

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

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

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

Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot

Batteries (high energy for mowers, power tools)-Lowe's, Bison Turf; Batteries for e-bikes- Tom Pro Bikes

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

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

Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,

Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities

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

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

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

Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>

Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,

Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers

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

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

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

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

Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store

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

Pens- Dropoff at Staples stores

Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.
Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation
Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling
Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>
Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/>, <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> [realsimple](http://realsimple.com)

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](http://www.greenefficiency.org)
[Facing the Future](http://www.facingthefuture.org)
[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](http://www.cloudinstitute.org)
[Sustainable Futures Institute](http://www.sustainablefutures.org)
[Nature Generation](http://www.nature.org).
[The Center for Ecoliteracy](http://www.ecoliteracy.org)
[Hamline's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\)](http://www.hamline.edu/ceee)
[The National Science Teachers Association Learning Centers](http://www.nsta.org/learningcenter)
[The US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](http://www.uspartnership.org)
[Basics of Organic Farming](http://www.organicfarming.org) is a self-directed online course for beginning orchard and vegetable-crop farmers
[Our Farms, Our Future](http://www.organicfarming.org) podcast series
[Second Nature's Solution Center](http://www.organicfarming.org)

On Demand Webinars:

[Extended Producer Responsibility](http://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020) (other videos on same youtube channel).
[Plan-It GEO](http://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020)
[https://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020](http://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020)- CERES from NYC program in Climate Week
EarthEcho [Youtube channel](http://www.youtube.com/EarthEcho) Water Challenge [playlist](http://www.youtube.com/EarthEcho).
STEMExplore Virtual Career Connections [Virtual Events](http://www.stemexplore.org) 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](http://www.foodwaste.org).
Change Food Library <http://www.changefood.org/changefoodlibrary/>
USDA Tool Kit for Local Food [toolkit](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org)
[Better Than Ed](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org)-Video series with Actor Ed Begley encouraging environmentally-friendly practices.
[EJSCREEN](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org) is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool.
[Local Foods, Local Places Toolkit](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org) to help communities develop their own plans for setting and achieving local food and revitalization goals.
[Merlin Bird ID app](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org) Bird id by song
[Archived EPA Climate Change Info](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org).
www.epa.gov/climate-indicators.
[Guide to help schools reduce food waste](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org)
[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org)
[Click here to watch the Know Your Food videos.](http://www.localfoodtoolkit.org)

[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](http://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 Center	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.buffaloornithologysociety.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/
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://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	https://www.ecfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.org
Feminist Bird Club Buffalo	https://feministbirdclubbuf.org/
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/
Food Future WNY	www.foodfuturewny.org
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.finwr.org/
Friends of Reinstein Woods	http://reinsteinwoods.org
Friends of Sinking Ponds	https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	https://gardensbuffalonagara.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://ltlol.com/
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/
Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/

Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
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/
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	http://www.newyorkipl.org/
New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylcv.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.seagrant.sunysb.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 County Farm Bureau	http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Fishing Expo	http://niagarafishingexpo.com/
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	Niagara Frontier Botanical Society
Niagara Outfitters	https://niagaraoutfitters.com/
Niagara River Anglers Association	www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens	https://ntbgo.weebly.com/
One Region Forward	https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/
Open Buffalo	http://www.openbuffalo.org/
Our Outer Harbor	http://www.ourouterharbor.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Pelion Garden	https://peliongarden.org
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeifernaturecenter.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	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
Primate Sanctuary	www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary
Providence Farm Collective	http://providencefarmcollective.org/
Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy	https://rwparkbuffalo.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Restore our Community Coalition	http://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
Secret Places of WNY	https://www.insiders-outside.com/events
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara
Slow Roll Buffalo	www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/
South Buffalo Alive	www.facebook.com/South-Buffalo-Alive-174141769403626/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/sustainability
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.ulic.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	http://nywea.org/
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://www.facebook.com/wnyherpsociety
Western New York Land Conservancy	https://www.wnlylc.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)	http://www.wnyprism.org
WNY Permaculture	www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/
WNY Raptor Center	Wnyraptor.com
Western New York Science Teachers	https://westernstany.org/
WNY Seed Library	https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/
Western New York Soil Health Alliance	https://www.facebook.com/wnysoilhealth/

WNY STEM	https://stemecosystems.org/ecosystem/wny-stem/
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
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.wnnybc.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/