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Articles:

Author Lyanda Lynn Haupt Presentation

WNY Land Conservancy welcomes naturalist and acclaimed author Lyanda Lynn Haupt to Buffalo on **June 4th** to discuss her book *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit*. In this illuminating and important book, Haupt explores what it means to live with the earth in both simple and profound ways. She invokes the term "rootedness" as a way of living in concert with the wilderness, and wildness, that sustains humans and all of life. The official event bookstore is [Talking Leaves Books](#). Event is from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Buffalo and is free; however, [registration](#) is required.

Dig With the Experts 2025

Join Penn Dixie on **June 7th and 8th** for their signature fossil dig — **Dig With The Experts!** This is their very popular, once yearly opportunity to unearth the best, most complete, and most unexpected fossils at Penn Dixie! We'll have equipment do the heavy lifting and scientific experts on site to help with locating and identifying the best fossils. You'll have to do your share of splitting and digging, of course, but you're guaranteed to find something cool and interesting. Scientists, leading fossil collectors, and experts on local geology will lead the dig in a freshly excavated section of the Lower Windom Shale and will demonstrate how to find Devonian Period trilobites, cephalopods, fish remains, brachiopods, corals, wood, and a range of other marine invertebrates. We do not recommend that children under age 10 attend this program due safety requirements of splitting rocks. During Dig With The Experts, other areas of Penn Dixie will be open to fossil collectors of all ages and regular tours will be available. There will be a food truck on site each day. Tickets are electronic and will not be mailed. [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

SpringFest at Beaver Meadow

Celebrate National Trails Day with Buffalo Audubon on **Saturday, June 7** and enjoy guided themed hikes, education animal presentations, live music, family-friendly activities, food and drinks, fairy house fun, and much more! The event will be from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Beaver Meadow, 1610 Welch Road, North Java. For the full list of activities and ordering tickets (\$5 on day of event), visit <https://www.buffaloudubon.org/springfest.html>.

Wine, Wags and Brews

Get ready to sip and taste this June here at the SPCA Serving Erie County! Wine, Wags & Brews returns this year for its 20th Anniversary on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025!** Enjoy tastings from a variety of food, beer and wine vendors, shop from local retailers, participate in exciting raffles, and visit with adoptable animal friends during this after-hours event exclusively for adults 21+. Dogs are welcome, but not required to join in the fun! Each [Wine, Wags & Brews ticket](#) supports all the animals cared for by the SPCA!

Fundraiser for WNY Raptor and Wildlife Care

Join WNY Raptor and Wildlife Care on **June 13th** from 6:30 to 9:30pm at The Cove Seafood & Banquets (4701 Transit Rd., Depew) for food, drinks, music and to support a great cause. Your ticket of \$50 at the door or online provides pizza, unlimited draft beer and house wine, music and raffles. [Info and tickets.](#)

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, June 12th** at 5:30pm at Bottle Rocket Beer Reserve (2182 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY 14210). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Erie County is hosting free paint recycling on **June 7** in Williamsville from 8:30am to 1pm with both the can and paint recycled. Required registration can be found at [here](#). 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. For more info go to [erie.gov/recycling](#) or Hazman directly at 998-8073 or call 716-858-6800. For more info email us at recycle@erie.gov or call our HHW Hotline at (716) 858-6800. For info on City of Buffalo events, check www.buffalorecycles.org. Niagara County will accept paint donations on **July 26** from 9am to 1pm at Starpoint schools by [reservation](#).

Join the Zoar Valley Coalition's BioBlitz 2025

Ever wondered what plants and animals inhabit one of Western New York's last wilderness areas? Enjoy taking pictures? Want to easily contribute species data to the only up-to-date biodiversity inventory of Zoar Valley? A BioBlitz is when citizen-scientists, naturalists, and volunteers get outdoors and document as many species of flora and fauna as possible in a natural environment over a time period. The Zoar Valley Bioblitz is live until **June 30, 2025**. The goal is to gather as comprehensive a biodiversity inventory of Zoar Valley as we all can, and the person with the most species uploaded between 5/1/25-6/30/25 will receive a Save Zoar Valley t-shirt or mug (your choice) from the Zoar Valley Coalition merch shop! The person with the most observations uploaded for the less explored Otto side of Zoar Valley will receive a Save Zoar Valley lawn sign! All you need is: a smartphone or camera (with a fully charged battery), iNaturalist app downloaded to your phone (it's free!). A recorded webinar on using iNaturalist is [posted](#). For info, visit <https://zoarvalley.org/bioblitz-2025/>

Shoreline *Cladophora* Survey Virtual Training

The DEC Great Lakes Program developed the Shoreline *Cladophora* Survey to allow beach goers or others who are out along New York's Great Lakes and connecting river channel (Niagara and St. Lawrence Rivers) shorelines to submit their observations of *Cladophora* or absence of *Cladophora*. Information collected through public observations will complement ongoing monitoring and modeling efforts that will better inform agencies and researchers about the location, timing, and extent to which *Cladophora* is accumulating. To promote consistency in the reports received through this tool, the Great Lakes Program is hosting a **virtual training session on June 4 from 1 – 2 pm**. During the training, Great Lakes Program staff will present training slides developed to assist users on how to complete the survey, followed by a Q&A session. [Register.](#)

Mayoral Candidate Food Forum: A Community Conversation

Hear from Buffalo's Mayoral Candidates about their food-related plans for the city! Buffalo's 2025 mayoral candidates will explain their food-related plans for the city, respond to public questions, and discuss how they will advance communities' health and well-being. All are welcome. Join us **June 4, 2025** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Northland Workforce Training Center (683 Northland Ave., Buffalo).

Buffalo Garden Guide: Volunteer Opportunity and Training

Join our team of passionate volunteers and learn how to lead guided tours through our beautiful conservatory. As a Garden Guide, you'll receive all the necessary training to share the wonders of our history and indoor collections with visitors. Volunteers are expected to attend all four training sessions and commit to leading at least three tours a year. Full attendance at training is required to ensure you're fully prepared. Dates are **Tuesdays in June** from 12-3pm. Complete an application [here](#).

Round 15 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Workshop

The Buffalo Museum of Science will host an All-Agency CFA Workshop on **Wednesday, June 11th** from 1 to 3pm. State agency representatives will be available for follow-up questions and conversations. After a brief welcome and presentation from Regional Director Karen Utz, participants are invited to attend workshop sessions where program managers will highlight program updates and demonstrate how to develop a strong application to the "CFA". There is no cost to attend. [Registration](#) is recommended to ensure you receive all updated information. The [Consolidated Funding Application \(CFA\)](#) is a streamlined process in New York State that allows businesses and other entities to apply for funding from multiple state agencies through a single, web-based application.

Native Plant Day

We're thrilled to invite you to the **First-Ever Native Plant Day in Western New York!** Join us on **Saturday, June 14**, for a day of community, connection, and conservation as we celebrate the beauty and power of native plants. This event is an opportunity to support local growers, connect with fellow plant enthusiasts, and learn more about the impact of native species in our landscapes. Check out the [list of participating nurseries](#) that can help you choose native plants.

Let There be Light Solar Celebration

Let There be Light will hold its annual summer solstice fundraiser on **June 17** from 5:30 to 8pm at Silo City, 85 Silo City Row. Info and tickets at <https://www.lettherebelightinternational.org/solar-celebration-2025/>. Together we'll be gathering to celebrate Climate Action and the power of solar to change lives at the 2025 Solar Celebration! Funds help support our mission to combat energy poverty in vulnerable off-grid communities and to fight global climate change.

Wines in the Wild

The Buffalo Zoo is hosting its fundraiser "Wines in the Wild" on **June 18**. This 21+ event with wine tastings and so much more is set for June 18, and [limited tickets](#) are now available.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day

DEC and State Parks, in partnership with other NYS agencies, will host events across the state on **June 14** to connect people to nature and provide increased access to the outdoors. This event brings together people of all abilities, ages, identities, and backgrounds for fun, healthy activities as part of the Governor's initiative to broaden the diversity of users and ensure inclusivity of access to state public lands. This day coincides with National Get Outdoors Day, an annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. Try fishing, archery, kayaking, bird watching, hiking, and so much more at one of our many locations across the state! [Look for a location](#) near you.

Canalside Programming for Erie Canal Bicentennial

Buffalo Canalside will host hundreds of programs to share the remarkable story of the Erie Canal. Daily activities and special events are on tap from Memorial Day through the fall. Find options for kids and families, music and theater lovers, history buffs, and more on the Buffalo Waterfront events calendar. [TO BUFFALO! >](#)

Less Lawn Challenge

Take the [Less Lawn, More Life 12-Week Challenge](#)—a free, nationwide campaign kicking off May 1 with a livestream featuring Doug Tallamy. Each week, participants receive a simple action that helps convert part of their lawn into native habitat. You'll get practical tips, motivation from top voices in conservation, and a chance to track your progress with the new Wildr Score—an ecological self-assessment for your yard.

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

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

Fish Stocking

Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual summer fish stocking program has begun. Landowners looking to restock their warm/cool water ponds can place orders for largemouth bass and/or fathead minnows now through **Friday, June 13** with order pick-up scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12 at the district office in East Aurora. For order forms, fish management information and fish stocking license applications visit the District website at www.ecswcd.org or call 716-652-8480 ext. 5.

Promenade in the Park

Join us to celebrate 716 Day on **July 16** from 6-9pm in Front Park with a premium viewing experience of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra while supporting your Olmsted Parks! Enjoy a festive cocktail party as you soak in the beauty of Buffalo's west side. This [special fundraising event](#) will be held in lieu of the annual gala. All proceeds will benefit the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy in its mission to provide exceptional park experiences for all.

The Butterfly Experience at the Botanical Gardens

From June 7 to August 3, hundreds of butterflies will make their debut in the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Tropical Orchard soaring high, low, here, and there! See the vibrant colors of species native to the U.S. like swallowtails, monarchs, painted ladies, red admirals, and so many more. Capture the magic of this special encounter with selfies and photos of these beautiful creatures, all while learning about the important role that these pollinators play in our ecosystem along the way. The Butterfly Experience is expected to sell out quickly, and **pre-purchased tickets are required** to maintain a safe and comfortable capacity. The experience is free for Botanical Gardens Members but all attendees must have a ticket. Don't miss out on this mesmerizing opportunity! <https://www.buffalogardens.com/events/butterfly-experience/>

Skyride 2025

The annual Skyride will be held on **July 20** from 7am to noon. This bike ride allows you to view the city and waterfront from the elevated skyway which will be closed to traffic as well as the I-190. The ride starts at Terminal B, Buffalo Outer Harbor, 850 Fuhrmann Blvd, Buffalo, NY 14203. [Tickets are available now.](#)

2025 New York ReLeaf Conference

2025 New York ReLeaf Conference will be held July 22–24 at the Lake Ontario Events Center in Oswego, NY. This year's theme is "A Century of Urban Forestry — Then, Now, and Into the Future." [Register](#)

Join the 4th Annual Plastic-Free Parks Project

With recent federal funding cuts and the elimination of hundreds of National Park Service employees responsible for stewardship and waste management, our national parks need you now, more than ever. Join us in collecting data on plastic pollution across all federal lands as part of our Plastic-Free Parks TrashBlitz project — now through October!

[Sign Up to Volunteer Now!](#)

Grant to Friends of Reinstein Woods Improves Woodland Garden

Friends of Reinstein Woods has received a \$20,717 grant from the Environmental Protection Fund's Park and Trail Partnership Grants program to enable visitor access and improve habitats in the Woodland Garden Enclosure at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. On Saturday, May 3, more than 20 volunteers made improvements to the enclosure as part of [I Love My Park Day](#). The 2025 grant will provide special gates so trail visitors can access the enclosure while keeping out deer. Inside, raised garden beds, constructed by teens from Cheektowaga High School, will provide a safe space to grow a variety of native wildflowers that normally would not survive being eaten by the large deer population at Reinstein Woods. Shrubs and other native wild plants will be added along a footpath. Benches and educational signs will provide opportunities for visitors to reflect and enjoy the peaceful setting. The Woodland Garden also provides opportunities for local students to study and learn about the forest ecosystem. During [I Love My Park Day](#) on May 3, volunteers from Daemen University's Tennis Team and Friends of Reinstein Woods reinforced portions of the fence, cleared the future footpath path of debris, and cleared the area where the raised garden beds will be installed. The path and gates are expected to be completed by late 2025.

\$60 Million in Environmental Bond Act Funding Available for Green Resiliency Grants

Applications are live for the next round of Green Resiliency Grants. The program supports vital stormwater management and resilient infrastructure projects in flood-prone communities across New York State. This action advances Governor Hochul's comprehensive clean water and resiliency agenda to protect New Yorkers from extreme weather, while making these projects more affordable to minimize the financial impact on local ratepayers. The \$4.2 billion [Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022](#) continues to deliver historic investments to safeguard water quality, reduce pollution, strengthen resiliency and create green jobs. Applications, guidance, and webinar information will be available on [EFC's website](#). Any community that needs help with its project is encouraged to [reach out to EFC's Community Assistance Teams](#).

