

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Ripples of Plastic

A free screening of “Ripples of Plastic” will be held on **July 2** at 6pm at the Lexington Coop at 1678 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo in the café seating area. The film discusses the significant environmental problems caused by plastics in our environment. Please [register](#).

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, July 9th** at 5:30pm at Rusty Nickel Brewing 4350 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY 14224. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

NYSAR³ Anniversary Celebration

NYSAR³ (NY State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling) is 35 this year! To mark this milestone, the association is hosting four events across the state in July. We encourage you to join the celebration by attending the Western New York gathering on July 9 at the UB Incubator in Buffalo from 4 to 7pm. Help support our efforts. [Register and purchase your tickets](#).

Artisan Market at Reinstein Woods

Friends of Reinstein Woods invites the WNY community to its annual Artisan Market on **Saturday, July 11** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free, rain-or-shine event will take place at Reinstein Woods, 93 Honorine Dr. Depew, NY 14043. This year's market will feature more than 45 artisans and vendors selling handmade jewelry, soy candles, paintings, photographs, and more. The event, sponsored by Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union and Roofs by Bryan, will also feature an exciting basket raffle and four food truck vendors. All proceeds will support Friends of Reinstein Woods's mission: to cultivate a lifelong appreciation of nature through education, stewardship, and shared experiences within and beyond the unique ecology of Reinstein Woods.

Bridging the Gap: Green Chemistry Innovation + Education Workshop

The 2nd Annual Bridging the Gap: Green Chemistry Innovation & Education Workshop will take place on **July 15, 2026**, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY. This free, full-day workshop will be open to industry professionals, K-12 educators, and higher education faculty and staff to explore green chemistry innovation and education. The workshop will be hosted by the [New York State Pollution Prevention Institute](#), [Beyond Benign](#), and [RPI](#), and aims to spark collaboration while devising practical strategies for advancing green chemistry. [Registration is required](#) and must be completed no later than **Wednesday, July 6, 5:00pm**.

Erie County Survey: What are your Concerns?

Envision Erie survey seeks input from all interested residents. [Online surveys](#) can be completed until **July 6**.

Teen Career Workshop at the Buffalo Zoo

Know a teen who's interested in working with animals? The Buffalo Zoo is hosting a single-day Teen Career Workshop, which is the perfect opportunity to get hands-on experience through exhibit visits, laboratory exercises and live animal encounters! Register for our next Career Workshop on **Saturday, July 18** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.! [Register](#). Discount for zoo members.

Join the Last SkyRide Ever

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

Education Summer Workshop: Crayfish in the Great Lakes

There will be a 2026 Great Lakes Ecosystem Education Exchange Summer Workshop, NY's *Great Lakes Species in a Changing Environment: Crayfish*, hosted by New York Sea Grant and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on **July 24** at Great Lakes Center, SUNY Buffalo State. [Register](#).

Paddles Up

Paddles Up Niagara is a family friendly, safe way to experience the natural areas and unique habitats of the Niagara River. This year's event will be **July 25** (rain date July 26). Whether you are a novice or an experienced paddler, you will enjoy spending the morning with an enthusiastic paddling community. The safety team keeps us on track and out of harms way of motor boats. Continue the celebration by visiting with the many exhibitors and vendors to learn more about our waterways and greenspaces. Stick around for some refreshments and raffle prize drawings! [Registration opens June 1st!](#)

Summer Teacher Institute: Summer Ecology School

Expand your knowledge of Western New York's natural world with three days of hands-on field studies in our ponds, forests, and fields from **July 28-July 30**. This workshop will feature local research and project highlights from environmental professionals, provide techniques for incorporating nature into your classroom curricula, and strengthen your confidence in using the outdoors as a teaching space. [Register](#).

Register for Paws in the Park!

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

2026 Great Lakes Conference

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

Become a WAVE Volunteer

The WAVE citizen science sampling season is approaching, and DEC invites you to participate. WAVE (Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators) is a DEC program where volunteers collect “stream bugs” to measure water quality in wadeable streams. Anyone who can kick over a rock can participate. The sampling season is from July to September. WAVE data are especially useful for documenting high quality stream segments and for flagging locations for follow up. To find out how to become a WAVE volunteer, view [WAVE webpage](#) and [WAVE training videos](#), and read [WAVE Sampling Guide](#) (PDF).

Zoar Valley BioBlitz

The Zoar Valley Coalition <https://zoarvalley.org/bioblitz-2026/> invites you to participate in the iNaturalist 2026 Zoar Valley BioBlitz. Head to the outdoors and help us identify birds, bugs, wildlife, plants, trees, fungi, and more using the iNaturalist app! No special skills are required. You can easily contribute to the ever-expanding database of flora and fauna in Zoar Valley and have a chance to win prizes. Please do not pinpoint the location of rare/protected species of flora and fauna and any fungi on iNaturalist. The app has a feature that allows you to broaden the location to the larger property instead of the exact coordinates. This protects these species from foragers illegally removing fungi and protected species for their own use or profit, something that is a problem on this public land. Upload your pictures to the iNaturalist page for Zoar Valley BioBlitz 2026: <http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/zoar-valley-bioblitz-2026> . **The BioBlitz continues through July 15.**

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

The next free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held in southern Erie County on **November 7, 2026**. Check back in October for registration information and location details. Erie County residents have the option of using the County’s “Voucher Drop-off program” which enables residents to bring up to 50lbs. eligible hazardous waste to the Hazman facility in Tonawanda at no cost. Preregistration is required, go to erie.gov/recycling or call 716-858-6800. For info on City of Buffalo events, check www.buffalorecycles.org.

Free Paint Collection in Erie County will take place on **September 12, 2026** ([Registration](#) will open on July 13) and **October 17** ([Registration](#) will open on September 13, 2026). Safely dispose of your leftover paint.

New Species Selection Tool Supports Ecological Restoration in New York

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

Defending New York’s Climate Law

[Deeper Shade of Green](#), an environmental podcast from [WAER](#) in Syracuse, NY released an episode wherein we interviewed Alex Beauchamp of Food and Water Watch, Cornell Climate Scientist Doctor Bob Howarth and Raya Salter with the Environmental Justice Law and Policy Center on the scientific case for New York to act on climate saving technologies. [Defending New York's climate law with science and history | WAER](#)

I BIRD NY Challenge

The 2026 [I BIRD NY Challenge](#) is taking place **until November 1!** Recent research has shown that bird watching may help the brain fight aging due to reorganization as you learn to recognize new birds (read [more](#)). For the challenge, identify 10 species of birds anywhere in New York State, submit online or by mail, and receive a commemorative patch, sticker, certificate, and be entered to win birding related prizes. Challenge materials are also offered in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, and Urdu.

Solo Sweeps

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

Working Towards Conserving 30% Of New York's Lands and Waters

In 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation [A.5390B/S.6191A](#) in the state's [Environmental Conservation Law § 49-0113](#) codifying New York's commitment to conserve 30% of the State's lands and waters by 2030 in collaboration with a broad group of partners and stakeholders. DEC and the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) have developed strategies to support this effort. 30x30 emphasizes collaboration among state agencies, local governments, Indigenous Nations, conservation organizations, and private landowners. Importantly, 30x30 integrates climate justice into the overarching Strategy by prioritizing benefits for vulnerable communities, recognizing the essential role of equitable access to healthy natural environments. To achieve the 30x30 goal, DEC and OPRHP developed the [New York State 30x30 Strategies and Methodology](#) (PDF). As of early 2026, estimates indicate that approximately 23 percent of New York State's lands and waters—over 8 million acres—are conserved.

Beech Leaf Disease Distribution and Research Updates

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

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

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

Penn Dixie Summer Hours Are Here!

Penn Dixie is now open to the public from Wednesday through Sunday beginning June 24 and continuing through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026. We are closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are open on Friday June 19 and Saturday July 4. After September 7, we return to weekends-only through the final day of the season, Sunday September 27.

The park opens at 9 am and closes at 4:30 pm. A 20-minute guided tour is included with all admissions. Come join us for a fossil-filled day of fun! To pre-register, visit penn Dixie.org/purchase-tickets/. Walk-ins are also welcomed! For more details about our hours and admission rates, click [here](#).