2024 Buffalo Niagara Greenhouse Gas Inventory Dashboard Available

In partnership with the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), University at Buffalo Regional Institute (UBRI) developed an inventory of all the sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for each municipality across the Buffalo Niagara region. This marks the first regional inventory in 15 years and one of the first standardized GHG inventories for multiple municipalities in New York State. An online dashboard with inventory results for the entire region and for each of Buffalo Niagara's 64 municipalities is now available to community members and local governments. The dashboard includes access to local GHG summary reports in PDF format, downloadable data, interactive graphics on emissions from each sector, a summary of the data sources and methods used for the inventory, and ideas for how the inventory results can be used for local planning. This work is part of a US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) Grant. [Click Here to Access the Dashboard!](#)

One Region Forward Report Card

The One Region Forward plan for Buffalo Niagara was released ten years ago in 2015. The plan contains a series of 20 indicators that measure the region's progress toward its sustainable development goals related to: Land Use & Development; Transportation & Mobility; Housing & Neighborhoods; Food Access & Justice; and Climate Change Action. One Region Forward is releasing the second issue of the [Report Card](#) with updated measurements of how the region is performing using the most recent publicly accessible data behind these indicators.

Updated Organic Resource Locator

An [online mapping tool](#) was designed for organizations in New York State that produce organic waste—like grocery stores, manufacturers, restaurants, schools, correctional facilities, and hotels—or that rely on organic material for different purposes, such as waste haulers and operators of composting or anaerobic-digestion sites. These organizations can use the tool to learn about and connect with one another. When possible, waste-producer listings include key data points, such as average estimates of the volume of waste they generate. Likewise, entries for organics recyclers include the type of organics they accept and process.

Awakening Lands: StoryMap of the Humboldt Parkway

For an excellent detailed narrative and map for the Humboldt Parkway, view the storymap created by the Awakening Lands Project. This site helps you understand the connectivity of the city through the park system. View [here](#).

Bring “Buffalo Niagara’s Climate Challenge” Game to Community Meetings

This winter and spring, University at Buffalo Regional Institute will bring the community engagement game debuted at their recent climate action symposium to group settings across the region. The game helps to build understanding about actions we can take to reduce emissions and is a key means by which we'll incorporate feedback from the community into the [One Region for Climate Action Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#). If you have a committee, community organization, classroom, or any other group you think would like to engage with this activity, [Sign Up Here](#)

New 25 million Trees Initiative ‘Tree Tracker’

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

Nocturnal Invertebrates Suffer from Light Pollution

While it is understood that light pollution interferes with bird migration, it also affects nocturnal invertebrate species, which make up about two-thirds of invertebrates. Light pollution is increasing about 10% each year. Many species are disoriented by artificial light, affecting behaviors like mating and navigation and subsequently harming entire ecosystems. Turning off lights when unneeded, closing blinds in the evening and educating city councils about the effects of light pollution can help nocturnal invertebrates and may also save money.

The 2025 I BIRD NY Challenge is Now Open!

Take part in the 2025 I BIRD NY Challenge for birders of all ages and abilities! The challenge provides opportunities to identify and learn about birds, and awards program finishers with a commemorative I BIRD NY Challenge patch and a chance to win birding-related prizes. Complete the Challenge by identifying any 10 bird species of your choosing; and submitting a challenge sheet to DEC through the [Challenge Log online](#). Entries must be received by Nov. 15, 2025. Participants can visit [I BIRD NY](#) for more information.

Honeybee Swarms

If you see a huge number of bees swirling around or forming a large ball on a branch, you are probably witnessing a honey bee swarm. The queen and some of her workers leave their current hive (workers and a future queen remain) to seek out a new home with space for their numbers. During the swarming, the bees are less likely to sting and the workers surround the queen during the journey. If you see a swarm on your property, local beekeepers are happy to come and get the bees to rehome them. Bees will sometimes go into barns or attics posing a risk to the landowner. For swarm removal, go to <https://wnyhpi.org/swarm-removal-and-trap-outs/> or <https://wnybeekeepers.org/>.

Report Suspected Cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds

An [online platform](#) for the public to report suspected Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks in wild birds was designed as part of an ongoing effort to monitor HPAI in New York. HPAI is widespread in wild birds and mammals, so not all reports will result in DEC retrieving the animals for testing and/or disposal. The public can help minimize risk and limit disease spread by preventing contact between domestic animals and wild birds. If you encounter a live, sick bird or mammal, contact your [Regional DEC office](#) or a [local wildlife rehabilitator](#) for guidance. Call ahead to make sure there is a wildlife rehabilitator or veterinarian willing to accept the animal, as accepting these animals may put other animals in the facility at risk. **Do not handle, transport, or euthanize any sick birds or other wildlife yourself.** Information about HPAI, including how it is spread and which animals can be infected, is available on our [Animal Diseases webpage](#) and in the [full press release](#).

New Forest Health Diagnostic Lab Reporting Form Available!

Have a sick tree in your yard? Snapped a picture of a mystery insect you think could be invasive? [DEC's Forest Health Diagnostic Lab](#) is here to help you diagnose and identify tree diseases and potentially invasive insects. We're excited to announce a new [reporting form](#) which makes it easier and quicker than ever to submit your diagnostic requests. Check it out!

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.

Toolkit for Recycling

The Model Recycling Toolkit is an interactive collection of materials from EPA and others. Toolkit materials can help states, territories, local governments, Tribes, schools, nonprofit organizations, companies, and public-private partnerships create effective programs for recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, reuse, repair and waste reduction. Materials in the toolkit can help communities increase participation in recycling programs and reduce contamination in the recycling stream. [Check it out!](#)

WNY Food Systems Map

Explore our region's food systems through stories and maps. This mapping and stories website was built by the [Food Systems Planning & Healthy Communities Lab](#) at the University at Buffalo, in support of [Food Future Western NY](#), a food systems assessment and planning initiative for the nine counties of Western New York. The assessment and planning initiative took place over 18 months, and brought together business, non-profit, government, and community stakeholders to create a cross-county, cross-domain vision and action plan. [Check out the map.](#)

Penguin Poop May Cool the Planet

A recent study by researchers in Antarctica have shown that penguins can influence the climate through their waste. The penguin droppings release ammonia, and that ammonia helps form clouds which can help cool. Even when the penguins leave an area, the effect lasts. In one instance, researchers watched a fog bank hang around for three hours after a spike in airborne particles. Read the full article [here](#).

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. Please contact the instructor Lorne directly with any questions at info@leadinggreen.com

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.

Experience Yellowstone National Park Excursions with Earth Spirit, August & December

Join Earth Spirit for a one-of-a-kind adventure filled with incredible wildlife sightings, breathtaking views, and great company for one of two excursions: August 3-10, 2025 or December 7-14, 2025. Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime in Yellowstone National Park, whether you choose summer or winter excursions. Earth Spirit Excursions is one of only of a few non-profit organizations that take travelers to Yellowstone National Park. As a science-based educational tour, we are privileged to be a part of the ecological and seasonal activities in America's first national park. We are equally privileged to take part in many educational activities. For more information about Earth Spirit excursions and to view our excursions page, visit <https://earthspiritedu.org/excursions/> or click [here!](#)

Empire State Development Launches Small Business Environmental Support Office

Empire State Development (ESD) announced the opening of the new Small Business Environmental Support Office (SBESO), designed to help small businesses understand and comply with federal and state environmental regulations involving air, water, solid and hazardous waste, petroleum and chemical bulk storage, and other important environmental standards. The new office will provide direct one-on-one guidance to small businesses across the state related to environmental regulations, balancing the States sustainability goals alongside New Yorks economic development goals. For more info, please visit esd.ny.gov/SBESO.

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.

Complaint Form for the Use and Sale of Coal Tar-Based Pavement Sealers

To protect human health and the environment from releases of harmful chemicals, New York State has enacted [restrictions on the sale and use of coal tar pavement sealant products](#). To ensure human health and the environment continue to be protected from coal tar-based products, DEC has developed a [complaint form](#) to ensure that complaints about coal tar-based products and applicators are addressed in a timely manner. This form is designed for members of the public to help the DEC keep coal tar-based products out of stores and off our driveways by encouraging individuals to report sightings of both the sale of these products, as well as the application and use of these products.

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.

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.](#)

Listen to the “DEC Does What?!” Podcast

Did you know DEC has a [bi-weekly podcast](#)? Each episode features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. The most recent episode discussed how DEC works to strengthen relationships and engagement with Indigenous Nations on environmental issues, protection of cultural and historical resources, and development of policies around various areas, including environmental justice. Previous episodes discussed [recycling](#), the [DEC fish hatcheries](#), [harmful algal blooms](#), [extreme heat](#), and more. All episodes of “DEC Does What?!” are available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [YouTube](#), [Amazon Music](#), and all major podcast platforms.

Harmful Algal Blooms: Reporting Season Open

Harmful Algal Blooms vary in appearance from scattered green dots in the water, to long, linear green streaks, pea soup, or spilled green paint, to blue-green or white coloration. People, pets, and livestock should [avoid contact](#) with water that is discolored or has algal scums on the surface. The public should report a suspected HAB through the NYHABs online reporting form available on DEC's website. Report health concerns related to HABs to DOH at harmfulalgae@health.ny.gov, or contact your [local health department](#).

Wheels to Wild: Parks Adventure Bus

Connect to your local New York State public lands with the help of **free public transportation**! Across New York State, there are opportunities for you to catch a ride to our local parks. Check [2025 schedule here](#).

EPA Chemical Dashboard Available for Free Use

The [CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#) (Dashboard), built and maintained by EPA researchers, is well-designed and suitable for scientists to use in their research. The Dashboard includes information on over 1.2 million chemicals from different domains, including physicochemical, environmental fate and transport (i.e., where chemicals go and how they get there), exposure, usage, *in vivo* (in a living organism) toxicity, and *in vitro* (outside of a living organism) bioassay data. The Dashboard provides an interface that allows for an interactive user experience and is easy to navigate.

Free Online Course: Continuous Living Cover 101

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

Environmental Value of Applying Compost

The EPA released a new report titled *The Environmental Value of Applying Compost: Improving Soil Health for Stormwater Management, Contaminated Site Remediation, Ecosystem Restoration, Landscaping and Agriculture*. The report synthesizes the published science on the benefits of compost use in various sectors and examines potential benefits of increasing use of compost at scales that better align with the volume of organic materials (e.g. food waste) available for composting. [Read the full report](#) and [visit the new webpage on the benefits of using compost](#) for additional resources.

NY State Parks Wellness Challenge for 2025

Throughout the year, immerse yourself in all kinds of wellness activities at state parks and historic sites across the Empire State in the NY State Parks Wellness Challenge. From trying your hand at yoga to engaging your senses to packing a picnic, achieve wellness through a variety of ways in the outdoors. Ready to take on the [Wellness Challenge](#)? We've gathered a list of 50 wellness-related missions you can achieve at most state parks and historic sites. Try to complete 25 of the missions this year, either as an individual, team, or group!

The Climate Education Policy Toolkit Is Now Available!

Regardless of your role, the resources within this Toolkit are designed to help you navigate the dynamic nature of state and local climate education policy, instigating change in a way that is tailored to suit your specific political landscape.

[Access the Climate Education Toolkit](#)

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

Stewardship Project Pilot Program

Switch Classroom is looking for upper elementary, middle and high school teachers interested in piloting our new energy stewardship projects in your classrooms! Compensation for participating in the pilot program is \$500! Fill out the [Interest Form](#) to learn more.

i-Tree Open Academy 2025

Ready to spruce up your tree season toolkit? The i-Tree Open Academy virtual learning series returns in 2025, with everything you need to explore the latest in tree benefits through the i-Tree tools. Whether your work with trees involves planting, managing, funding, educating, or beyond, i-Tree can help you better understand the benefits that trees provide, the impacts of where those benefits are, and how to apply that science to your project goals. Join us to see how to assess benefits for a single tree, or for the canopy across the whole community. Each session is one hour long and offered on Wednesdays through June 11 at 1:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

STEM Summer Programs 2025

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus institutions and partners have announced their STEM Summer Programs for the coming year. The schedule features an array of science and technology programs for Western New York High Schoolers, offering area teens a host of hands-on learning opportunities at the area's leading centers of medicine and research. Students can view the full schedule, check registration deadlines, and apply for all programs [here](#).

If You Care, Leave Them There

It is best to appreciate wildlife from a safe distance and resist the urge to touch or move young wildlife. Fawns, baby birds, and other offspring may seem abandoned, but their parents are often close by. Well-intentioned interference can pose risks to the animals and humans. Bird nestlings can have closed eyes and can be featherless, spending approximately two weeks in the nest. Once they outgrow the nest, nestlings become fledglings (a bird with developed feathers) and begin to flap their wings and learn how to fly. In both stages the adult birds are nearby and care for them. If a nestling is found on the ground and cannot be easily and safely returned to the nest, the public is advised to refrain from approaching and instead should call a [wildlife rehabilitator](#). Fledglings, on the other hand, can hop and flutter on their own, and spend short periods out of the nest on the ground or in low branches. If a young bird is alert, fully feathered, and moving around, people are encouraged to watch from a distance and not intervene. Fawns are born during late May and early June, and although they can walk shortly after birth, they spend most of their first several days lying still in tall grass, leaf litter, or sometimes relatively unconcealed. During this period, a fawn is usually left alone by the adult female (doe), except when nursing. Fawns are vulnerable to predators during this period. If human presence is detected by the doe, the doe may delay its next visit to nurse. Fawns should never be picked up. A fawn's protective coloration and ability to remain motionless help it avoid detection by predators and people. Once the fawn is about two weeks old, it begins to move about, spend more time with the doe, and eat on its own. Anyone who observes wildlife that appears to be behaving abnormally should contact their closest [DEC regional wildlife office](#) or an [Environmental Conservation Police Officer](#). If a wild animal is injured or obviously orphaned, please call a trained and DEC-licensed [wildlife rehabilitator](#).

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[NYSERDA's free Offshore Wind Lessons](#) -interactive lessons designed to educate middle- and high-school students about the basics of offshore wind technology, the intersection of offshore wind and communities in New York, and opportunities for community benefits and career pathways.

[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.

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

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

[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.

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

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

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

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

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

[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.

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

[“Invasive Shrimp: No Small Matter”](#) introduces students to human impacts on ecosystems by discussing introduced versus invasive species, movement of aquatic species through global shipping channels, and methods scientists use to track species across the globe. Students will work in groups to track the movement of invasive Oriental grass shrimp (*Palaemon macrodactylus*) over time using the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) database. Students will then use collection data to graph records by year and answer a series of questions.

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

[The Nature Conservancy: Nature Lab Virtual Field Trips](#)-These virtual labs from TNC include videos, teacher guides, and student activities for ages 9-15 on topics from Colombia’s páramo ecosystem to the secret life of corals. [Schoolyard Habitats® campaign](#) and action cards allow students to learn about the habitat elements needed for wildlife to thrive while increasing native habitat and biodiversity. Plus, the school will gain an outdoor space for learning, support physical and mental well-being, and expand the community’s green space. The new action cards provide the road map and resources for schools to complete the process from start to finish.

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

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

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

[Garden to Table](#) -curriculum around growing food.

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

The [Bow Seat 2025 Ocean Awareness Contest – Connections to Nature: Looking Inside, Going Outside](#) offers youth 11-18 a chance to combine critical thinking, creativity, and environmental advocacy skills. Participation can be as an individual, class, or club. This year’s theme encourages youth to explore the natural world and their place in it. Submit entries by **June 9, 2025**.

[Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge](#)- showcases U.S. startup companies developing innovative solutions to challenges faced by America’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities. The overall winner of the competition will receive \$100,000 in startup funds, the runner-up will be awarded \$25,000 and two additional business owners who advance to the final four round will receive \$10,000. Deadline: **June 9**.

[2025 Youth Innovation Challenge](#)- The Taiwan Ocean Conservation Administration (OCA) and GEEP will soon call for young people (ages 15–30) around the world to share their solutions to protect marine resources and encourage others to be engaged stewards for marine environments. \$1000 prize. Deadline: **June 30**.

[Monthly Buffalo Blueway photo contest!](#) All you have to do is visit one of the amazing public [Blueway sites around the Buffalo River](#), take a photo and upload it in the form below with a brief description. One entry per month. Our staff will pick our favorite and send that person a Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper themed swag item. Each month we'll share some of the top images online with our followers and provide an image credit.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Chrysalis Fund: Entomological Education Grant](#)-K-12 teachers or other educators and organizers of educational programs addressing K-12 audiences for educational activities around insects. Deadline: **June 1**.

[The Conor J. Casey Foundation](#) is seeking Grant Applications for projects that align with the Foundation's mission of providing sustenance to those in need and to teach, encourage and share self-sustaining community food practices. Grants are awarded only to organizations that have current Section 501(c)(3) status. Applicants must be located and primarily rendering services in the Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and/or Chautauqua counties of New York State. Deadline: **June 2**.

[Resilient Watersheds Grant Program](#): \$45 million will be made available through DEC. Projects identified by existing and future [Resilient NY Program studies](#) are eligible to apply for the program. Apply through the [Consolidated Funding Application](#) portal by 4 p.m. Friday, **June 6, 2025**.

[Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects Program](#): \$20 million will be made available through the Department of State (DOS). The program supports the implementation of projects that increase resilience within the New York State Coastal area and the Coastal Nonpoint Source boundary. Apply through the [Consolidated Funding Application](#) portal by 4 p.m. Friday, **June 6, 2025**.

[Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Implementation Projects Program](#): \$15 million will be made available through DOS. The program supports projects that improve waterfront and watershed resiliency and reduce climate impacts, particularly flooding. Apply through the [Consolidated Funding Application](#) portal by 4 p.m. Friday, **June 6, 2025**.

[Composting Consortium Grant Program](#)- grants to composters and communities who are interested in establishing or scaling their programs to include certified, food-contact compostable packaging. Deadline: **June 13**.

[Lots of Compassion Grant](#)- to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens to help grow compassion in their community. In 2025, 10 grantees will receive \$20,000 each to transform a vacant lot into a garden. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded annually. Nonprofit organizations, school districts, universities, religious organizations, or other tax-exempt organizations in the United States and U.S. territories may apply. Groups and individuals are also eligible to apply by partnering with a fiscal sponsor who has achieved tax-exempt status. Deadline: **June 16**.

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#)- focused on improving roadway safety for all users by reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes through [comprehensive safety action plans](#) (referred to as "Action Plans") and their subsequent implementation. Deadline: **June 26, 2025**.

[Farmers' Market Promotion Program](#)- offers four types of projects, 36-month Capacity Building, 36-month Community Development Training and Technical Assistance, 24-month Turnkey Marketing and Promotion, and 24-month Turnkey Recruitment and Training. Capacity Building projects range from \$50,000 to \$250,000, while Community Development Training and Technical Assistance projects range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Deadline: **June 27**.

[Local Food Promotion Program](#)- Eligible entities may apply if they support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products. Deadline: **June 27**.

[Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants](#)- to help communities facing environmental justice challenges implement innovative and effective projects to address environmental concerns. Funding for the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund. Deadline: **August 13**.

[Green Resiliency Grant Program](#)- to projects that implement green infrastructure practices. This round will prioritize projects offering significant risk reduction, such as porous pavement, rain gardens, and stormwater retention systems. Deadline: **August 15, 2025**.

[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. From payroll and operating expenses to essential supplies and facilities improvements, these investments help each organization thrive, both in the wake of trauma and well into the future, strengthening their ability to continue serving our shared community. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Ben and Jerry's Foundation National Grants](#)- offers two-year unrestricted, general operating support grants of up to \$30,000 per year, with an average grant size of \$20,000 per year, to small (budgets under \$350,000), constituent-led grassroots organizations throughout the United States and its territories. These grants will support groups carrying out activities that address the impacts of inequity and injustice in their communities. Deadline: **Rolling**.

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

[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**

[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**.

[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**

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

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Executive Director: Jamestown Audubon Center](#)-Deadline: **June 30**.

[Senior Extension Director, Organics Recycling and Education Director](#): Cornell University in Ithaca- Deadline: **June 6**.

[SNAP Ed Environmental and Marketing Nutritionist: Buffalo](#). Deadline: **June 4**.

[Full-time Planning Manager](#) : GObike Buffalo-to support our complete streets, active mobility, and trail and greenway initiatives in WNY.

[Part-time Community Safety Ambassador](#) to support bicycle and traffic safety education initiatives in Erie County.

[Environmental Scientist, Geologist or Engineer](#)- LaBella Associates, Buffalo.

[Environmental Solutions Field Tech](#)-Republic Services, Depew

[Seasonal Farm Crew](#)-Groundwork Market Garden. 2 positions.

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

[Database and Stewardship Coordinator](#)-Buffalo Zoo, Deadline: **until filled**

[Preserve Ranger](#)- Tift Nature Preserve.

[Integrated Communications Manager](#)- Field and Fork Network.

[AmeriCorps VISTA: Double Up Food Bucks](#)-full-time, temporary with Field and Fork Network

[Seasonal Animal Care Specialist](#)-Aquarium of Niagara, 2 positions

[Watercraft Inspection Steward/Environmental Educators](#)-The WNY PRISM has multiple positions. oApplications continue to be reviewed.

[Visitor and Member Services Coordinator](#)-Explore Buffalo.

[Discovery Camp Counselor](#)- Tift Nature Preserve, seasonal

[Exhibits Manager](#)- Buffalo Museum of Science.

[Interim Discovery Camp Coordinator](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science.

[Assistant Discovery Camp Coordinator](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science.

[Discovery Camp Counselor](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science.

[Communications & Development Director](#)- Field and Fork Network to lead our team in shaping strategic communications, driving fundraising efforts, and building strong relationships with key stakeholders.

[Produce Packing Coordinator and Delivery Driver](#)- FreshFix is a small business working with local farms.

[Operations Assistant](#)- Buffalo & Erie Botanical Gardens

[Assistant Curator](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Director of Conservation Education and Learning Engagement](#)- Buffalo Zoo

[ACCESS Team Coordinator](#)- Erie County SPCA

[Behavior Assistant](#)-Erie County SPCA

[Community Fundraising Coordinator](#)-Erie County SPCA

[Marketing and Communications Coordinator: Buffalo Central Terminal](#)- Until filled.

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

[Midwestern Regional Climate Center](#) -Paid summer internships for 2025

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

[Sustainability Intern: Gibraltar Steel](#)

[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

[Climate Watch 2025](#)- May 15 through June 15. This community science program mobilizes volunteers to conduct bird counts that help scientists understand how birds are responding to climate change. [Watch the recording here](#)

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

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

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

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

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

[Bumble Bee Watch](#) (BBW) is a collaborative community science project that tracks and conserves North America's bumble bees. You can contribute sightings to BBW via the website or via the app.

[Caterpillars Count!](#), participants conduct surveys on the branches of trees and shrubs to monitor seasonal variation and abundance of arthropods like caterpillars, beetles, and spiders, and to establish critical baseline data for evaluating long term trends.

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Sunday, June 1

Meadow Bird Meander-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Discover the feathery friends from the meadows at Knox Farm. Identify and observe meadow birds on a nature walk throughout the park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

67th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage-The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities. This weekend of natural history and outdoor education welcomes both the experienced naturalist as well as the inquisitive beginner! Info and agenda for 3 day event at <https://www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/registration.html> .

History Walk 1: Parks and Trails- 1 to 3pm at Bond Lake Park, 2571 Lower Mt. Rd, Ransomville. Come join us for an exciting adventure through Clyde L. Burmaster Park! This event is perfect for history buffs and nature enthusiasts alike. Explore the beautiful park trails while learning about the rich history of the area. Our knowledgeable guide will lead you on an informative two-part journey, pointing out interesting landmarks and sharing fascinating stories along the way. Part I is on June 1st, and part II is on June 8. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to connect with nature and uncover the hidden past of this scenic park. Lace up your walking shoes and get ready for a memorable experience! [Register](#).

Monday, June 2

STEM Monday-6:30 to 7:15pm. Join us for STEM classes every Monday until June 30. Ages 4-12. The Newstead Library (33 Main St., Akron) has partnered with the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum and the Garman Family Foundation to provide weekly STEM classes here at the library!!! These classes will be led by an instructor from the Museum. All activities will be hands on with all materials provided. To reserve, call 716-542-2327.

LGBTQ+ Families Day-6:30pm. Celebrate Pride Month with some fun trailside games for all ages. Register with your family—found, formed, and chosen—or come on your own to make new friends! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Monday Night Ride- Buffalo Go Green Zenner St Food Hub: 117 Zenner St, Buffalo, **Meet-up:** 6:00 PM | **Roll out:** 6:30 PM. This ride will roll through Lovejoy and neighboring streets with stops highlighting local food justice efforts, community gardens, and grassroots initiatives.

Tuesday, June 3

Open Bike Shop-5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin. This is an opportunity to use our bike stands, tools, spare parts, and guidance from our team to work on your own bike. Open Shop is FREE to all GObike members, and \$10 for everyone else. Open shop is ongoing throughout the entire year.