Buffalo All Access

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

Erie County Extreme Temperature Plan

Help Inform the Erie County Extreme Temperature Plan through our [Community Survey](#) and be part of protecting our community during extreme weather events. All participants that complete the community survey will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Tops gift card! Another way you can help is by participating in an [interview with a UB Researcher](#) to discuss how extreme temperatures impact you.

10 Big Climate Actions to Reduce Emissions in Buffalo Niagara

In February 2026, the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Buffalo Niagara region was approved by the US EPA, marking a major milestone in the region's climate mitigation planning enabled by a grant from the US EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants. The plan, titled *10 Big Climate Actions to Reduce Emissions in Buffalo Niagara*, focuses on actions that can be taken at the community and regional scale to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region while catalyzing benefits for the region's people and economy. [Review the plan.](#)

Buffalo Zoo Volunteer Docents Needed

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

Solar Option Available for Erie County

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

Snapshot NY

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

Less Lawn More Life Challenge

Wild Ones is partnering again with the [Less Lawn More Life Challenge](#), a free 12-week program helping people turn everyday spaces into real habitat. Each week offers one practical, expert-led action. It's designed to be simple, approachable, and grounded in what actually works across different regions. [Register](#) to join the free challenge. By joining the Less Lawn More Life Challenge, you'll get a weekly action email, supporting resources, and access to tools like the [Wildr Score](#), a quick way to assess and track how your space changes over time.

Messinger Woods Recruiting Volunteers

Volunteers help run the Messinger Woods wildlife hospital during the “busy” wildlife season, approximately June 1st until the middle to end of September, depending upon the animals in our care and how long they need to remain in the caging at our hospital. If you can commit to just 4 hours once a week during this time (consistent schedule), we would love to have you join us this season. If you are a student, we realize that you must be back in school by the end of August and would not be available until our facility closes down for the season. You DO NOT have to be a Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator to volunteer with Messinger Woods. Please fill out the [volunteer Application](#) and our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch with you soon.

More Crops Grown for Fuel and Livestock Feed Than for People

Croplands around the world produced enough calories in 2020 to meet global food needs, but only half of that output was available and suitable for people to eat. For the published study, read [here](#). The growing gap between what is produced and what people actually eat has major implications for food security, land use and climate change, especially as demand for meat continues to rise. Growing corn and soy for livestock feed or biofuel uses synthetic fertilizer (fossil fuel intensive), water and is responsible for significant carbon emissions. Roughly 40% of livestock feed calories are consumed by cattle, but they provide just 9% of the calories produced with crop feed that people get from animal sources (excluding fish). Over 40% of the corn crop in the U.S. is used for ethanol production, thereby filling our cars but not our stomachs.

DEC Water Use Dashboard

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

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

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

Webinar Recording on Park Design for Community Needs

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

2026 National Litter Study

Here's the latest look at what's really happening with litter across America's roadways, waterways, and — for the first time — coastal areas. The good news is that litter is down! Visible litter along U.S. roadways and waterways has declined **34% since 2020**. That's nearly **17 billion fewer pieces of litter** across the country. [Download the 2026 National Litter Study](#)

Help Document New York's Weather Impacts

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

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

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

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

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

Harmful Algal Bloom Notification System

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

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

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Beyond the Bin Video Series — Municipal Solid Waste

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

Yellowstone Winter Adventure with Earth Spirit

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

Funding for Clean Energy Business Interns

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

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

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

Drop Off Your Cans and Help Audubon

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

Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

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

Air Pollution Survey - What's Your Story?

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

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

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

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

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

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

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

Introducing a Printable Sign: Pollinator Habitat in Progress!

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

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

LEED Green Associate is a credential which will enhance your professional credentials, open doors to new job opportunities and help advance your career in the green building industry. [Register for a live webinar](#) or start today with an on-demand recorded workshop completed anytime at your own pace from Leading Green. 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.](#)

New DEC Webpage on Pollution Prevention

DEC has launched a [new webpage](#) that makes finding pollution prevention information easy to find and navigate. Whether you need to know about pollution prevention laws and regulations for your business or you are a consumer looking for educational information about how to reduce waste or you are seeking programs that keep toxic chemicals out of everyday products, you can find it all on this one webpage. Educators will also benefit from exploring the pollution prevention webpage for a plethora of information about school chemical management. Even if you're not quite sure what pollution prevention is or how it affects you, check out this webpage. From green chemistry to toxic chemical bans to hazardous waste reduction programs this webpage will guide you to the pollution prevention information you are seeking.

Survey of Nature-Based Stormwater Projects in Great Lakes Basin

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

Free Educational Resources on Electricity in the US

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

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

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

Seed Libraries

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

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

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

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

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

Greenhouse Gas Emission E-Learning Courses

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

Nutrition and Climate Change

Food is becoming less nutritious. Chickpeas, rice and many of humanity's most important crops contain fewer vitamins and minerals than they did a generation ago. The culprit? Carbon dioxide pollution. The increasing level of the gas in the atmosphere is changing how plants grow, increasing sugar content while depleting essential nutrients. [Read more](#) about the risk of hidden hunger as the Earth's food supply degrades.

Actions Students Can Take at School

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

Free Sustainability Course for Teachers

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

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

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

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

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

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

[Climate and Energy Games](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Microplastics lessons](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[World Wildlife Federation Lesson Library](#)-Choose from a variety of toolkits featuring information guides and activities about some of WWF’s priority species and conservation goals.

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

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

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

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

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

[Cooperative Changemakers: A Community Power Fellowship](#) is back and accepting applications! The Cooperative Changemakers Fellowship is designed for individuals or teams who want to start a cooperative business, or those who want to build skills to strengthen their role in the cooperative community. Fellows are welcome from adjacent fields that support the cooperative economy, such as lawyers, accountants, bookkeepers, policy makers, community organizers, entrepreneur support and business developers, and community based organizations.

For 11 Wednesdays from September 2nd through November 11th, participants will engage in classroom training with experts in the skills required to be a changemaker in the cooperative movement, including cooperative business development, finance, governance, democratic decision-making, communication, and conflict transformation. On Wednesday, November 18th, the Fellowship course will end with a graduation celebration. **Deadline: August 1.**

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Environmental Justice Grant Program](#) is offering \$7 million to help communities facing environmental justice challenges implement innovative and effective projects to address environmental concerns. **Applications are due by 3 pm EST on July 1, 2026.**

[2026-2027 Community Impact Accelerator Grant \(CIAG\) Program](#) — a new funding program supporting scalable, community-led pollution prevention initiatives across New York State. **Deadline: July 1, 2026.**

[2026 Murray J. Fox Scholarship](#)- supports students committed to advancing recycling, resource conservation, sustainable materials management, solid waste reduction, environmental protection, energy conservation, and social and economic development. This year, two outstanding students will awarded a \$4,000 scholarship, one year of NRC membership, access to NRC's Emerging Leaders network, and admission to the virtual National Recycling Congress in August 2026. Applications close **July 31, 2026.**

[Climate Smart Communities Grant](#)- provides grants to cities, towns, villages, counties, Indian Nations, local public authorities, and local public benefit corporations of the State of New York for eligible climate change mitigation, adaptation, and planning and assessment projects. **Deadline: July 31. An informational webinar on this grant program will be held July 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m. [Register](#)**

[Consolidated Funding Application](#) (CFA) allows applicants to be considered for multiple sources of funding for a project by filling out just one application. The CFA includes more than 20 programs to facilitate projects that advance regional strategic plans and State priorities. **Deadline: July 31.**

[Water Quality Improvement Project \(WQIP\)](#) program is a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program that funds projects that directly improve water quality or habitat, promote flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency, or protect a drinking water source. **Deadline: July 31.**

[Local Waterfront Revitalization Program](#) (\$13.975 million) provides grants to communities to develop community-driven waterfront revitalization plans that cultivate a vision for their waterfront; identify projects to implement that vision; and provide coastal policies to guide future planning, development and infrastructure. The LWRP also funds Watershed Management Plans (WMPs), which protect and restore water quality and watersheds. **Deadline: July 31.**

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

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

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

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

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

['Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program](#). The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supporting green jobs and local economies. For Round 5 of this grant opportunity, DEC's goal is to support underserved landowners and priority projects. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Deadline: **3:00 p.m. on August 31, 2026, in SFS Grants Management**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovation Grant Program](#) funds projects and programs related to research and development for new and emerging clean technologies by working with universities, colleges, research institutes and laboratories as well as entrepreneur incubator, accelerator and business plan competitions. 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

[CCE-Niagara Association Executive Director](#)- Deadline: **July 9**.

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

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

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

[Compost Intern](#)- Erie County Environmental Compliance Services.

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

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

[Climate Justice Planner](#)-Shared Mobility

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

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

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

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

[Animal Keeper 1](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Specialist](#) to provide technical, programmatic, data management, environmental compliance, outreach, and restoration planning support for the NOAA Office of Habitat Conservation, Restoration Center. Remote position.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Wednesday, July 1

East Side Parkways Coalition Community Forum-5:00pm - 7:30pm at Auditorium, Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch.

Thursday, July 2

Bike Volunteer Night- 5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin. 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/>

Providence Farm Tour-1 to 2:15pm. Providence Farm Collective operates the only incubator farm program in the region. Through the program, beginning farmers are provided education in agriculture, business, and land access planning with a goal of establishing independent farm enterprises when they graduate. The tour begins with a “taste” of our farmers’ cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi and continues with a 45 minute walk of the farm while you learn about this vital program. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations](#) must be made in advance and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Farm Location: 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

Film Screening: Ripples of Plastic- 6pm at the Lexington Coop at 1678 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo in the café seating area. The film discusses the significant environmental problems caused by plastics in our environment. Please [register](#).

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

Friday, July 3

“What’s Bugging You” talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Cicadas and cicada killer; feeding friendly insect. [Register](#)

Hike Through History-9:30 - 11:30 am, Join a park naturalist for a walk through Fort Niagara State Park to learn about the rich history that lies within its bounds. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

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

Botany Stroll at the Falls-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Walk along the trails to discuss some of the interesting plants and some of the botanical surveys of the past. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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

Friday Morning Birding -8:00AM — 9:30AM at Trillium Nature Center at Beaver Meadow: 1610 Welch Rd North Java, NY 14113. [Register](#).

Explore the Erie Canal Boat "Seneca Chief!"- 4:00 – 7:00pm at Canalside, 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14202, Step aboard the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* and explore canal history up close at your own pace! Buffalo Maritime Center docents will be available for informal tours and conversation throughout the day. No reservation needed, but donations are welcome and directly support BMC's education programs and maritime preservation efforts. The exhibit is free, family-friendly, and open to the public.

Saturday, July 4

Wander the Wild Open House-11:00am – 3:00pm at Hawk Creek, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170.

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

Nature Journaling-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Get your journals out and ready and join a park naturalist on a nice stroll through Little Beaver Island. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Bald Eagle Walk-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Evangola State Park](#). Celebrate 250 years as we explore the park for bald eagles on the 4th of July. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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

Sunday, July 5

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

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

Monday, July 6

Slow Roll Buffalo at Gigi's Playhouse-6pm at 326 Kenmore Ave., 14223. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Providence Farm Tour: Food is Medicine-5:30 to 6:45pm. Providence Farm Collective operates the only incubator farm program in the region. Through the program, beginning farmers are provided education in agriculture, business, and land access planning with a goal of establishing independent farm enterprises when they graduate. The tour begins with a "taste" of our farmers' cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi and continues with a 45 minute walk of the farm while you learn about this vital program. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations](#) must be made in advance and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Farm Location: 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

Tuesday, July 7

Firefly Walk for Kids-8:30pm. Experience the bioluminescent world of fireflies on this family-friendly guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Tuesday Paddles-6 to 8pm, a free canoeing program held at various locations throughout Buffalo and Western New York. Buffalo Maritime Center provides canoes and instruction, offering participants the chance to explore our beautiful waterways while paddling! Space is limited, and [registration is required](#).

Energy Democracy Alliance Training on the NYS Energy System and Data Centers-6 to 8pm with Clean Air and PUSH Buffalo. Registration and more info to be posted at <https://www.cacwny.org/get-involved/events/>

On-water Classroom - Aquatic Invasives (Long Point)- 8:30 AM at Long Point State Park Boat Launch, 4459 NY-430, Bemus Point, NY 14712. Join Everwild staff and learn how to identify, monitor, survey, and remove aquatic invasive species (AIS) found in and around Chautauqua Lake. [Learn More & RSVP](#)

Virtual Film Screening: VS. Goliath: Cancer Alley-8pm. VS. GOLIATH tells stories of courage and resistance from the frontlines of the climate crisis. Each month, we'll screen one episode and hear directly from the people living these stories. In the July 7th screening, VS. Goliath: Cancer Alley, we come to understand what motivates a special education teacher and grandmother to fight back against the continent's biggest plastics plant. Facebook live event-<https://www.facebook.com/events/1378756340824859>

Wednesday, July 8

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

Firefly Walk-8pm. Enjoy a spectacular show as these amazing creatures light up the night on this guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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

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

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

Canalside Lecture Series: The Seneca Chief Returns-6:00 – 8:00pm. Waterway of Change, 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14203. In partnership with the Buffalo History Museum, join Chelsea Moore of the Buffalo Maritime Center for a look back at the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief's* 2025 Bicentennial Voyage and 2026 Back to Buffalo Voyage. The replica canal boat traveled from Buffalo to New York City, stopping at 28 ports along the Erie Canal and Hudson River before returning home in 2026 to connect students with New York's maritime history. Chelsea, BMC's Education Director since 2021, was a part of the crew on both voyages and shared the journey through BMC's *Virtual Voyage* series. Free, but [register](#) please.

Rewilding of Tift Nature Preserve Tour-Tift Nature Preserve, 5:30–7:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$11 per person* Tift Nature Preserve provides guests with an immersion in nature. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of how this is made possible through unique and innovative ecological renovation projects. We will explore projects along the trails, such as diverse native plantings, invasive species removal, and the management of our woodland and wetland habitats. [Advance registration required](#).

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

Thursday, July 9

Circle Thursdays-5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Buffalo Central Terminal 495 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo. Buffalo Central Terminal introduces a new summer experience. CIRCLE THURSDAYS. A concert series meets a true block party. Live DJs. Food trucks. Community energy. Free. All ages.

Providence Farm Tour-1 to 2:15pm. Providence Farm Collective operates the only incubator farm program in the region. Through the program, beginning farmers are provided education in agriculture, business, and land access planning with a goal of establishing independent farm enterprises when they graduate. The tour begins with a "taste" of our farmers' cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi and continues with a 45 minute walk of the farm while you learn about this vital program. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations](#) must be made in advance and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Farm Location: 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

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NYSAR³ 35th anniversary- UB Incubator, Buffalo, 4-7 pm, In-Person Ticket includes: access to one regional event, one complimentary beverage and lite bites! [Register](#).

Friday, July 10

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

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

Mammals of New York-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Learn about the animals that call New York, and this park, home! View and feel furs and skulls of different animals and learn interesting facts about them and their characteristics. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Mammal Stroll at the Falls-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore the different mammals found in the Niagara Region. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Friday Morning Birding -8:00AM — 9:30AM at Trillium Nature Center at Beaver Meadow: 1610 Welch Rd North Java, NY 14113. [Register](#).

Lockport in Bloom-7pm-10pm for garden visits, Please check Facebook page for map pick up locations. FB: LockportInBloom

Explore the Erie Canal Boat "Seneca Chief!"- 4:00 – 7:00pm at Canalside, 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14202, Step aboard the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* and explore canal history up close at your own pace! Buffalo Maritime Center docents will be available for informal tours and conversation throughout the day. No reservation needed, but donations are welcome and directly support BMC's education programs and maritime preservation efforts. The exhibit is free, family-friendly, and open to the public.

Saturday, July 11

Friends of Reinstein Woods Artisan Market-11am to 4pm. Join us for a day of shopping along the trails at Reinstein Woods! We'll have more than 45 different vendors selling handmade soaps and candles, jewelry, fine woodwork, honey, and other handcrafted items. There will be food trucks, kid activities, and a fun basket raffle. Don't forget to see the iconic pink water lilies at their peak! Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Rain or shine event. For more information, visit <https://reinsteinwoods.org>.