What does H5N1 have to do with the price of eggs?- 1 to 2:30pm webinar with animal health experts. The high cost of eggs has been one of the most visible societal impacts of H5N1 bird flu. First detected on U.S. poultry farms in February 2022 and in U.S. dairy cattle in 2024, the deadly bird flu strain has now spread to all fifty states. What are the risks to humans and susceptible animals, like cats? How are farmers coping with the disease, and what role do state and local officials play? How do costs along the supply chain translate to costs at the grocery store? [Register.](#)

Soil: A Powerful, Underestimated Climate Solution-1pm EST, Learn more about soil carbon sequestration, supporting rural communities, boosting food system resilience. Soils have the power to draw carbon out of the atmosphere—while supporting the livelihoods of farmers and the resilience of our food system. In fact, changes in how we farm can both reduce emissions and remove carbon at scale. It's one of the few climate solutions that's immediate, nature-based, and rooted in communities across the U.S. [Register.](#)

The Lake Erie Ice Boom-5:30pm. Akron Senior Center, 716-542-6645 to register. What is the ice boom supposed to do? Does it slow the arrival of Spring in Western New York? Is it unique to this area, and does it possibly harm some other parts of the environment? All this will be discussed in The Lake Erie Ice Boom presentation. Instructor: Harry Meyer - Explore Buffalo

IMAGINE 1st Tuesday Focus: The Arts & Creativity-12:30 to 1pm. Theme: “*IMAGINE a Healthy, Wealthy, and Sustainable Community: Imagine Place-based Lifelong Learning*”, Speaker: Audrey Clark, Executive Director, Gardens Buffalo Niagara, Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86307771400>

Wednesday, June 4

Behind-The-Scenes Collections Tours: Geology Rocks- Ages 18+ | \$30 per person*, 6 to 7:30pm. Register online or by phone at least 1 week in advance. Holmes! What kind of rock is this? Sedimentary, my dear Watson. Learn why this and other CoRnY jokes are funny by investigating the Museum's Geology Collection. What you see on display is just the tip of the iceberg. Come behind the scenes and see the rock cycle, marvel at our minerals and discover our large fossil collection. [Tickets.](#)

Author Lyanda Lynn Haupt – 7 to 8:30pm at Trinity Episcopal in Buffalo. WNY Land Conservancy is thrilled to welcome naturalist and acclaimed author [Lyanda Lynn Haupt](#) to Buffalo to discuss her book *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit*. In this illuminating and important book, Haupt explores what it means to live with the earth in both simple and profound ways. She invokes the term "rootedness" as a way of living in concert with the wilderness--and wildness--that sustains humans and all of life. Free, but required [registration](#). There may be a livestream option.

Mayoral Candidate Food Forum: A Community Conversation-5:30 to 7:30pm at the Northland Workforce Training Center, 683 Northland Ave., Buffalo. Hear from Buffalo's Mayoral Candidates about their food-related plans for the city! Buffalo's 2025 mayoral candidates will explain their food-related plans for the city, respond to public questions, and discuss how they will advance communities' health and well-being. All are welcome.

Sea Change-5pm. In honor of World Oceans Day, join [Plastic Pollution Coalition](#) on June 4 for an expert panel discussion about what is needed for an effective United Nations Global Plastics Treaty — and why it matters so much for our oceans. Don't miss this important conversation as we head into the next round of UN Plastics Treaty negotiations and the upcoming UN Ocean Conference. [Register](#) today.

Low Carbon, High Impact: CO₂ Heat Pumps in Commercial & Residential Design-1pm. GBES brings together a diverse panel of experts to explore the growing role of thermal energy storage and high-performance heat pump systems in commercial and residential buildings. This session will cover the latest advancements in CO₂ and other natural refrigerants, integration of HVAC with thermal storage, and the impact of heat recovery technologies. [Register](#).

Bicentennial Commemoration of General Lafayette's Visit -4pm. The Commercial Slip at Canalside | 44 Prime Street, Buffalo, NY. we invite you to join the Buffalo Maritime Center, American Friends of Lafayette, DAR Polly Gillet Hull Chapter, and Old Fort Niagara for a special Bicentennial event honoring General Lafayette's 1825 visit to Buffalo. Reenactor "General Lafayette" will arrive aboard the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*, followed by a brief program with welcome remarks and period music. A walking procession will then head up Main Street to Lafayette Square. This is a free, family-friendly, non-ticketed, and open to all.

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Holmes! What kind of rock is this? Sedimentary, my dear Watson. Learn why this and other CoRnY jokes are funny by investigating the Museum's Geology Collection. What you see on display is just the tip of the iceberg. Come behind the scenes and see the rock cycle, marvel at our minerals and discover our large fossil collection. Ages 18+. [Tickets](#): \$30 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members save 10%

NYS Great Lakes Shoreline Cladophora Survey Virtual Training- 1 to 2pm. The DEC Great Lakes Program developed the Shoreline *Cladophora* Survey to allow beach goers or others who are out along New York's Great Lakes and connecting river channel (Niagara and St. Lawrence Rivers) shorelines to submit their observations of *Cladophora* or absence of *Cladophora*. Information collected through public observations will compliment ongoing monitoring and modeling efforts that will better inform agencies and researchers about the location, timing, and extent to which *Cladophora* is accumulating. To promote consistency in the reports received through this tool, the Great Lakes Program is hosting a **virtual training session on June 4 from 1 – 2 pm**. During the training, Great Lakes Program staff will present training slides developed to assist users on how to complete the survey, followed by a Q&A session. [Register](#).

Thursday, June 5

Garden Talk "Preserving: So you think you CAN?"- 12 to 1pm. An overview of the basic practices for preserving food including freezing, dehydrating, and canning. We will primarily focus on water bath canning vs pressure canning. Which is right for your produce? We will answer your questions from sterilizing jars to acidification of foods. A good refresher before the canning season begins. Register in advance for this meeting: Call 585-343-3040 ext. 101 to register to attend in-person or for link for [zoom](#). This is an hybrid event – you can join online or in-person at the Genesee CCE office, 420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020. Free.

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

Bike Breakfasts-7:30am to 9:30am. Free, casual events at different locations. Stop in for five minutes on your way to work, or 30! Please, bring your own coffee mug, and meet some new cycling friends. There's plenty to discuss about our city and region, and the changes we'd like to see. Bike breakfasts are the perfect place to grow this community over coffee, oatmeal, and music! Innovation Center Pocket Park (Ellicott Street and North Oak Street).

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

Forest Farming: PawPaws-6:30 to 8pm. Webinar. [Register.](#)

Proven Winners perennial lecture at Lockwood's-5:30pm. Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Laura Robles of Walter's Gardens will present the new Proven Winner Perennials for 2025. The talk is free. To register, please call the store (716-649-4684) or email orders@weknowplants.com

Persevering for an Equitable and Holistic Environmental Protection System-1 to 2pm. Kristie Ellickson, PhD, Senior Scientist, Center for Science and Democracy at UCS—Dr. Ellickson researches how to make our environmental protection system more equitable and holistic. [Register for the webinar today.](#)

Walk & Talk at Cheektowaga Town Park: Scajaquada Watershed Event 2025- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Join us for a walk along Scajaquada Creek to learn about opportunities for improvements and restoration within Cheektowaga Town Park at Shelter #5. This is rain or shine. Refreshments will be served after the walk. Help us plan for food by registering at the link below. [Register Here](#)

Friday, June 6

Rabbit, Slither, Croak- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Discover snakes, turtles, frogs and salamanders as we explore the ponds and forest at Knox Farm. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

What's Bugging You? Lantern fly update – Recognizing wild Parsnip-12 to 12:30pm.

Each month, experts from Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will share practical information and answer questions on using integrated pest management (IPM) to avoid pest problems and promote a healthy environment. At the end, there will be an IPM Minute to cover a specific action you can take in the next few days to help you avoid pest problems. This month's program is a presentation on where things stand with the Lantern Fly and recognizing parsnip in the field. [Register.](#)

Friends Member Hike-6:30pm. New and long-time Friends of Reinstein Woods members can join this evening walk to celebrate the start of spring! Not a member yet? Join at www.reinsteinwoods.org. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Let's Go Birding Together!-6 to 7:30pm at Delaware Park. [Register.](#) Free. Join Buffalo Audubon on a walk for everyone who loves birds and the outdoors. We welcome those who identify as LGBTQ, allies, families, and anyone who wants to enjoy an outdoor experience that is inclusive. Binoculars will be provided! Funding for this program is provided by NYS Senator Sean Ryan. Meet at the benches between Hoyt Lake and the Terrace Restaurant.

Friday Morning Birding: Beaver Meadow-8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Meet outside Nature Center Join us for weekly birding with Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr. Each week will highlight the seasonal birds at Beaver Meadow. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. [Register.](#)

Camp Flashback- 6 to 9pm at Tiff Nature Preserve, 21+ event. \$39, or \$49 with bandana tie-dye activity (BMS Members get 10% off). All tickets include activity materials and 2 drinks tickets that can be used for alcoholic drinks (beer, wine, seltzer, cider), non-alcoholic mocktails, soft drinks, snacks, or water. [Tickets.](#)

Spring Lytle Preserve Day-5 to 7pm at Lytle Nature Preserve (6637 N. Canal Rd. Lockport). Come out and enjoy nature! All ages are welcome. Activities for kids and families, 4-H, take a walk or hike and check out the preserve and the new bridge, Snacks & Crafts! Free event. Please park across the street in the parking lot along the water/canal.

25th Annual Clean-A-Thon! -8am at Marva J. Daniels Futures Preparatory School
295 Carlton Street, Buffalo, NY 14204. Let's come together to celebrate community, care for our neighborhood, and make the Fruit Belt shine! Contact: bkwiatek@buffalo.edu.

Saturday, June 7

Dare to Repair Cafe- 11:00AM-2:00PM @ Island Park (5577 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221). [Register](#). The Dare to Repair Cafe is a community event where individuals can bring broken items (lamps, small electronics, vacuums, toys, etc.) to the repair cafe and have volunteer "fixers" try to repair the item alongside them for free!

Williamsville Earth Day-10am to 1pm at Island Park. This program is proudly presented by the Environmental Advisory Council and the Tree Board. This year, we look forward to welcoming Wegmans, the WNY Stormwater Coalition, the Sierra Club – just to name a few!

Family Fishing Day at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge- 10am to 2pm. Join us for a day of free fishing and aquatic education. Everyone is welcome, no permits required, all supplies will be provided! Easy-active activity, involves standing, walking, and using fishing poles. Porta potty and hand washing station will be available. Water for drinking will also be available at no cost. Food will be available for purchase. What to Bring: This program will be held entirely outdoors, bring sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and a reusable water bottle. Location: Ringneck Marsh off of Oak Orchard Ridge Rd. at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. 11412 Oak Orchard Ridge Road, Medina, NY 14103. Registration: Pre-registration is recommended. Send an email to emily_kelly@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-308-8041.

Great Lakes Science (at Tift Nature Preserve)- Workshop for teachers CTLE, 9:30am to 3pm at Tift Nature Preserve. Discover the dynamic water cycle of our Great Lakes region, water quality issues, aquatic habitats, and the wildlife within them through FUN, hands-on activities that can be applied to your classroom and beyond. We'll dip-net for live, local aquatic invertebrates, test for water quality, showcase our Enviroscape Watershed model, and so much more! This indoor and outdoor CTLE Workshop is appropriate for anyone interested in local freshwater aquatic ecology and will cover many facets from basic water science and aquatic animal adaptations to the water cycle and human impact upon aquatic ecosystems. **6 CTLE hours.** \$90/person; Ages 18+. [Register](#). Participants will receive 2 passes to BMS and \$1 off per student if they book a self-guided field trip to BMS. *Light lunch is provided*

Coffee Stroll-9am. Looking for the perfect way to start your Saturday? Bring your coffee (or tea) and join us for a walk on the trails! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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

Sustainable Plant Care for Beginners-1pm. Join us for an introduction to the nutrients that plants need to grow and survive. Learn ways to recognize nutrient deficiencies and about more sustainable ways to replenish them. Recommended for beginners with houseplants or gardens. For adults only. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Chores & Chuckles at Pelion-10am to 1pm at 212 Best St, Buffalo, NY, United States, New York 14209. 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. Sessions are 2hrs. Individuals do not have to sign up-- just show up. Stay for an hour or the whole session. [Info](#).

Master your garden series: Planting for Success-10 to 11am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion. Presenter: MG Jena Buckwell. A step-by-step guide to getting your plants off to the right start. All classes will be held at Orleans County CCE in the Education Center. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required. Suggested donation: \$5 per class. Register by calling 585-798-4265 or emailing klo54@cornell.edu.

SpringFest at Beaver Meadow- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Beaver Meadow, 1610 Welch Road, North Java. For the full list of activities and ordering tickets (\$5 on day of event), visit [here](#).