Lockport in Bloom-10am to 4pm for garden visits, Please check Facebook page for map pick up locations.
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Ferns, Flowers, & Fungi-10:00am-12:30pm at JP Nicely Memorial Park, West Falls. Join Earth Spirit Staff for a plant and fungi focused program at one of our favorite locations, JP Nicely Memorial Park in West Falls! Together we will venture through the trail system while discussing the different species of ferns, summer flowers, and fungi we find along the way. [REGISTER](#)

Draves Annual Arboretum Open House and Tour-1:30pm. 1815 Sharrick Rd, Darien, NY, 14040. This is a great event to learn more about the story of Draves Arboretum and tour the species collection with Tom Draves, founder, president and curator of Draves Arboretum, ISA Certified Arborist and tree enthusiast. The tour starts with a brief classroom discussion of the definition of an arboretum, a history of the transition of the property from rural farmland to the current status as an Arbnet Level III Arboretum and the demanding fieldwork involved in establishing and maintaining the collection over the course of 30 years. In the field, guests will learn which trees and woody shrubs are the most successful for WNY backyards, learn tips to identifying various tree species, explore must-see plants and discuss the history of many of the trees, their accession dates, regional growth habits and more. Tom will also provide a glimpse on how new cultivars are discovered, documented, and introduced for horticultural use around the world including the Street Keeper® Honeylocust, introduced by Draves Arboretum and patented in United States, Canada and Europe. The tour requires walking on grounds that are elevated, uneven or may have irregular surfaces. Paved paths for visitors are located near the Richards Complex but guided tours may include slopes, stairs or rough lawn. The arboretum is a rugged, outdoor space, so dress accordingly. Shoes that provide adequate support are a must. Avoid shoes with heels or sandals as these may not provide the necessary support or protection for rough or uneven surfaces. The tour begins at 1:30 PM and is approximately two hours long. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Admission \$12

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

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

NFTA Parks Adventure Bus to Chestnut Ridge Park-All day. [Chestnut Ridge - Casino is available for seating, shade, and restroom use](#). Erie County Parks is once again partnering with NFTA to offer the FREE Parks Adventure Bus! The bus will take patrons from the main station downtown to Erie County, DEC and NYS Parks throughout the summer. There will be an optional guided Eternal Flame Hike at 10:30am. [Schedule and Information](#)

Beavers: A Keystone Species Stroll-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist on a stroll around Little Beaver Island and learn more about an important species to our ecosystem. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Pictures and Paints! at Artpark-1:30 - 3:30 pm at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Take a tour of Artpark with an educator, snapping pictures and learning more about the art and history around you before sitting down to use your photos as inspiration for your watercolor painting. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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

BWELL Hiking Series-9:30am at Losson Park, 5 miles. Birding focus. [Register](#).

The Waterfront Experience: Research, Recreation, and Education Festival-10:00 am - 2:00 pm, 196 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201. Join the Buffalo State Great Lakes Center and our neighbors West Side Rowing Club and Buffalo Maritime Center for an afternoon of ways to explore our waterfront as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. The Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* will be docked for tours, the Great Lakes Center will provide living displays of life in Lake Erie and programming to show our work as a research and education center, and the West Side Rowing Club invites people to learn more about their student programs and give rowing a try!

Planetarium Show: Tour of the Solar System-Buffalo Museum of Science, 10:30–11:15 a.m. | Ages 5+ | \$15 + museum admission. Boldly go where only a few humans--and many robots--have gone before! Our planetarium will transform into a faster-than-light spaceship to deliver you to numerous planets, marvelous moons, and some dwarf planets, too. (We still love you, Pluto!). [Tickets](#).

Build/Meet a Bug Workshop-Buffalo Science Museum, 10:30–11:30 a.m. | All Ages | \$6 + museum admission. Learn about the parts of a bug in this arthropod architecture workshop! From cephalothorax to elytra, learn about the anatomy of bugs! Participants will meet our living bug ambassadors and build their own creepy crawly craft to bring home. [Tickets](#).

Unity Island Summer Sweep Pop Up-10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Register at the link below to volunteer and continue cleaning up and recording litter data alongside other dedicated sweepers. [Register For Unity Island Summer Pop Up](#)

Conservation Day- 8am-1pm at Elmwood Village Farmers Market on Bidwell Parkway. Conservation organizations from across Western New York will gather at the Elmwood Village Farmers Market on Bidwell Parkway at Elmwood Avenue for Conservation Day, a free event celebrating the connection between gardening, environmental stewardship, and healthy communities.

Buzz Around Hamburg Garden Walk & Fair-10am to 4pm at Memorial Park Bandstand Lake & Union Streets Hamburg, NY 14075 . Donation Tour is free and self-guided. Visit Memorial Park to shop at our garden vendor fair and pick up the map with descriptions of our gardens.

Town of Amherst Garden Walk-10am to 4pm. Maps available a week before the event at local Amherst garden centers and Facebook Visit FB/AmherstGardenWalk

Samuel P Capen Garden Walk-10am to 4pm and 8-10pm. Maps available at UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, Buffalo 14214. Also on-line after July 7. In historic neighborhoods around UB South Campus. Visit ourheights.org/capen-garden-walk Facebook: Capen Garden Walk Email: capengardenwalk@gmail.com

Sunday, July 12

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

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

Fairy Houses at DeVeaux-1:00 - 2:30 pm at [DeVeaux Woods State Park](#). Join us for a short walk through the old growth forest of DeVeaux Woods before making your own fairy houses out of natural materials! Materials will be provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Guided Hike at Floating Fen-10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Join us on a hike at Floating Fen, in Chautauqua County, one of seven Land Conservancy trails on the 2026 Outside Chronicles Western New York Hiking Challenge. We will follow the challenge trail and stop at the photo landmark so folks can take their hiking challenge photo. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Land Conservancy, and explore the Floating Fen to see amazing flowers and birds. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring plenty of water for the hike. There are no restrooms on site. This hike will be limited to 25 participants. Register [here](#).

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Adopt a Garden: Gardening at Freedom Park-10:00am – 12:00pm, [Register](#). Freedom Park, 1170 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213, USA

North Tonawanda Garden Walk-10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Maps available online, select houses, and at: Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 Donation Garden tour is free and self-guided. Special Features Historic homes, water features, shade gardens, sculptures, and pollinator friendly sites. Contact: www.ntgardenwalk.com; Facebook.com/ntgardenwalk; Email: ntgardenwalk@gmail.com

Snyder-ClevHill Garden View-10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Maps available at Trillium's Courtyard Florist, 2195 Kensington Ave, Amherst on the day of the event. Visit FB: /SCHGardenView

Grand Island Garden Walk-10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Maps are available on the day of the walk at the Town Hall, 2255 Baseline Road Grand Island, NY 14072 Donation Tour is free and self-guided. Special Features: Visit the 'Heart of the Niagara' and our Grand Island gardens with their unique styles, themes, and plants. Stop at a variety of gardens, some featuring native plants, and visit the Nature Center at the historic Alt farm. While you are here, visit the eight-mile-long scenic walk/bike trail along the West River.

Monday, July 13

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

History of Providence Collective Tour-5:30 to 6:45pm. Curious about Providence Farm Collective and its work that empowers access to food and farmland in Western New York? The History Tour begins with a “taste” of our farmers’ cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi. From there, you will spend 45 minutes learning about PFC’s origins from founding members while walking the farm. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations must be made in advance](#) and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

Slow Roll Buffalo at Shea’s-6pm at Shea's Buffalo Theatre, 646 Main Street, Buffalo, NY, 14202. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Tuesday, July 14

Firefly Walk-8:30pm. Experience the bioluminescent world of fireflies on this guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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Be a “Weeding Warrior” at Frida’s Rebel Garden-12:30 pm – 2:30 pm, BPS 37 Futures Academy / Frida’s Rebel Garden 155 Orange Street, Buffalo, Weeding Warrior volunteer events are organized by our partners at Frida’s Rebel Garden, a member of the GGWNY community garden network! Frida’s Rebel Garden is calling for volunteers to help keep the garden free of weeds!

Be Courageous: How You Can Protect Science and Democracy—3 to 4pm. Union of Concerned Scientists. [Register today for the national call.](#) The call will feature a discussion with esteemed guests and co-authors of the soon-to-be-released book, *On Courage: How to Be a Dissident in an Age of Fear*.

Wednesday, July 15

Protected Species Observers for Offshore Wind-Noon to 1pm. [Register.](#) offshore wind webinar as part of NYSERDA’s Learning from the Experts series. In this webinar, Sarah Fortuna with A.I.S. Inc. will discuss the work of protected species observers in infrastructure development in the marine environment, including offshore wind development.

Effective 1-1 Conversations for Organizing- 5:30-7pm, Clean Air Coalition office, 371 Delaware Ave, [Register today](#) for a training. We will discuss what 1-1s are, why they are important in community organizing, and how to conduct them.

Thursday, July 16

A Good Book and A Cool Breeze-10:00 - 11:30 am at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a seat under the Schoellkopf Pavillion to talk about your book of choice followed by an hour of silent reading. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Art Gone Wild-5:30 to 9pm at the Buffalo Zoo. Art Gone Wild is a family-friendly fundraiser that celebrates our love of animals through art. The event will feature art demonstrations, hands-on activities, performing artists, art auctions and more! [Tickets.](#)

Webinar on Harmful Algal Blooms in New York State-10:00 to 11:00 a.m. to discuss New York State’s approach to addressing harmful algal blooms (HABs), including monitoring, research, mitigation, and reporting. Join to learn about the ongoing work to ensure public safety and increase public awareness, where to find resources for HAB identification, and how to stay informed. [Register.](#)

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Botany Hike-9am at Bog Forest Management Area (Erie County Forestry Lot 5) Wilkins Road, Holland NY. Lat/Long: [42.6213378,-78.4667601](#). Meet at the [Red & White Café, 17 S. Main St, Holland](#). Leader: Josh Konovitz, jjkonovitz@gmail.com. Josh notes that in addition to the bog, the peripheral wetland areas seem to be very rich.

Backyard Wildlife-4pm. Learn tricks to encourage wildlife into your backyard! Do's and don'ts, best species to attract, and why they matter. Akron-Newstead Senior Center. 5691 Cummings Rd, Akron, NY 14001. Call to register- [\(716\) 542-6645](tel:7165426645).

Friday, July 17

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

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

Friday Field Days-10:00am - 12:00pm. Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools. Volunteers Needed: 15
Task: Newly planted tree care such as watering, weeding, replacement staking. The location will be determined by June 17th and the event updated. It will depend on the site most in need. [Register for 7/17 Friday Field Days](#)

Friday Morning Birding -8:00AM — 9:30AM at Trillium Nature Center at Beaver Meadow: 1610 Welch Rd North Java, NY 14113. [Register](#).

Explore the Erie Canal Boat "Seneca Chief!"- 4:00 – 7:00pm at Canalside, 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14202, Step aboard the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* and explore canal history up close at your own pace! Buffalo Maritime Center docents will be available for informal tours and conversation throughout the day. No reservation needed, but donations are welcome and directly support BMC's education programs and maritime preservation efforts. The exhibit is free, family-friendly, and open to the public.

Ken-Ton Night Lights-8:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Many gardens will have beautiful landscape lighting to view. This is a self-guided tour in the village of Kenmore and town of Tonawanda. Free.

Science After Hours: Adult Night at the Museum-6 to 9pm at Buffalo Science Museum for ages 21+. Celebrate 716 weekend at our Adults-Only evening with hands-on activities inspired by the City of Good Neighbors, a specialty Loganberry Cocktail, and a cash bar stocked with your favorite local beer and wines. Bring your Buffalo spirit, wear your favorite hometown jersey, and come celebrate the 716 for an unforgettable evening at the Museum! [Tickets](#) \$29.

Insect Safari-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). From gardens to inside, insects are everywhere! Step outside with a park naturalist to learn about some of the bugs we find commonly in our parks and around our nature center. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Birding Stroll at the Falls-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll around the park in search of the different bird species found in the area. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

On-water Classroom: Water Chestnut Removal-9:00 AM at Lucille Ball Memorial Park Boat Launch, 21 Boulevard Ave, Celoron, NY 14701. Join Everwild staff and learn how to identify and remove invasive water chestnut found in and around Chautauqua Lake. [Learn More & RSVP](#)

Lancaster Garden Walk-8:30 to 11pm. Donation Tour is free and self-guided. www.lancastervillageny.gov.
Pick Up Maps: Two Chicks and a Rooster | 732 Aurora Street, Lancaster, NY 14086 Petals to Please | 5870
Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 Lancaster Coffee Co. & Cafe | 24 Central Ave., Lancaster, NY.

Saturday, July 18

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

Woods Walk: Nature Guide's Choice-11am. Join a guided nature walk through the woods. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Nature Trivia Night-5pm. Join us for a fun game of nature and Reinstein Woods-based trivia! 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. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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

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

Stop and Listen: A Mindful Meander-10:00 am - 12:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). On World Listening Day, join an educator for a walk down the rim trail while we listen to all the different sounds around us. Registration required on Eventbrite.com

Tiny Creatures, Big Superpowers-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a park naturalist on a stroll around Little Beaver Island and learn more about the tiny critters that help save our wetlands. Registration required on Eventbrite.com

Feathers and Flowers-1:00 - 2:30 pm at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Take a walk in Artpark State Park to look for summer flowers and feathered friends along the lower Niagara River. Registration required on Eventbrite.com

Yoga and Nature Hike-10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join us for a beautiful morning at Kenneglenn Scenic and Nature Preserve in East Aurora. Megan from One Yoga will guide you through a relaxing, slow-flow, outdoor yoga class designed to calm the nervous system and connect with nature. After that, Andrew Gaerte will lead participants on a nature hike at the preserve where we will enjoy the birds and flowers of summer. Register [here](#). \$35, with proceeds supporting the Land Conservancy.

East Side Garden Walk- 10am-4pm. The 100+ featured gardens are an eclectic mix of private homes, community gardens—even some urban farms—with participating gardeners ranging from school children helping in outdoor classrooms gardens to senior citizens, and everyone between. [Info](#).

Lancaster Garden Walk-10:00am to 4pm. Donation Tour is free and self-guided. www.lancastervillageny.gov.
Pick Up Maps: Two Chicks and a Rooster | 732 Aurora Street, Lancaster, NY 14086 Petals to Please | 5870
Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 Lancaster Coffee Co. & Cafe | 24 Central Ave., Lancaster, NY.

Old Growth Forest Walk-10:00am-12:30pm at College Lodge Forest, Brocton. Join Earth Spirit staff on this FREE guided summer walk at College Lodge Forest in Brocton. This event is sponsored by Outside Chronicles and is geared towards those participating in the 2026 WNY Summer Hiking Challenge. We will follow the path according to the challenge's specifics, dive into the ecology of this incredible location, and share with you the many reasons why old-growth forests are so essential. [REGISTER](#)

Gardening at Freedom Park-9:00 – 11:00am, [Register](#). Freedom Park, 1170 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213, USA

WNY PRISM 2026 Walk & Talk Series: Zoar Valley-10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Lace up your shoes and join us outside! WNY PRISM's Walk & Talk Series is a fun and easy way to explore nature, learn about invasive species, and discover how we can all help protect the natural spaces around us. Drop in for one or come along for the full series! More information including directions, parking, meeting location and what to bring will be emailed to participants after they are [registered](#).

Ken-Ton Garden Tour-10am to 4pm and night lights from 8:30 to 11pm. Programs available at the Town of Tonawanda Aquatic Center and at the following participating gardens: 370 Delaware Rd., 491 Highland Ave., and 1237 Tonawanda St. Visit kentongardentour.com

Akron-Newstead Garden Walk- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Map Pickup Location: <https://www.facebook.com/share/17vBZuwkmH/> Stroll through exceptional gardens in the quaint and historic Akron and Newstead, NY. Visit the Rock Garden at Akron Falls Park, the gardens at the 19th-century Rich-Twain Octagon House, and make your way through resident gardens in the Village and beyond.