National Trails Day: Length of the Gorge-9:00 AM - 04:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Celebrate the 32nd National Trails Day with our annual Length of the Gorge Hike. Traverse the Niagara Gorge and follow the same path Niagara Falls took over the course of ~12,000 years as we hike from where it started to where it sits today! Ages 8 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Schoellkopf Anniversary Walk-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Stop in for a short presentation on the history behind the rise of the Schoellkopf Power Station and its collapse on June 7th, 1956. Then join our educators on a walk over to the ruins that remain in the gorge! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Adventure Hike-10:00am-12:30pm at Amherst State Park, Buffalo. Adventure around Amherst State Park with Earth Spirit Staff for a FREE hike supported by the Williamsville Earth Day Committee. We will be exploring fields, forests, and streams with many stops along the way! This is a great time of the year to get outside and explore. *Pre-registration required.* [REGISTER](#)

Bonsai Show-10am to 4pm. Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. The Buffalo Bonsai Society and the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens proudly present the return of the annual Bonsai Show. Meet with members of the Bonsai Society and learn about their craft as they display amazing bonsai specimens from their personal collections.

Garden Club of the Tonawandas: sale of perennials, heirloom tomatoes-10am to 5pm at Niawanda Park 300 Niagara Street, City of Tonawanda, New York. All of the perennial plants are from members' gardens. The heirloom tomatoes are grown from seed by one of the club's members.

Orchard Park Garden Club: Flower Show-12 to 4pm at Orchard Park Train Depot 370 South Lincoln Avenue, Orchard Park, New York.

Gardening Class- Managing Deer in the Native Plant Landscape-3 to 4pm. Masterson's Garden Center, Inc. 725 Olean Road, East Aurora, NY.

PRISM walk & talk in Lockport-10am to noon. Lytle Nature Preserve 6637 N Canal Rd., Lockport, New York WNY PRISM is celebrating New York Invasive Species Awareness Week with several opportunities to learn about invasive species and how you can protect our local aquatic and terrestrial resources. WNY PRISM, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County, will be hosting their first Walk and Talk of the summer. It will take place at Lytle Nature Preserve. This is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy nature while learning about invasive species that we spot along the way. Register at <https://bit.ly/2025walkandtalks>

2025 Annual Meeting League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara-10am to 2pm at Tewksbury Lodge at 249 Ohio Street. [Register](#). \$35 members/\$40 non-members.

Buffalo Astronomical Association at Beaver Meadow Observatory-8pm to midnight. Drop by and be awed by the sky. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java.

Sunday, June 8

History Walk 2: Parks and Trails- 1 to 3pm at Bond Lake Park, 2571 Lower Mt. Rd, Ransomville. Come join us for an exciting adventure through Clyde L. Burmaster Park! This event is perfect for history buffs and nature enthusiasts alike. Explore the beautiful park trails while learning about the rich history of the area. Our knowledgeable guide will lead you on an informative two-part journey, pointing out interesting landmarks and sharing fascinating stories along the way. Part I is on June 1st, and part II is on June 8. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to connect with nature and uncover the hidden past of this scenic park. Lace up your walking shoes and get ready for a memorable experience! [Register](#).

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Landscape Solutions with Native Plants at City Tonawanda Library-1 to 2pm. City of Tonawanda Public Library 333 Main St., City of Tonawanda. Kathy Contrino of CW Native Plant Farm will present "Landscape Solutions with Native Plants" at the City of Tonawanda Library. The effects of climate instability have presented new challenges for homeowners. Wetter summers, drier springs, extreme temperature swings have all impacted landowners. This program is for those ages 55 and up. Registration is required and space is limited. Please call 716-693-5043, or stop by to register!

Invasive Plant ID and iMapInvasives Training- 5:30-7:30pm; Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Help kickoff NYISAW by learning steps that you can take to help protect our lands! This training hosted by WNY PRISM in partnership with Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and the Friends of Reinstein Woods will cover how to identify some of western New York's common and priority invasive plant species and how to report your observations. **Registration is required by Thursday, June 5, 2025.** [Learn more and register here.](#)

League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara Community Partnership- 12:30pm zoom meeting on Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for 2025 and Beyond. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87860196863>

Tuesday, June 10

Exploring Career Opportunities in Ecology-2pm. This series welcomes ecologists from a variety of career pathways to share their experiences and answer questions where to start and how to succeed. [Register.](#)

Open Bike Shop-5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin. This is an opportunity to use our bike stands, tools, spare parts, and guidance from our team to work on your own bike. Open Shop is FREE to all GOBike members, and \$10 for everyone else. Open shop is ongoing throughout the entire year.

The Most Delicious Solution-6:30pm. What if one of the most effective climate solutions was also one of the most delicious? Let's dig into the latest science about how our food system impacts the environment and taste the delicious possibilities. Coffee and dessert provided. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Toddler Time: My First Garden-10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Join Senior Naturalist Breton for a Dragonfly-themed story, craft, and snack! Ages 2-5. Each Ticket includes a child and guardian. [Register.](#)

C-SAAHN IMAGINE 2nd Tuesday Focus: Architecture & Design-12:30pm – 1:00pm Speakers: John Montigue, PhD. Co-Founder Buffalo Maritime Center and Anne Conable, President, BMC. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84525205704>

Wednesday, June 11

NYISAW Webinar-1-2pm. Learn about the North American Invasive Species Management Association's Certified Weed Free Products Program! As part of the New York Invasive Species Awareness Week (NYISAW) Webinar Series, WNY PRISM is hosting Christie Trifone Millhouse and Jodi Hougan of the North American Invasive Species Management Association. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Citizens' Climate Lobby – 6 to 7pm at Central Library (Downtown) Buffalo 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, Collections Gallery Conference Room . You can also join on Zoom; email buffalo@citizensclimatelobby.org for the zoom link. Learn how to make a difference on climate change, head to www.citizensclimatelobby.org or [Facebook](#). Are you worried about pollution and climate change? Do you want to communicate powerfully on issues that are important to you? Are you solution oriented? Come meet others.

Erie County Draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Public Meeting- 6:00 – 7:30pm at Aurora Town Hall (575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, 14052). You are invited to review and comment on the draft [Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan](#). Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we continue work on the updated Plan.

Fossils of Western New York-1pm. Orchard Park Senior Center, 716-662-6452 to register. Uncover the past and explore the ancient history of Western New York with Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve, ranked the #1 fossil park in the US in a 2011 independent study. Learn what animals lived in this region 380 million years ago, how the Earth has changed since, and what those fossils look like today. Instructor: Penn Dixie Educator - Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve. For Seniors 50+.

Buffalo Ornithological Society picnic meeting-Tifft Nature Preserve at 6 PM. Weather permitting, bring your meal, a folding chair if you like, and meet at the picnic tables outside the Visitor Center. The gates will be open to drive back to the staff parking area outside the building. Also, the restrooms will be open 6:00 to 6:30. After our meals, we will hike the preserve until sunset.

SciNight: Physics of Color- 6:30 to 7:30pm. What is color, really? What role does physics play in how we see the world? Investigate how light behaves in nature and get hands-on with color-mixing experiments. This workshop dives deep into the rainbow and will leave you seeing color in a brand-new way. Ages 18+. [Tickets:](#) \$30 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members save 10%.

NY FarmNet Free Webinar: Agricultural Co-Ops for Small Farmers-1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Agricultural Cooperatives are member-owned organizations that can provide big benefits for those involved. In this webinar, attendees will gain a high-level overview of the farmer co-op business model including the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a co-op strategy. This webinar is for all producers, regardless of size or enterprise, who are thinking about starting a coop and to gain an understanding of what's involved. Attendees will also learn details related to starting a co-op, managing the organization, how the financial structure of a co-op works, and the benefits & potential challenges related to the co-op business model. [Register](#)

Offshore Wind- 1:00 p.m. ET for an offshore wind webinar as part of NYSERDA's *Learning from the Experts* series. In this webinar, Tyler Boje and Jonathan Lints with Clarksons will discuss the inventory of vessels available to serve the U.S. offshore wind market, the impacts of constraints and bottlenecks, and opportunities for future investments. [Register.](#)

Eternal Flame Trail Hike: Chestnut Ridge Park -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 ~ Chestnut Ridge Park ~](#)

WNY Stormwater Coalition Meeting- 2 to 3:30pm, in person and remote. Please contact Mary MacSwan at mary.macswan@erie.gov for meeting details and updates.

Thursday, June 12

Green Drinks -Meet new friends and network at 5:30pm at Bottle Rocket Beer Reserve (2182 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY 14210). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

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

Orchard Park Garden Club: Growing Roses in WNY-11:30AM. American Legion Hall 5784 Ellis Rd., Orchard Park, New York. Members of the WNY Rose Society will share their experiences (high and low) of growing roses in WNY.

Terrestrial Management Workshop: Invasive Trees & Shrubs- 10am-12pm; Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Learn how to manage some common invasive tree and shrub species that may be present on your property! Our workshop will cover Best Management Practices, including manual, mechanical and chemical methods with a focus on specific treatment techniques, management planning and prioritization, and native alternatives to plant after invasive species removal. There will also be an opportunity to see equipment used for management during the outdoor portion. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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

Erie Canal Boat Summer Series: Exploring History, Shipwrecks, and the Voyages of the Lois McClure- 6:00 – 8:00pm at 90 Arthur St., Buffalo 14207. From 2000 to 2018, maritime historian Art Cohn served as Director of the Lois McClure Project, overseeing the travels of this replica canal schooner on a journey spanning over 10,000 miles and welcoming more than 300,000 visitors across 300 communities in the U.S. and Canada. Art will share stories from these voyages and explore how replica boats like the Lois McClure can uniquely connect people to maritime history. All-ages event is non-ticketed and free to the public. Schedule is subject to change due to weather and other conditions. Please visit BuffaloMaritimeCenter.org for the most up-to-date information.

The Fascinating World of Bees: From Novel Monitoring Tools to Landscape-Level Stressors-1 to 2pm. In this webinar, Dr. Laura Figueroa will present on the importance of pollinators worldwide, factors that influence pollinator communities, and novel monitoring tools (including non-lethal AI based approaches), for monitoring pollinators in changing landscapes. She will present work on bee communities in solar facilities and other human modified environments. [Register.](#)

Explore the Forest-10am to noon. Pfeiffer Nature Center, 1974 Lillibridge Rd., Portville NY. Led by a NYS DEC forester who will discuss balancing tree harvesting with wildlife needs.

Tenth Strawberry Social- 5 to 7:30pm. Let's celebrate TEN YEARS of celebrating: warm days, eating juicy, red earth berries, plants & seeds for sale, being together, and THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!! More details as it gets closer; but, there are many moving parts to a successful social so if you'd like to help, please connect! EATS: blender bike smoothies + shortcake and treats, GAMES: parachute + hoops ENTERTAINMENT: live music, poetry, bubbles, face painting. Pelion Outdoor Classroom at City Honors School 210 Best St, Buffalo, NY 14209.

Friday, June 13

Fundraiser for WNY Raptor and Wildlife Care- 6:30 to 9:30pm at The Cove Seafood & Banquets (4701 Transit Rd., Depew) for food, drinks, music and to support a great cause. Your ticket of \$50 at the door or online provides pizza, unlimited draft beer and house wine, music and raffles. [Info and tickets.](#)

Lake Erie Waterfront: Erosion, Flooding-1 to 4pm at Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire Station 1 12798 Allegany Rd., Irving. Workshop will be held to help waterfront property owners, municipal leaders, and natural resource managers better understand the climate and weather patterns that influence seiche events, erosion, and flooding along New York's Lake Erie shoreline. [Register here.](#)

Friday Morning Birding: Beaver Meadow- 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Meet outside Nature Center. Join us for weekly birding with Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr. Each week will highlight the seasonal birds at Beaver Meadow. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. [Register.](#)

Erie County Draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Virtual Public Meeting- 12 to 1pm. You are invited to review and comment on the draft [Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan](#). Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we continue work on the updated Plan. [Registration](#) is Required.

Sensory Night: Colorful Fun- 5 to 8pm. Limited exhibit sounds will provide a comfortable and fun evening of learning and exploration! Plus, all guests may enjoy hands-on sensory activities featuring light exploration, colorful arts and crafts, plus information and activity tables with our community partners EPIC for Children, Goldfish Swim School, UB School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Spectrum Health & Human Services. A limited number of sensory backpacks including sound dampening headphones, visual communication cards, and fidgets will be available upon request, along with dedicated quiet areas on the 1st and 4th floors and balcony. Space is limited to the first 200 tickets reserved; pre-registration strongly encouraged. All ages, [Tickets:](#) \$15 per person, free for Buffalo Museum of Science Members.

Buffalo Astronomical Association- 7 to 10pm. Virtual meeting. [Info.](#)

Saturday, June 14

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

WNY Rose Society Rose Show -10 am – 4 pm at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave., Buffalo. There will be roses on display, activities for kids, a fun new photo op booth, a display of fragrant roses for folks to smell, a People's Choice Award, and the chance to win a free rose.

Birding at River Lea-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Join an educator as we take a casual birding stroll along the Niagara River at River Lea. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Fire Making 101-11:00 AM - 12:30 PM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Learn the basics of how to make a fire with a park naturalist in this hands-on program. Participants will get a chance to use a ferrocerium rod, our modern-day flint and steel, to make their own fire. For ages 8 and up. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Hike Through History-2:00 PM - 03:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park in this guided walk. Registration available on [Eventbrite.com](#) but not required.