Sweeney Street Living Shoreline Community Picnic-11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Do you walk the trails on Sweeney Street Along Tonawanda Creek? Want to learn more about potential changes to the Tonawanda Creek shore in this area? Stop out to a community picnic. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper staff will be at the [Service Drive Boat Launch](#) – with food and drinks – to talk about our Living Shoreline project proposals.

East Side Garden Walk- 10am-4pm, rain or shine. If you see a sign out before 10am, or after 4pm, you're still welcome. MAPS: Pick up at the East Side Garden Walk headquarters during the days and hours of the Walk, or at select sponsor locations.

Life Under Logs Hike-Tiff Nature Preserve from 2–3:30 p.m. | All Ages | \$11 per person*. Join in a sunset fishing experience off the Lake Kirsty fishing pier. Meet at the Education Center for instruction, bait, and fishing rods to borrow for children ages 5-15. Adult supervision required. [Advance registration required](#).

Sunday, July 19

Friends of Reinstein Woods Member Walk-9:30am. Sip your favorite morning brew as we stroll through the beauty of nature and enjoy time with other Friends members. Not a member yet? Join at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/>. Registration required; email info@reinsteinwoods.org or call 716-683-5959.

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

Not Just Honeybees!-10:00 am - 12:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a short stroll along the no mow meadows of the Gorgeview trail while learning more about our native pollinators. Afterwards, learn how to make your own flower pressings. Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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Monday, July 20

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Centro Culturale Italiano Di Buffalo 2351 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14216. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Walking Through Wilson-6:00 - 7:30 pm at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Join a park naturalist for a nature walk at Wilson Tuscarora State Park. Visitors can expect a relaxing walk through the forest while we look at natural flora and fauna found in the park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Providence Collective Tour-5:30 to 6:45pm. Curious about Providence Farm Collective and its work that empowers access to food and farmland in Western New York? The History Tour begins with a “taste” of our farmers’ cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi. From there, you will spend 45 minutes learning about PFC’s origins from founding members while walking the farm. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations must be made in advance](#) and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

Tuesday, July 21

Sunset Forest Bathing-7pm. End your day immersed in nature as we take a relaxing walk to promote ease in our minds, bodies, and emotions. For ages 12 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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

Deer and Tick Presentation-7:00 PM we are back at the Alt Nature Center learning about the wildlife on Grand Island, with a focus on Deer and you guessed it ticks! Our friends at Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment will be our hosts and presenters. Click here to register: <https://WildlifeonGI.eventbrite.com>

The African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY Meeting and Picnic- 6:00 pm at GreenFields Assisted Living Facility 5951 Broadway, Lancaster, New York, Court Entrance. Bring a dish to share for an indoor picnic. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission charge. If you have questions, contact Holly Pohl at hollylou51@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 22

Blooms & Brews- 5pm-9pm at Chandler Street Breweries. A fundraiser for GBN, this event will bring Buffalo gardeners and garden lovers together for an evening of connection, community, and fun in between East Side Garden Walk, Open Gardens, and Garden Walk Buffalo that week. Your [ticket](#) includes two drink tickets, food, access to basket raffles, a cork pull, and a special Garden Walk-themed beer brewed just for the occasion.

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

Plants to never grow in your garden-10am. Just because a plant is for sale doesn't mean it should be planted in your garden. Let's take a look at some plants that you will regret ever planting! Cheektowaga Senior Center, 3349 Broadway Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. [register](#)

Clean Air Coalition July General Meeting- 5:30-7pm, more info and the registration page to be posted at <https://www.cacwny.org/get-involved/events/>

How to Talk to Your Neighbors (and Your HOA) About Your Garden-webinar hosted by Wild Ones National from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Eastern Time). If you've ever felt like the hardest part of native plant gardening is the conversations, not the gardening, you're not alone. Wild Ones is thrilled to share this upcoming free webinar as part of the [2026 Less Lawn More Life Challenge](#). Join Lorraine Johnson for a practical conversation on navigating HOA rules, addressing neighbor concerns, and fostering community conversations about native plant gardening and ecological landscapes. [Register](#).

Thursday, July 23

History of Providence Collective Tour-1 to 2:15pm. Curious about Providence Farm Collective and its work that empowers access to food and farmland in Western New York? The History Tour begins with a "taste" of our farmers' cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi. From there, you will spend 45 minutes learning about PFC's origins from founding members while walking the farm. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations must be made in advance](#) and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

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

"Weeding Warrior" Volunteer Events at Frida's Rebel Garden-3 to 6pm. BPS 37 Futures Academy / Frida's Rebel Garden 155 Orange Street, Buffalo, Weeding Warrior volunteer events are organized by our partners at Frida's Rebel Garden, a member of the GGWNY community garden network! Frida's Rebel Garden is calling for volunteers to help keep the garden free of weeds! This opportunity is great for both individuals and groups. [RSVP](#)

Lockwood's Lecture: Perennial Companions for Sun and Shade- 5:30 to 6:30pm. Pieter van der Lans is the co-owner of 2Plant International and has been in the perennial business for many years. With this background, Pieter is able to provide advice ranging from basic plant knowledge more extensive growing and technical issues. In his free time, he enjoys riding his bike and supporting the Columbus Crew soccer team. This talk is free to attend. Please register by calling the store 716.649.4684 or email orders@weknowplants.com. Registering will help us know how much space. 4484 Clark St., Hamburg.

Queerness in Nature-10am. Nature holds many surprises. One surprise might not be so surprising to some. Did you know that nature is queer?! Gay penguins, fungus with thousands of sexes, and so many more make up a small part of the queer community in the natural world! In this program, we will explore 25 different queer plants, animals, and even fungi. And that is just a fraction of what there is to learn! But you got to start somewhere, right? Cheektowaga Senior Center, 3349 Broadway Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Call to register-(716)686-3930.

Friday, July 24

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

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

Stitching Nature-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Curious about embroidery, but don't know where to start? Join crafty park naturalists for a simple, introduction to embroidery program to create a nature inspired piece! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Stargazing Safari-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Bring your curiosity and sense of wonder! Explore the wonders of the night sky at Knox Farm State Park. Discover how to find common constellations. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Niagara Gorge Ecology Stroll-1:30 - 3:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). Learn more about the ecology of the gorge from a park naturalist! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Friday Morning Birding -8:00AM — 9:30AM at Trillium Nature Center at Beaver Meadow: 1610 Welch Rd North Java, NY 14113. [Register.](#)

Explore the Erie Canal Boat "Seneca Chief!"- 4:00 – 7:00pm at Canalside, 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14202, Step aboard the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* and explore canal history up close at your own pace! Buffalo Maritime Center docents will be available for informal tours and conversation throughout the day. No reservation needed, but donations are welcome and directly support BMC's education programs and maritime preservation efforts. The exhibit is free, family-friendly, and open to the public.

Saturday, July 25

Wildflower Walk -10am. Search for summer blooms on this guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Pond & Stream Adventures-10:00am-12:00pm at Pawtucket Playground, Orchard Park. Spend your morning with Earth Spirit staff on an adventure discovering what plants and wildlife live both in and around the pond at Pawtucket Playground in Orchard Park! After spending time at the pond, we will walk down a moderately challenging trail to a stream in search of salamanders and aquatic macroinvertebrates. This program will introduce you to the many local species that call Western New York home. [REGISTER](#)

WNY PRISM Volunteer Workday: Reinstein Woods-9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Take action for nature! Learn about invasive species and help remove them to protect native plants and wildlife, and the places we love. Our second workday of the summer will be held at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve on Saturday, July 25! We'll be working together to remove stiltgrass. This event is hosted by WNY PRISM in partnership with the Friends of Reinstein Woods and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. More information including directions, meeting location and what to bring will be emailed to participants after they are [registered](#).

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

NFTA Parks Adventure Bus to Emery Park-All day, [Emery Park - Shelter 2 is reserved for seating, shade, and restroom use](#). Erie County Parks is once again partnering with NFTA to offer the FREE Parks Adventure Bus! The bus will take patrons from the main station downtown to Erie County, DEC and NYS Parks throughout the summer. There will be Disc Golf Demonstrations by [Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf](#) at 11am and 12pm! [Schedule and Information](#)

Dare to Repair Café-11am to 2pm @ Delevan-Grider Community Center, 877 E. Delevan, Buffalo. Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Paddles Up Niagara-Paddles Up Niagara is a family friendly, safe way to experience the natural areas and unique habitats of the Niagara River. Whether you are a novice or an experienced paddler, you will enjoy spending the morning with an enthusiastic paddling community. The safety team keeps us on track and out of harms way of motor boats. Continue the celebration by visiting with the many exhibitors and vendors to learn more about our waterways and greenspaces. Stick around for some refreshments and raffle prize drawings! *Registration opens June 1st!* <https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/paddles-up>

Gardening for Birds and Butterflies-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Evangola State Park](#). Share your yard with songbirds, butterflies, and more by planting native flowers and shrubs beneficial to our region. This will be part slideshow presentation and part exploring our pollinator garden. For adults and children age 8 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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

Kites in the Park-2:30 - 4:00 pm at [Reservoir State Park](#). Stop by anytime between 2:30 and 4:00 PM to decorate your own free kite and test it out in the park! Kite flying is weather dependent. We will be using Shelter C, which is by the playground and parking can be accessed on Witmer Road. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Astronomy Nights at Penn Dixie- 9 to 11pm. Join us for an out-of-this-world experience! Our astronomers will map the night sky for you using a variety of telescopes and specialized equipment. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, warm clothing, blankets, a flashlight, and food/beverages. We'll have plenty of telescopes, but you can bring yours along, too, if you'd like some expert advice. All ages welcome. Registration is not required. Check our social media for weather-related updates. [Info](#).

Wright Rocks 2026-9:30am to noon. This special tour is like no other! Get down to the beachfront that inspired Frank Lloyd Wright and that the Martin family so enjoyed on Wright Rocks! Exploring Nature's Architecture. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Graycliff sits high on the bluff above Lake Erie, one with the site and nature. Join Graycliff and Penn Dixie for a special geological tour of the site and discover the history of the land, the architecture, Wright's material choice, and more to show why Wright "rocks"! The experience will include hunting for rocks and fossils that have fallen from the shale (you are welcome to pick up, and take a rock or two home) and included with your admission is a pass to visit and dig at Penn Dixie. [Tickets and Info](#).

Garden Walk Buffalo-10am-4pm. Just pick up a map and start touring! More than 300 creative and gracious gardeners are looking forward to seeing you again—or for the first time.

Sunday, July 26

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

Along the Mighty Niagara-9:30 am - 12:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). Hike down to the Whirlpool Flats while learning more about the mighty waters of the Niagara River! Nature journals will be passed out at the Whirlpool Flats for those who want to write about their experience. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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Botany Hike-9am at Genesee County Forest in Bethany, NY. We will explore some interesting wetlands and a forest and also visit an interpretive nature center at the [oldest county forest](#) in the state. Bring lunch. Meet at the D&L Plaza parking lot (By Tops Market) [5171 Broadway](#) in Depew. Leader: Michael Siuta 716-822-2544.

Monday, July 27

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Buffalo Maritime Center, 90 Arthur Street, Buffalo, NY, 14207. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

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Tuesday, July 28

Going Batty!-8pm. Bats are amazing animals but are often misunderstood. Separate fact from fiction and learn about the only true flying mammals. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Summer Teacher Institute: Summer Ecology School-3 days from 9 to 3:30pm. Expand your knowledge of Western New York's natural world with three days of hands-on field studies in our ponds, forests, and fields. This workshop will feature local research and project highlights from environmental professionals, provide techniques for incorporating nature into your classroom curricula, and strengthen your confidence in using the outdoors as a teaching space. Visit <https://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/> to register.

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

Wednesday, July 29

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

Party on The Plaza at Aquarium of Niagara-Join us for our annual, FREE community celebration Party on the Plaza! 5:30-7:30pm and enjoy family-friendly activities, live entertainment, partner tables, and more!
Note: This is an outdoor event that does not include admission to the Aquarium of Niagara.

Thursday, July 30

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

Providence Farm Tour-1 to 2:15pm. Providence Farm Collective operates the only incubator farm program in the region. Through the program, beginning farmers are provided education in agriculture, business, and land access planning with a goal of establishing independent farm enterprises when they graduate. The tour begins with a "taste" of our farmers' cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi and continues with a 45 minute walk of the farm while you learn about this vital program. Tours are rain or shine. All [reservations](#) must be made in advance and are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Farm Location: 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

Friday, July 31

Night Lights Garden Bus Tour-Enjoy a guided tour of six beautiful Northtowns gardens illuminated at night, plus a stop at a local all-native garden nursery. Snacks and drinks will be provided along the way. The tour begins at 5:00 PM at Chandler Street Breweries and returns at 10:00 PM. [Tickets.](#)

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

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

Journaling Through Nature-9:30 - 11:30 am at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Pause and let nature guide you. Create your own nature journal on this program to record your findings, sketch your surrounds, or catalog your experience. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Snake Stroll at the Falls-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore the different snakes found in the Niagara Region. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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

Saturday, August 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Niagara County 250 Celebration-6:00 - 10:15 pm, free at [Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site](#).
The event will feature three concerts- County-wide high school band, Revolutionary era music by David and Ginger Hildebrand and the Fort Drum Army Band. At the conclusion of the evening, will be a drone light show presented by Skyworx. During that whole weekend, the Fort will also host a Revolutionary War Encampment with musket firings, artillery salutes and living history programs. The daytime programs on August 1 & 2 will be regular admission and the Saturday evening program will be free.

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

Sunday, August 2

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

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

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

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

Tails on Trails at DeVeaux Woods-3:00 - 4:30 pm, Free at [DeVeaux Woods State Park](#). Bring your furry friend on this casual walk through the new and old-growth woods at DeVeaux while discovering the park's history and what critters might call this park home. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Niagara County 250 Celebration-6:00 - 10:15 pm, free at [Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site](#). The event will feature three concerts- County-wide high school band, Revolutionary era music by David and Ginger Hildebrand and the Fort Drum Army Band. At the conclusion of the evening, will be a drone light show presented by Skyworx. During that whole weekend, the Fort will also host a Revolutionary War Encampment with musket firings, artillery salutes and living history programs. The daytime programs on August 1 & 2 will be regular admission and the Saturday evening program will be free.

Monday, August 3

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

Public Comments, Civic Engagement and Activism

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

Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials

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

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

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

[Food Date Labeling Act](#)-In Assembly Agriculture Committee- Defines "Use by" and "Best if Used by" labels; prohibits any other phrasing, including "Sell by" unless in coded format.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPR for Mattresses-S. 1463

EPR for Tires- S.7553

Excess Food Act Extender-S.9452

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

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

Data Center Moratorium- Places a three-year and ninety-day moratorium on data centers and requires regs following an environmental impact report. Passed by legislature, needs governor's signature.

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

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

Major Milestone to Facilitate New Advanced Nuclear Development

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

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

Tips for the Environment:

- **Ditch the disposables** - Swap out single-use utensils, grocery bags, and plastic wrap for permanent, reusable alternatives.
- **Conserve water**- plant tea bags with your flowers and veggies to hold moisture longer, use leftover pet water or cooking water on the plants. Let your grass go dormant (brown is ok) during the hottest weeks with the bonus of no need to mow.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

Volunteer opportunities are available at local organizations for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. Websites are listed later in the newsletter. You can also create an account at <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians> to volunteer with registered organizations.

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

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

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

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

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens-Docents needed. Training is provided. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too.

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

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

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

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things. To help, contact them at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

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

Garden Walk Buffalo helps to rejuvenate neighborhoods, helps make our neighborhoods more walkable, and has an incredible impact on Buffalo's image outside the region. For info, email GardenWalkBuffalo@yahoo.com.