DEC Free Family Fishing Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Tiff Nature Preserve. All Ages FREE Join the N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) biologists, Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and volunteers for a family day of fishing education and fishing at Tiff's Lake Kirsty West and South shorelines. Fishing poles are available to borrow and bait is provided. No fishing license is required by participants of any age. Advance registration required through DEC (716) 533-4070.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day-10am to 2pm. Explore a new outdoor skill like birding or archery. Enjoy guided walks, face painting, nature play, and more! Food trucks will be on-site for lunch. For more information, visit <https://reinsteinwoods.org> or call 716-683-5959. No registration required for this free event.

Ransomville GC plant sale-9am at Ransomville Free Library 3733 Ransomville Road, Ransomville. They will have trailer loads of plants selling for \$50 at the end of the sale. This event is part of the Community Faire, a fun day for all ages.

Hydrangeas! Long Blooming Rockstars in the Landscape-11am at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. In this class, Jeff Fabian at Lockwood's will go over the different types of hydrangeas that grow in WNY. Each type has different needs, and tolerates different conditions. There are many new cultivars, as well as the tried and true varieties of Hydrangea. Learning the basics for each type will help you with those plants that you already have in your landscape, or help you decide on your next selection. Find the perfect hydrangea variety that will thrive in your garden. \$10. [Register.](#)

Birding by Ear-8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Many of the birds we saw during migration are nesting in our area, but are much harder to spot with the dense leaves of summer. Join Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr and learn how to identify these birds by their calls and songs, relying more on our ears than our eyes. Buffalo Audubon Members - \$10.00, General Admission - \$15.00. [Register Here](#)

Challenge Hike Training with BWELL -8:00 AM-1:00 PM at Sprague Brook. Join us for our next installment of the Challenge Hike Series! Please make sure to bring water and a snack, as we will be hiking 12 miles at Sprague Brook! Additionally, no dogs as we will be entering the preserve. [Registration required, sign up here](#)

First Annual Bluebird Festival-11 am to 3 pm, The Peterson Preserve at Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown. To celebrate the continuing recovery of New York's state bird - the Eastern Bluebird - please join us for our first annual Bluebird Festival with free, fun, family-friendly activities. [CLICK HERE](#) to Register.

Bird Field Trip: Darien State Park-Meeting time is 8:00am in the gravel lot off Alleghany Road (Route 77) across from 10271 Alleghany Road. Leader is Matthew Nusstein - (716) 446-3376, matthew.nusstein@parks.ny.gov. Matt will be leading our group in search of grassland breeding birds at Darien Lake SP in Genesee County. In the fields at this location, we will be looking for Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow and Savannah Sparrow. Eastern Bluebird and Purple Martins also nest within this park. This trip will last approximately 3 hours.

Buffalo Astronomical Association: Calvin Krueger Park in Wilson-7:30 to midnight. View the stars and sky. 350 Ontario St., #18, Wilson NY. Info-contact Steve Smith at 716-870-3115.

Guided Tree ID Hike-1:30pm. Join Refuge volunteer Dave Shepherd for a walk in the woods along Kanyoo Trail. We'll learn how to identify various evergreen and deciduous tree species that make up the forest, and to understand some basic forest ecology. This program is free and open to all! Kanyoo Trail Lot off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Registration Information: Send an email to logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662. What to Bring: This program is held entirely outdoors. Dress for a leisurely hike - good walking shoes and comfortable clothing. Cancellation notices will appear on Facebook and notices will be given to those who register their contact info.

NFTA Parks Adventure Bus!-8:30am - 6:00pm, Location: [Como Lake](#) - Shelter 23 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. [Schedule and information](#)

Wild Photo Day Event-10:00am – 12:30pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, 14170. What better way to capture the beauty of wildlife than through the lens? Bring your camera as you get an opportunity to photograph common, rare, and endangered wildlife up-close, in-action, and in natural settings! Pre-register at <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product/wild-photo-day/>

Animal Play Day Event- 1 to 4pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, 14170. Come see our animals as you never have before! This event features behind-the-scenes and close encounters with our live raptors, corvids, wild cats, reptiles and exotic birds. Bird show and a variety of training & enrichment activities! Tickets available at <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product-category/ticket/events/>

Sunday, June 15

Leave No Trash Trek – Father's Day Edition-9:30 AM - 11:00 AM at [Woodlawn Beach State Park](#). This sandy adventure combines strolling along the shore with a Park Naturalist while scooping up trash to keep the beach looking fabulous. Volunteers must be 18+ to participate or need a parent's/guardian's supervision. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Fish with Dad Day-2 to 3:30pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Children up to age 15 years are invited to borrow our fishing gear and join in a guided fishing experience to celebrate Father's Day off our front fishing pier. Fishing gear and bait provided. [Price](#): \$10 per child with an adult; BMS members save 10%. Ages 5-15 with an adult.

Monday, June 16

STEM Monday-6:30 to 7:15pm. Join us for STEM classes every Monday until June 30. Ages 4-12. The Newstead Library (33 Main St., Akron) has partnered with the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum and the Garman Family Foundation to provide weekly STEM classes here at the library!!! These classes will be led by an instructor from the Museum. All activities will be hands on with all materials provided. To reserve, call 716-542-2327.

Purple Martins: Up Close with Nature's Aerial Acrobats- 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Beaver Island State Park – Marina Parking Lot. Join NYSDEC representatives to learn about the life of Purple Martins. In eastern North America, Purple Martins are urbanites, living almost exclusively near cities and towns in man-made nesting boxes. Participants will explore the nearby habitat at Beaver Island and get an up-close look inside the nesting gourds. The purple martin nesting project is part of the Niagara River Area of Concern efforts to address declining wildlife populations. It was funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is managed by NYSDEC. [Registration](#) for this program is required.

Tuesday, June 17

Dare to Repair Cafe- 5:00PM-7:00PM @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church (4007 Main St. Amherst, NY 14226). [Register](#). The Dare to Repair Cafe is a community event where individuals can bring broken items (lamps, small electronics, vacuums, toys, etc.) to the repair cafe and have volunteer "fixers" try to repair the item alongside them for free!

Let There be Light Solar Celebration- 5:30 to 8pm at Silo City, 85 Silo City Row. Info and tickets at <https://www.lettherebelightinternational.org/solar-celebration-2025/>. Together we'll be gathering to celebrate Climate Action and the power of solar to change lives at the 2025 Solar Celebration!

Open Bike Shop-5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin. This is an opportunity to use our bike stands, tools, spare parts, and guidance from our team to work on your own bike. Open Shop is FREE to all GObike members, and \$10 for everyone else. Open shop is ongoing throughout the entire year.

Community Conversation!-5:30 to 8pm at 825 Depot Ave. West, Niagara Falls. Join us for a tour through the [Underground Railroad Heritage Center in Niagara Falls](#), where we will learn about the importance of this region and the incredible network of individuals who risked their lives for the abolitionist movement. The Heritage Center shares inspiring stories of people who contribute to large-scale change in their day-to-day lives. After the tour, we will discuss how these lessons can contribute to our understanding of the present day and how we can take action in our lives to make a difference in our communities. [Please register for this event](#)

Plants for Birds Community of Practice meeting- 3 p.m. ET In this session, the Audubon Mural Project team will present on how Plants For Birds helps them spread the word about climate-threatened birds. We hope you can join us! [Register for the virtual event here](#)

Wednesday, June 18

Slow Stroll-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Take a leisurely guided stroll with a focus on wellness. Adults only. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

GBNRTC Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting-9:30am *meeting will be broadcast live for public viewing on GBNRTC's Facebook Page <facebook.com/GBNRTC>*. Discussion of transportation events, planning initiatives, and projects with [GBNRTC Member Agencies](#). PCC meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of every month (see our [event calendar](#) for specific times and locations).

Native Pollinator Gardening-6:30pm. Come learn about the native pollinators in our backyards and how we can effectively plant a garden to support their populations! We'll learn about what plants provide the best habitat for different types of insects, and then take a walk to see if we can spot any here. For ages 13 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Wines in the Wild- 5 to 9pm. Buffalo Zoo fundraiser for 21+. [Info and tickets](#).

The Lake Erie Ice Boom-1:00 PM Town of Aurora Senior Center, 716-652-7934 to register. What is the ice boom supposed to do? Does it slow the arrival of Spring in Western New York? Is it unique to this area, and does it possibly harm some other parts of the environment? All this will be discussed in The Lake Erie Ice Boom presentation. Instructor: Harry Meyer - Explore Buffalo

Behind-the-Scenes Collections Tour: Cabinet of Curiosities- 6 to 7:30pm. Take a peek into the Vertebrate Zoology Collection's spine-tingling Cabinet of Curiosities to explore the mind bending stories of some of nature's unique freaks, morbid mistakes, and seemingly scientific impossibilities! Marvel at obscure oddities, glimpse the wildly unusual, and satisfy your macabre interests. Feeling enticed yet? We invite (dare) you to join us for a hair-raising tour to get an eyeful of all this, and more. You truly never know what you might encounter in the Cabinet! Ages 18+. [Tickets](#): \$30 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members save 10%.

SciNight: Forest Bathing & Mindfulness-7 to 9pm. Tiff Nature Preserve. Breathe in, breathe out... Enjoy a quiet evening unplugged during our mini meditative retreat filled with forest bathing-inspired activities on the trails. Ages 18+, advance registration required. [Tickets](#): \$30 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members save 10%.

Senior Hiking Club : Seneca Bluffs to Higgins Park-9:30 - 11:30am at Seneca Bluffs Habitat Park parking lot. Join us as we partner with Erie County Senior Services for their Senior Hiking Club. The Hiking Club is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to stay active and enjoy the beauty of nature in the company of like-minded individuals. *1 mile and about 50ft elevation gain, *No restrooms available. *This is a special hike which includes tours of two City parks, as well as a "trek" from one to the other. [Register for Senior Hiking Club ~Urban Trek! Seneca Bluffs to Higgins Park ~](#)

Planning for Safety: How Land Use Decisions Shape Flood Risk- 1pm-2pm ET

Register here: https://aaas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TnJnrHi_Q-Ce0cxYh72GEA#/registration

Thursday, June 19

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

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

Friday, June 20

Summer Solstice Tails on Trails-5:30 PM - 07:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Bring your furry friend on this casual walk to enjoy the longest day of the year! It is not necessary to have a dog to participate, however, all dogs must be up to date on immunizations, leashed, and under control. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Friday Morning Birding: Rose Acres Nature Preserve-8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Meet at Torrey Hill Rd and Java Lake Rd. Join us for our weekly Birding Tour! This week we will be meeting at Rose Acres Nature Preserve, located at the intersection of Torrey Hill Rd and Java Lake Rd. . Binoculars are available. Meet at Trailhead sign. Click [here](#) for directions. Free for Buffalo Audubon Members , \$10.00 General Admission. [Register Here](#)

Purple Martins: Up Close with Nature's Aerial Acrobats- 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Beaver Island State Park – Marina Parking Lot. Join NYSDEC representatives to learn about the life of Purple Martins. In eastern North America, Purple Martins are urbanites, living almost exclusively near cities and towns in man-made nesting boxes. Participants will explore the nearby habitat at Beaver Island and get an up-close look inside the nesting gourds. [Registration](#) for this program is required.

Saturday, June 21

Birding at Wilson Tuscarora State Park- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Join an educator as we take a casual birding stroll along Lake Ontario at Wilson Tuscarora State Park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Flower Gardening -10:00 am – Noon. Discover the art and science of creating a vibrant, thriving flower garden that reflects your unique aesthetic and nurtures local ecosystems. In this class you will learn essential techniques for selecting, placing, planting, and maintaining a diverse array of flowering plants whose beautiful blooms will delight the senses through the seasons. All classes will be held the third Saturday of the month at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Education Center, Harrington Classroom, 12690 State Rte. 31, Albion, NY 14411. Suggested donation is \$5. To reserve your seat call 585-798-4265 or email klo54@cornell.edu. <https://orleans.cce.cornell.edu/events/2024/11/20/seeds-to-splendor-class-series>

Hike With Mike: Do Flowers Talk to Bees & Mushrooms to Trees?-10 to 12:30pm. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Rd, Basom, NY, 14013 [Map](#). Public Welcome Family-Friendly Free Event. Michael Klepp, long time nature educator, plant and insect enthusiast, will be our guide for a hike in the beautiful Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Learn how nature communicates and what you can learn from 'Ma & her kids' conversations. Our goal is to better understand the critical relationships between plants, animals and the rest of the ecosystem. Make your experiences in the natural world even more rewarding! Plan to meet a few minutes early at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, [1101 Casey Road Basom, N.Y. 14013-9730](#). Free parking is provided. [Register](#).

Clean Up Houghton- 10am to noon. 1675 Clinton Street, Buffalo, NY 14206. [Register](#). Help us spruce up Houghton Conservation Area.