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

Go Bike Buffalo- If you're interested or want more information, info@gobikebuffalo.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Avenue Project needs volunteers from the 1st week in April through October on Saturdays from 10-1 PM. <http://mass-ave.org/>, [current needs and dates](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

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

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

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

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

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

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

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

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)

[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)

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

[Dynamic World](#) Land cover dataset

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

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

[CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#)

[event carbon calculator](#)

[Organic Resource Mapping Tool](#)

[WNY Food Systems Map](#)

[TreeCanopy.us](#)

[Great Lakes WISE Water Stewardship Toolkit](#)

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.com/>
Buffalo Niagara Nature Almanac- <http://bnnatureblog.com/>
Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>
Buffalo Promise Neighborhoods- <http://buffalopromiseneighborhood.org/>
Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>
Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>
Canning Tips for Food Preservation- <http://www.motherearthnews.com>
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>
Chirps and Cheeps Bird Blog- <http://www.chirpsandcheeps.com/>
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecatrail.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://recyclerrightny.org/>
Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>
Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>
Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>
Times Beach Nature Preserve- <www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029>
Black Dog Rescue- <www.blackdogsecondchance.org>
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- <https://www.grandislandschools.org/domain/49>
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- <www.ptny.org/bikecanal>
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>
We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>
WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>
Fishing Outdoors- <http://www.huntfishnyoutdoors.com/events.php>
Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)
Sustainability SmartPod- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2127930>

County/New York State Resources

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

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

EPA-<https://www.epa.gov/careers>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://greenjobs.net/>, [Green Jobs App](#) for Android
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>, <https://greenjobs.greenjobsearch.org/>
Green Guardian Environmental Volunteers of Niagara Region- <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians>

NOAA Internships- [NOAA Student Opportunities Website](#)

Access hundreds of research internships, fellowships, and scholarships funded by the government and private sector organizations: <https://www.zintellect.com/>

Learn more about the variety of opportunities with NOAA: <https://www.noaa.gov/work-with-us>

American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: <https://aaees.mcjobboard.net/jobs>

AGU Career Center: <https://findajob.agu.org/>

ESA Career Center: <https://www.esacareercenter.org/>, [check out the full series](#) on our YouTube channel!

American Fisheries Society: <https://jobs.fisheries.org/>

NYSDEC Employment: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/jobs.html>

NY State Parks: <https://parks.ny.gov/employment/>

National Association for Interpretation: https://nai-us.org/interp/nai/_membership/Career_Center/Career_Center.aspx

North American Association for Environmental Education: <https://jobs.naaee.org/>

Northeast Recycling Council- <https://www.nerc.org/job-board>

Marine Biology Education Resources: <https://www.marinebio.org/careers/>

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

[DEC summer camps](#)

www.aquariumofniagara.org

www.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.grantsstation.com

www.grantwatch.com

www.grantsalert.com

<https://www.remoteclimatejobs.com/>

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

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

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

[NYS Woodchip Sources Map](#)

[NYS Compost Facilities Map](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greater Buffalo Urban Growers-<https://www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers/>
Gregs U-Pick- <http://gregsupick.com/>
Groundwork Market Garden- <http://www.groundworkmg.com>
Healthy Living Farm- <https://www.healthylivingfarm.com>
Heartland Organics- <https://www.heartland-organics.com/visit>
Kin Loch Farmstead- <https://www.kinlochfarmstead.com/>
Kubed Root-<http://www.kubedroot.com/>
McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com/>
Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Nimble Farms- <https://nimblefarms.com/>
Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com
Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org/>
Produce Peddlers-<https://producepeddlers.com/>
The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandcsa.com/>
Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>
Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/
Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>
Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>
NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>
WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

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

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

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

Recycling, Reuse, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options: check www3.erie.gov/recycling/materials-recycling-sites

- Year Round: [Food Scraps Drop-Off Collection Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [PaintCare Drop-Off Collection Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Electronics Recycling Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Textile Donation & Recycling Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Reuse Locator Map](#)
- gogreendrop.com-clothing, electronics, books, misc., check website

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

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

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

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

Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,

Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org

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

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

Cigarette Butts- <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/cigarette-waste-recycling>
Clothing, general-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill,
Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>
Clothing, formal/business- www.donatemyweddingdress.org/, www.careergear.org, www.dressforsuccess.org
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>
Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking drop-offs
Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore
Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices
Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,
Electronics- www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html, most electronics stores, www.sunnking.com
City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.
Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.
Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)
Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities
Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>
Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>
Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>
Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent
DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,
Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers
Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)
Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource
Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>
Pens- Dropoff at Staples stores
Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)
Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery, Lowes stores, Home Depot
Plastic shopping bags, cereal liners, packing pillows-groceries, many retailers, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448
Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com
Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com
Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.
Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation
Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling
Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>
Xray film (contains silver)- [X-Ray Film Recyclers](#), [Electronic Recycling Guys](#),
Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/>, <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> realsimple

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

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

Coursera- www.coursera.org

[Green Education Foundation](#)

[Facing the Future](#)

[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](#)

[Sustainable Futures Institute](#)

[Nature Generation.](#)

[The Center for Ecoliteracy](#)

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

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

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

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

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

[Second Nature's Solution Center](#)

On Demand Webinars:

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

[Plan-It GEO](#)

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

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

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

Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](#)

www.epa.gov/climate-indicators.

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

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](#)

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

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](#)

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

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

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

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

[2018 Fuel Economy Guide](#)

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

[NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Webinar series](#)

[NOAA One Science Seminar Series](#)

[Green Restaurant sustainability tool](#)

[Mapping Climate Change.](#)

[Socially Responsible Investing and Banking](#)

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

[Promise of Biomimicry](#)

[Pollinators under Pressure](#)

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

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

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

Buffalo Niagara Gardening	https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Farm to School Program	https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/
Buffalo Geological Society	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalamaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	http://bnhv.org/
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	https://bnwaterkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	https://buffalo-orienteering.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/
Buffalo Recycles	http://buffalorecycles.org/
Buffalo River Land Trust	https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	http://www.burchfieldnac.org/
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	https://bwell.community/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Climate Lobby	https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-ccl/chapters/
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/

Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	https://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.ccofwny.org/
Coalition of Positively Charged People	https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cooperation Buffalo	https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://cceniagaracounty.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/
Council of the Great Lakes Region	https://councilgreatlakesregion.org/
Daemen University Center for Sustainability	www.daemen.edu/enviro-news
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Designing to Live Sustainably	https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/
Drave's Arboretum	https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
East Side Stewards	https://www.eastsidestewards.com/
Environmental Advocates NY	www.eany.org
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency	https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2
Erie Canal Harbor Development	https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability

Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www3.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www3.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	https://www.ecfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.org
Feminist Bird Club Buffalo	https://feministbirdclubbuff.org/
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/
Food Future WNY	www.foodfuturewny.org
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.finwr.org/
Friends of Reinstein Woods	http://reinsteinwoods.org
Friends of Sinking Ponds	https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/
Garden Clubs of WNY	www.gardenclubsofwny.com
Genesee County Village & Museum	https://www.gcv.org/
Global Justice Ecology Project	http://globaljusticeecology.org/
Go Bike Buffalo	http://gobikebuffalo.org/
Go Buffalo Niagara	http://gobuffaloniagara.org

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grand Island Nature Alliance	https://gi-naturealliance.org/
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers Network	www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/
Great Lakes Research Consortium	https://www.esf.edu/glrc/
Green Together WNY	https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/
Habitat for Humanity	https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	https://www.hawkcreek.org
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	https://www.heartforanimals.org/
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Hope Rising Together	https://1tlol.com/
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/
Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
Keep Western New York Beautiful	https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
Leadership Buffalo	https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/

Local Initiatives Support Corporation	https://www.lisc.org/wny/
Lyceum at Silo City	https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	http://mass-ave.org/
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	https://www.nannenarboretum.com/
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
NY Center for Organics & Recycling Education	https://cals.cornell.edu/ny-center-organics-recycling-education
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/
New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylev.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/
New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/
New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	https://www.nysar3.org/
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	https://www.facebook.com/NESAWG/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	https://www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-new-york-upstate
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	https://www.nyuasla.org/

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

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

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

WNY Weather Society	www.facebook.com/amswnychapter
WNY Young Birders Club	https://www.wnyybc.org/events
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Kritters	http://www.wildkritters.com/
Wild Ones-WNY Chapter	https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/
Wild Spirit Education	https://wildspirit.org/
Zoar Valley Coalition	https://zoarvalley.org/