To the Rapids and Back-10:30 AM - 12:00 PM at [Devil's Hole State Park](#). Join an educator for a hike to the north end of Trail 6 at the very bottom of the Niagara Gorge. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Jewels of the Sky-1:00 PM - 02:30 PM at [Evangola State Park](#). On this guided walk we will search for ebony jewelwings and tiger swallowtails as well as other dragonflies and butterflies that may be in flight. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Hike Through History-2:00 PM - 03:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park in this guided walk. Registration available on [Eventbrite.com](#) but not required.

Lewiston Garden Fest-10am to 5pm. Donation Garden tour is free and self-guided. Special features: GardenFest 2025 will feature representatives from area nurseries, landscapers. Over 70 garden vendors, and outdoor suppliers. Speakers will share gardening knowledge and soil samples can be analyzed. See the creative entries in the container garden contest and have children make and take a craft item. Both private and public gardens will be open for viewing. Everything garden all in one place and PorchFest too! <http://www.lewistongardenfest.com/>

Orchid Repotting at the Gardens-12 to 2pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, New York, United States. Take your orchid to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and have the experts help repot your plant and give you lots of great advice on how to care for your orchid. There will be growing medium and varied sized pots for sale. Prices will vary depending on your needs and will range from \$5-\$25. (Prices may include a new pot, growing medium and orchid repotting by an expert). All proceeds benefit the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society. The Orchid Repotting Event will take place in the Community Room of the Administration Building on the Botanical Gardens' campus. There is no admission fee, just what you spend on repotting, pots and growing medium. If you just want to stop by to get some advice, we are happy to talk orchids for days! <https://www.buffalogardens.com/events/orchid-repotting/>

Genesee County Parks & Forest Invasive Species Workday-10 AM – Noon; Genesee County Park & Forest. Help protect the beautiful Genesee County Park & Forest by removing slender false brome, an invasive grass that threatens the health and diversity of our local ecosystems. Training, supplies, and materials will be provided. Presented in partnership with WNY PRISM and the Genesee County ACORNS. Pre-registration appreciated but not required. This program is free! To register, go to <https://www.geneseeny.gov/Events/Volunteer-Workday> or call 585-344-1122. Meet at Pavilion A.

Summer Wildflowers-10am. Search for seasonal wildflowers and learn about their uses and folklore. For adults and children ages 10 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Woods Walk: Leaves, Nuts, and Seeds-11am. Join a guided nature walk looking for plants with leaves, nuts, or seeds—or all three! Talk will include identifying which plants are edible. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Spring Birding Challenge Wrap-up- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Head to Beaver Meadow on the last day of the Spring Birding Challenge to try and finish any challenges you are stuck on! Make sure you have all your challenges finished by today! Not signed up for this year's challenge? Tag along and learn about this fun yearly event that's great for new and experienced birders! Buffalo Audubon Members - \$10.00 General Admission - \$15.00, [Register Here](#)

Ecological Renovation Tour-10am to noon. Tiff Nature Preserve provides guests with an immersion in nature. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of how this is made possible through unique and innovative ecological renovation projects. We will explore projects along the trails, such as diverse native plantings, invasive species removal, and the preservation of our woodland and wetland habitats. [Tickets](#): \$10 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members save 10%, Ages 18+. *Space is limited. Advance Registration required.*

Stargazing at Penn Dixie- 9pm. Join us at Penn Dixie for an out-of-this-world experience! Our astronomers, along with our friends from the Buffalo Astronomical Association – will map the night sky — including stars, planets, constellations, and deep space objects — for you using a variety of telescopes and specialized equipment. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, warm clothing, blankets, a flashlight, and food/beverages. We'll have plenty of telescopes, but you can bring yours along, too, if you'd like some expert advice. All ages welcome. Registration is not required. Please plan to arrive a few minutes before the scheduled start time so that you have time to use the restroom and set up your lawn chairs / blankets. If you arrive after the start time, we ask that you dim your headlights when pulling into the parking lot. [Penn Dixie](#), Blasdell.

Fossil Hunting 101- 10am to noon at Penn Dixie in Blasdell. Learn the tricks of the trade while touring the site with one of our trained educators! During this two hour tour, we'll teach you how to find, dig, and preserve all the fossil treasures you find. Bring your own tools or rent from our limited supply. No experience required. Recommended for fossil hunters ages 7 & up. This program will run rain or shine, dress for the weather. Fossil Hunting for Beginners is an additional \$3 per visitor and FREE for Penn Dixie members. [Register](#).

Botany Field Trip: Handy Road Park in Elma-9am. Small undeveloped park along the flood plain of Buffalo Creek as a place to find lupines and green dragons. Directions: east on Clinton Street 1.8 miles past Transit, south on Handy Road 0.6 miles to end, park behind arrow sign. Leader: Joanne Schlegel, 716-835-6042.

NFTA Parks Adventure Bus to Chestnut Ridge Park (including Eternal Flame)-8:30am - 6:00pm. Location: [Chestnut Ridge](#) - Use Casino for restrooms, seating, shade and concessions. 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. This summer, the Adventure Bus will also include stops to the Eternal Flame parking lot/trailhead! A port-a-john will be available. A guided hike to the Eternal Flame with a Park Ranger will take place at 10:50am and 12:05pm.

Wild Wines of the World Event-1:00 – 4:30pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls 14170. Spend an afternoon traveling the wild world of wines at Hawk Creek's brand new event! Savor samples while learning all about the wine and Hawk Creek animal ambassadors from that region. Tickets available at <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product-category/ticket/events/>

Sunday, June 22

Lewiston Garden Fest-10am to 5pm. Donation Garden tour is free and self-guided. Special features: GardenFest 2025 will feature representatives from area nurseries, landscapers. Over 70 garden vendors, and outdoor suppliers. Speakers will share gardening knowledge and soil samples can be analyzed. See the creative entries in the container garden contest and have children make and take a craft item. Both private and public gardens will be open for viewing. Everything garden all in one place and PorchFest too! <http://www.lewistongardenfest.com/>

Bio-Blitz: Blackrock Heritage Garden-11am to 1pm at 269 Dearborn Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. Download the iNaturalist app on your smartphone and come help us make observations! [Register](#) for your free ticket.

Monday, June 23

STEM Monday-6:30 to 7:15pm. Join us for STEM classes every Monday until June 30. Ages 4-12. The Newstead Library (33 Main St., Akron) has partnered with the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum and the Garman Family Foundation to provide weekly STEM classes here at the library!!! These classes will be led by an instructor from the Museum. All activities will be hands on with all materials provided. To reserve, call 716-542-2327.

Tuesday, June 24

Pride Walk at the Falls-6:00 PM - 07:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join an educator on a walk over to Luna Island on the 14th anniversary of the Marriage Equality Act being passed in New York State! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Troubled Waters: How Microplastics are Impacting our Oceans and our Health-1 to 2:30pm EST webinar. We'll cover how microplastics have littered marine ecosystems and are impacting the health of wildlife, with potential human health consequences as well. We'll also cover what we can do—individually and collectively—to address this insidious environmental challenge. [Register](#).

Open Bike Shop-5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin. This is an opportunity to use our bike stands, tools, spare parts, and guidance from our team to work on your own bike. Open Shop is FREE to all GObike members, and \$10 for everyone else. Open shop is ongoing throughout the entire year.

WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Annual Meeting-5 to 8pm at Delaware North Global Headquarters. [Registration](#)

Toddler Time: My First Garden-10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Join Senior Naturalist Breton for a Summer-themed story, craft, and snack! Ages 2-5. Each Ticket includes a child and guardian. [Register Here](#)

Fossils of Western New York-1:30pm. Eden Library, 716-992-4028 to register. Uncover the past and explore the ancient history of Western New York with Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve, ranked the #1 fossil park in the US in a 2011 independent study. Learn what animals lived in this region 380 million years ago, how the Earth has changed since, and what those fossils look like today. Instructor: Penn Dixie Educator - Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve. For Seniors 50+.

Environmental Justice Meeting- 6pm for Niagara Falls residents at the Main Library at 1425 Main Street in Niagara Falls to scope the environmental justice concerns. Sponsored by Clean Air Coalition of WNY.

Wednesday, June 25

Canalside Evening Walking Tour-6:30 to 8pm. Explore Buffalo's 90-minute walking tour of Canalside explores the area of the Erie Canal's original 1825 western terminus, which is known today as Canalside. Led by a knowledgeable volunteer docent, this tour is an excellent introduction to two centuries of Buffalo waterfront history centered on the Erie Canal. Registration required. Get your free tickets here: <https://explorebuffalo.org/waterfront/canalside/>

Family Fishing Program: Sprague Brook Park -6:00 - 7:30pm at [Sprague Brook - Meeting Location: Sprague Brook Park Memorial Pond](#). Come Join a Park Ranger and learn how to fish! This fishing program that 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 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. **Parents / Guardians do not need to register. Spots are limited.** [Register for Family Fishing Program ~ Sprague Brook Park ~](#)

West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Location: Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, On-line webinar: [Registration](#)

Thursday, June 26

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

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

Seed Lenders' Lecture Series-6 to 7pm at Orchard Park Library S-4570 South Buffalo St, Orchard Park. CCE Erie Master Gardener Volunteers is offering a series of lectures featuring an array of topics to take you into ideas and solutions for gardening through the summer and into the fall. Tick Talk - Ticks and tick-borne diseases have become a significant public health issue in New York. Learn more about how to protect yourself this summer. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information, please call the Orchard Park Library at (716) 662-9851.

Monarchs: Explore the Impact of an Iconic Butterfly- 6 to 7pm at the Buffalo Botanical Gardens. Join us for a special speaker event lead by Dave O'Donnell, founder of The Eastern Monarch Butterfly and Native Plant Farm (EMBF). In this lecture Dave will discuss the unique lifespan of a monarch butterfly and ways that we can support this beloved species. Dave will share insight on how to safeguard these pollinators and promote sustainable practices to ensure a healthier, more resilient future. [Tickets.](#)

Erie Canal Boat Summer Series:| The Erie Canal's Indigenous Impact-6:00 – 8:00pm at 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14203. As communities celebrate the Erie Canal's Bicentennial, this panel will explore its lesser-known legacy - the profound impact on Indigenous peoples and the environment. While the canal represents innovation and economic growth, its construction and expansion came at a significant cost. The discussion will focus on the urgent need to amplify the suppressed stories of those displaced by the canal's creation.

Friday, June 27

Friday Morning Birding: Beaver Meadow-8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Meet outside Nature Center. Join us for weekly birding with Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr. Each week will highlight the seasonal birds at Beaver Meadow. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. [Register Here](#)

Saturday, June 28

Watercolor at DeVeaux- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [DeVeaux Woods State Park](#). Enjoy a guided walk through DeVeaux Woods in seek of inspiration for a watercolor painting. All materials provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Soap Making-1:00 PM - 02:00 PM at [Evangola State Park](#). Unleash your inner artisan at the Evangola Nature Center! Make your own soap using a glycerin soap base and fun molds. For ages 8 and up with parent/guardian supervision. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Hike Through History-2:00 PM - 03:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation's oldest state park in this guided walk. Registration available on [Eventbrite.com](#) but not required.

Family Fishing 2025- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM @ Freedom Park (foot of Ferry). Buffalo United Front is preparing to host their 18th Family Fishing Day, which is the largest in New York State. This free event is designed to bring together families from across the Greater Buffalo Niagara Region, for a fun-filled day of fishing, picnicking and games. In previous years they have had hundreds of people and volunteers come to the event. As a proponent of unity and peace, The Buffalo United Front is devoted to their mission of uplifting core values and promoting healthy family development. [More information and link to donate to this event here](#)

Springville-Concord Garden Walk-10am to 4pm at Concord Town Hall (for guide booklet)86 Franklin St., Springville, New York. Community participants enjoy this chance to display and share their beautiful garden spaces and designs including a food forest with pawpaw trees, a roof garden, children's garden, unique vegetable gardens, and heirloom gardens, to name a few.

Firefly Walk-8:30pm. 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.

Kiss A Cow Day Weekend Festival-10am to 3pm, FREE Admission. Pucker up your lips! It's time to get ready to Kiss A Cow at Asha's Farm Sanctuary! Enjoy fun visits with rescued cows, sheep, delicious food from Asha's own kitchen, vendors and exhibitors, live music, kids' activities and more! ASHA Sanctuary, 2969 Coomer Road, Newfane, New York 14108.

Teach Me to Fish 2025- Chestnut Ridge Park Lake (Commissioner's Cabin) from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Our popular TEACH ME TO FISH events are now open for registration to participants of all ages! [register](#) for the June 28, 2025 event at Chestnut Ridge Park. Poles, tackle and bait provided to use for free.

Sunday, June 29

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South Buffalo Garden Walk-10am to 4pm. Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo for maps. View various gardens in the South Buffalo area and visit the GBN Art Sale at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. For more, visit southbuffalogardenwalk.odoo.com.

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Botany Field Trip to Houghton Bog & Furman Fen-8:30am. Joint field trip with Niagara Frontier Botanical Society and Nature Sanctuary Society. Meet at Sprague Brook Park parking lot off Foote Road. Bring water shoes or boots and lunch or dish to share at picnic to follow. Guide: Wayne Gall. Contact Ed Fuchs for more information: 716-598-1307.

Monday, June 30

STEM Monday-6:30 to 7:15pm. Join us for STEM classes every Monday until June 30. Ages 4-12. The Newstead Library (33 Main St., Akron) has partnered with the Herschell Carousel Factory Museum and the Garman Family Foundation to provide weekly STEM classes here at the library!!! These classes will be led by an instructor from the Museum. All activities will be hands on with all materials provided. To reserve, call 716-542-2327.

Delaware Park Hoyt Lake Walking Tour-6 to 7:30pm. The tour meets at the statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of the Rose Garden in Delaware Park, across Lincoln Parkway from the Buffalo AKG Art Museum. Use 199 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo NY 14222 for GPS & Google Maps. Abundant free street parking on Lincoln Parkway is available: please plan on 10 minutes to find a spot and walk to the Abraham Lincoln statue. This tour is approximately ninety minutes and 1.8 miles in length. This tour includes some hills and stairs, and goes off the park paths onto the grass at some points. [Register](#).

Tuesday, July 1

Open Bike Shop-5 to 8pm at 98 Colvin. This is an opportunity to use our bike stands, tools, spare parts, and guidance from our team to work on your own bike. Open Shop is FREE to all GObike members, and \$10 for everyone else. Open shop is ongoing throughout the entire year.

Wednesday, July 2

Not Just a Pretty Face (Medicinal Native Plants)-1pm. Clarence Senior Center, 716-633-5138 to register. Native plants, trees and bushes are critical to ecological resilience and biodiversity. Native plants have an additional value as they have been used medicinally by indigenous populations for centuries. This presentation will discuss medicinal natives and their many uses while also touching upon some important herbs that can be grown in container gardens or sunny borders. Many of these medicinal plants are important food sources for pollinators and critical to the environment. The information provided in this presentation is for educational purposes only and not intended to provide information to treat or diagnose any medical problem. Instructor: Dr. Kathleen Contrino, Owner - CW Native Plant Farm/CW Native Botanika. For Seniors 50+.

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.**

Public Comments Accepted until July 1; Draft Regulations for Reporting GHG Emission Sources

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced the release of draft regulations that would require reporting from certain significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions sources to help better inform the State's comprehensive efforts to reduce pollution, deliver cleaner air, improve community resilience, and create an equitable transition to a clean energy economy. The proposed Reporting Rule is solely for reporting purposes and would not require pollution reductions or the purchase of allowances. DEC is accepting public comments on the [Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting](#) Program proposal from April 2 until **July 1, 2025**. Virtual public hearing details on Wednesday, June 18 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Visit DEC's [rulemaking webpage for more information and to register](#).

In NY Senate & Assembly Committee:

[Native Plant Certification in NYS Grown & Certified](#)

[Deer Management](#)

[Prohibiting PFAS in Consumer Products](#)

[The GAP Fund](#)

[Modernizing NY's Bottle Bill](#)

[Healthy Homes Right to Know Act](#)

[Extended Producer Responsibility for Tires](#)

[Good Food NY Purchasing](#)

[Prohibiting Unnecessary Takeout Utensils and Materials](#)

[Previously Owned Zero-Emission Vehicles Rebate Program](#)

[Extended Producer Responsibility for Batteries](#) (A.4671, S. 73)

[Altering the definition of coal tar and its use in pavement products](#) (A. 1388, S. 3179)

[Redefining the Term “Zero Emissions”](#) (Senate S. 1549)

[Rain Ready NY](#) S.4071

[Gas Stove Labelling](#) (A.73, S.1280)

[Rapid Invasive Species Management](#) (S.4982)

[Streamlining State Land Acquisition](#) (A.6076, S.4403)

[Reducing Allowable Lead Levels in Spices](#) (A.4736, S.3585)

[The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act](#) (A.1749, S.1464)

[The Beauty Justice Act](#) (A.2054, S.2057)

[Extended Producer Responsibility for Mattresses](#)

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://eany.org/our-work/2024-bill-memos/> provides a list on NY environmental legislation with comments from Environmental Advocates of NY.

Tips for the Environment:

- **Plant Natives** - Native plant species are adapted to our region and require less labor and cost to maintain after establishment. For a list of many natives for our region, check out the [guide](#) prepared by Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper. Check out Native Plant Day on June 14 at [local nurseries](#).
- **Limit Yard Chemicals**- Unless you are charging greens fees for use of your yard as a golf course, repeated use of chemicals to kill all weeds is harmful to biodiversity and human health. Dandelions and other “weeds” provide resources that are not provided by a blanket of turf grass.

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

Buffalo 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

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

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

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

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

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

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

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

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)

[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)

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

[Dynamic World](#) Land cover dataset

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

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

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://recyclerightny.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org

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

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

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

Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)

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

County/New York State Resources

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

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

E-Magazine-<http://greenjobs.net/>
EPA-<https://www.epa.gov/careers>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com>
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>
Additional jobs- <https://www2.erie.gov/index.php?q=job-openings-community>
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>
EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/careers>
American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: <https://aaees.mcjobboard.net/jobs>
AGU Career Center: <https://findajob.agu.org/>
ESA Career Center: <https://www.esacareercenter.org/>
American Fisheries Society: <https://jobs.fisheries.org/>
NYSDEC Employment: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/jobs.html>
NY State Parks: <https://parks.ny.gov/employment/>
National Association for Interpretation: https://nai-us.org/interp/nai_membership/Career_Center/Career_Center.aspx
North American Association for Environmental Education: <https://jobs.naaee.org/>
Marine Biology Education Resources: <https://www.marinebio.org/careers/>

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

www.aquariumofniagara.org
www.buffaloudubon.org
www.buffalogardens.com
www.buffscience.org
www.tiff.org
www.buffalozoo.org
www.penndixie.org
www.yourspca.org

Grant Opportunities /Tools

[Database of Federal Grants to Support Food Waste Initiatives](#)
<https://trust.guidestar.org/grant-writing-101-resources-for-grant-writers>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/gan/>
www.grantstation.com
www.grantwatch.com
www.grantsalert.com
<https://grantsreform.ny.gov/>

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

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

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

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

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

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

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

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

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

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

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

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

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373
 Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot
 Batteries (high energy for mowers, power tools)-Lowe's, Bison Turf
 Batteries for e-bikes- Tom Pro Bikes
 Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>
 Books- www.booksforafrica.org, www.operationpaperback.org
 Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,
 Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org
 Cars- <http://www.donateacar.com/>
 Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities, Walmart, Lowes, Wegmans
 Cigarette Butts- <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/cigarette-waste-recycling>
 Clothing, general-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill, Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>
 Clothing, formal/business- www.donatemyweddingdress.org/, www.careergear.org, www.dressforsuccess.org
 Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
 Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>
 Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking drop-offs
 Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore
 Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices
 Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,
 Electronics- www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html, most electronics stores, www.sunnking.com
 City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.
 Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.
 Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
 Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.
 Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)
 Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities
 Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>
 Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>
 Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>
 Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>
 Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,
 Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers
 Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)
 Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource
 Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
 Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>
 Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
 Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 Pens- Dropoff at Staples stores
 Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)
 Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery, Lowes stores, Home Depot
 Plastic shopping bags, cereal liners, packing pillows-groceries, many retailers, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
 Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448
 Recycling A to Z - [realsimple](#)
 Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com
 Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com
 Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.
 Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
 Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation
 Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>
 Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>

Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling

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

Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/> , <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

<http://www.globalteer.org>

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

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

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

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

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

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

Coursera- www.coursera.org

[Green Education Foundation](http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/)

[Facing the Future](http://www.facingthefuture.org/)

[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](http://www.cloudinstitute.org/)

[Sustainable Futures Institute](http://www.sustainablefuturesinstitute.org/)

[Nature Generation.](http://www.naturegeneration.org/)

[The Center for Ecoliteracy](http://www.ecoliteracy.org/)

[Hamline's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\)](http://www.hamline.edu/center-for-global-environmental-education/)

[The National Science Teachers Association Learning Centers](http://www.nstta.org/)

[The US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](http://www.uspartnershipforeducation.org/)

[Basics of Organic Farming](http://www.basicsoforganicfarming.com/) is a self-directed online course for beginning orchard and vegetable-crop farmers

[Our Farms, Our Future](http://www.ourfarms.org/) podcast series

[Second Nature's Solution Center](http://www.secondnature.org/)

On Demand Webinars:

[Extended Producer Responsibility](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (other videos on same youtube channel).

[Plan-It GEO](http://www.plan-it-geo.org/)

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

EarthEcho [Youtube channel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) Water Challenge [playlist](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

STEMExplore Virtual Career Connections [Virtual Events](http://www.stemexplore.org/) page

Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:

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

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

Community Food Waste Guide- Access the free resource [here](http://www.changefood.org/).

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

USDA Tool Kit for Local Food [toolkit](http://www.usda.gov/food/toolkit/)

[Better Than Ed](http://www.betterthaned.com/)-Video series with Actor Ed Begley encouraging environmentally-friendly practices.

[EJSCREEN](http://www.ejscreen.org/) is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool.

[Local Foods, Local Places Toolkit](http://www.localfoods.org/) to help communities develop their own plans for setting and achieving local food and revitalization goals.

[Merlin Bird ID app](http://www.merlinbirdid.com/) Bird id by song

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](http://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/)

[www.epa.gov/climate-indicators.](http://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/)

[Guide to help schools reduce food waste](http://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/)

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](http://www.localmeat.org/)

[Click here to watch the Know Your Food videos.](http://www.knowyourfood.com/)

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](http://www.imatter.org/)

[Green Infrastructure in Parks: A Guide to Collaboration, Funding, and Community Engagement](http://www.greeninfrastructure.org/)

[EWG's Guide to Healthy Cleaning.](http://www.ewg.org/)

[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 Center	www.buffaloudubon.org
Buffalo Blueway	https://buffaloblueway.com/
Buffalo Central Terminal	https://buffalocentralterminal.org/
Buffalo Go Green	https://buffalogogreen.org/
Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition	https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/
Buffalo Niagara Gardening	https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Farm to School Program	https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/
Buffalo Geological Society	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	http://bnhv.org/
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	https://bnwaterkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	https://buffalo-orienteeing.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 Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/
Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	https://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.ccofwny.org/
Coalition of Positively Charged People	https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cooperation Buffalo	https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://cceniagaracounty.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/
Daemen University Center for Sustainability	www.daemen.edu/enviro-news
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Designing to Live Sustainably	https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/
Drave's Arboretum	https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
East Side Stewards	https://www.eastsidestewards.com/
Environmental Advocates NY	www.eany.org

Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency	https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2
Erie Canal Harbor Development	https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	https://www.ecfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswed.org/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.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
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers Network	www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/
Great Lakes Research Consortium	https://www.esf.edu/glrc/
Green Together WNY	https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/
Habitat for Humanity	https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	https://www.hawkcreek.org
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	https://www.heartforanimals.org/
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Hope Rising Together	https://ltlol.com/
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://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
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
Leadership Buffalo	https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/

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

Niagara County Farm Bureau	http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Fishing Expo	http://niagarafishingexpo.com/
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	Niagara Frontier Botanical Society
Niagara Outfitters	https://niagaraoutfitters.com/
Niagara River Anglers Association	www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens	https://ntbgo.weebly.com/
One Region Forward	https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/
Open Buffalo	http://www.openbuffalo.org/
Our Outer Harbor	http://www.ourouterharbor.org/
Partners for a Livable WNY	https://www.facebook.com/livablewny/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
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	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/

Primate Sanctuary	www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary
Providence Farm Collective	http://providencefarmcollective.org/
PUSH Blue	www.facebook.com/PUSHBlueWNY/
Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy	https://rwparkbuffalo.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Restore our Community Coalition	http://rocbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	https://re-treewny.org/
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Rise Up for Climate Justice	www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/
Riverline	https://www.riverline.org/
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Science Demands Action	www.sciencedemandsaction.org
Secret Places of WNY	https://www.insiders-outside.com/events
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://niagarasierraclub.com/
Slow Roll Buffalo	www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/
South Buffalo Alive	www.facebook.com/South-Buffalo-Alive-174141769403626/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/sustainability
Sustainability at Buffalo State	http://sustainability.buffalostate.edu/
Tiff Nature Preserve	http://www.tiff.org/tiff/
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/

21 st Century Park on the Outer Harbor	www.facebook.com/21stCenturyParkOnTheOuterHarbor/
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	http://nywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	http://www.tscwny.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.wnyea.org
Western New York Herpetological Society	https://www.facebook.com/wnyherpsociety
Western New York Land Conservancy	https://www.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	www.wnysoilhealth.com
WNY STEM	http://wnystem.org/
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/