

# Enviro-News

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### Spring Fest with Buffalo Audubon

Join us on **Saturday June 6** from 11am to 4pm for the return of this favorite nature festival! Your SpringFest admission comes with a jam-packed day of fun and activities, including music, guided hikes, kids' activities, art projects, basket raffle and lunch from Krolick's BBQ. Trillium Nature Center, North Java. [Tickets](#). [Info and schedule](#).

### Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Niagara County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on **June 6** from 9am to noon at the Town of Wheatfield town hall, 2800 Church Rd. [Registration](#)

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

### WNY PRISM Trail Survey Training

Do you enjoy hiking in western New York? Join WNY PRISM's Trail Survey Program, receive training on **June 6** from 9:30am to noon and help map invasive species while spending time outdoors. Your observations will contribute to regional data that supports invasive species management and the protection of native ecosystems. This training includes both classroom and field components. Additional details will be emailed the week of the training. [Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 3](#)

### Wine, Wags & Brews

Wine, Wags & Brews is an exciting annual SPCA fundraiser. This year's event will be **Wednesday, June 10, 2026** from 5 to 8pm in the SPCA Parking Lot, 300 Harlem Road, West Seneca. Spend the evening sipping distinctive drink samples from local wineries and breweries and tasting incredible food samples prepared by local restaurants, bakeries, and food trucks. Browse the pet-themed exhibitors, enjoy live music, plus participate in exciting raffles. Event parking across the street thanks to our friends Erie 1 BOCES and Multisorb. Dogs are welcome with their paying owners. *Attendees must be 21 years or older. (Age restriction not applicable to canine attendees!).*

### Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, June 11th** at 5:30pm at **Duende (at Silo City, Childs St, Buffalo, NY 14203)**. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

## Author Talk: Leigh Ann Henion

The Western New York Land Conservancy welcomes award-winning author and journalist Leigh Ann Henion to Buffalo on **June 11** for a discussion of her captivating book *Night Magic: Adventures Among Glowworms, Moon Gardens, and Other Marvels of the Dark*. Through vivid storytelling, Henion explores the hidden wonders that emerge after sunset and invites us to rediscover the beauty, mystery, and ecological importance of the nighttime world. This free talk will take place on Thursday, June 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at 371 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY. [Register](#). This conversation is especially timely as our WNY Wildway research highlights how many species, from migrating birds to bats and amphibians, depend on darkness to survive. As light pollution grows, protecting land also means protecting the natural rhythms of night.

## Invasive Species Management and Native Restoration Workshop

Join the Western New York Land Conservancy, Ecos Cooperative, and Wild Ones Western New York for a collaborative workshop at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve (East Aurora) focused on invasive species management and native restoration on **Saturday, June 13** from 10am to 2pm. The morning session will focus on identifying invasive plants, treatment and removal methods, and practical management techniques for landowners and property stewards. The afternoon session, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., will feature a walk-and-talk session called “Plant This, Not That: Native Alternatives to Common Invasives.” Participants will learn why native plants matter, how to choose the right plant for the right place, and which native shrubs and other plants can be used in place of common invasives to support pollinators, birds, and healthier ecosystems. There will be plenty of time for Q&A and learning more about Wild Ones efforts in Western New York. Due to parking constraints, this event is limited to around 20 participants, so [early registration](#) is encouraged. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear suitable for uneven ground.

## Fungi, Forage, & Forest

Join the Beginning Farmer Training Program for *Fungi, Forage & Forest*, a two-day agroforestry event focused on mushroom cultivation, wild edible plants, and agroforestry practices. This educational event, from **Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and Saturday June 13** from 8:30am through midafternoon, will feature presenters and educators from the Cornell Vegetable Program, Niagara County Master Gardeners, and the Cornell Small Farms Program. Designed for farmers looking to diversify their operations, as well as anyone interested in fungi, foraging, and forest-based growing systems, participants will explore practical cultivation methods, edible plant identification, and sustainable agroforestry concepts through a combination of presentations and hands-on workshops. Most sessions will take place at the Niagara County Fairgrounds at Cornell Cooperative Extension Niagara County, with the Shiitake Inoculation workshop held on-site at Heartland Organics. Limited capacity — [early registration](#) is encouraged.

## Dig with the Experts

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

## Solar Celebration

Join Let There Be Light International for a Solar Celebration on **June 16** from 5:30 to 8pm at [Duende at Silo City](#) (85 Silo City Row, Buffalo). This will be a rocking family-friendly evening with great food, music, and friends - new and old! YOU have the power to fight climate change and energy poverty, all while having a whole lot of fun! Join us to celebrate the power we have to brighten lives and Shine On together. [Tickets](#).

## Wines in the Wild

Tickets are on sale for Wines in the Wild to be held at the Buffalo Zoo on **June 18** from 6 to 9pm. This fan favorite, 21+ event, features beverage and food sampling from nearly three dozen wineries, breweries, and restaurants around WNY! Add in musical entertainment, animal ambassador meet and greets and so much more, and it makes for an after hours night at the Zoo you won't want to miss. [Tickets](#).

## Invasive Species Management Workshops

WNY PRISM is hosting two free workshops providing practical invasive species management guidance to professionals, landowners and the public – attend one or both! Both workshops are on **June 18** at the Audubon Library & Walton Woods Park, Address: 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14228. The Terrestrial Management Workshop ([register](#)) will be held from 10:30am to 12:30pm and the Aquatic Management Workshop ([register](#)) is from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Both have classroom and outdoor components.

## California Condor Film Screening & Discussion

Join us at 1pm on **June 18** online for a FREE film screening of *The Condor's Shadow: A Documentary Film* by Jeff McLoughlin followed by a discussion with the filmmaker and Estelle Sandhouse, Vice President of Conservation and Science of the Santa Barbara Zoo, which has been a vital partner in the efforts to restore California Condors in the wild. As our exhibition by artist Jennifer Anderson, *Enduring Beauty: Portraits of the California Condor and American Kestrel*, draws to a close (the last day is June 21st), we bring you this final program which will share the past, present and hoped for future of these amazing birds whose wingspans average 9 feet. Thanks to the efforts of a group of individuals and organizations who refused to let them disappear, their wild population is growing, but not without some challenges. [Register.](#)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Co-op Fest

On **Saturday, June 27** from 3 to 6 PM, Cooperation Buffalo will be hosting our third annual Co-op Fest—an afternoon with local co-ops that are building a new economy that puts people first. Join us to celebrate the power of people working together. Whether you've been supporting co-ops for years, or are curious to learn more about the Solidarity Economy and how you can be a part of it—we can't wait to party with you! Five Points Bakery - 44 Brayton Street | \$10 Suggested Donation. [RSVP.](#)

## The WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Annual Meeting

The WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Annual Meeting will be on **June 23, 2026**, from 4-7 PM at D'Youville University. Join us to reflect on the past year, learn about upcoming initiatives and opportunities, and help shape what's to come. We encourage each member organization to send at least one representative to vote on important updates and have your organization's priorities and needs heard. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to grow your network of passionate WNY sustainability leaders. It's also the perfect occasion to invite colleagues and nonmember friends who may be interested in learning more about SBR. Enjoy a happy hour following the meeting - first drink on us! [Register Today](#)

## Become a WAVE Volunteer

The WAVE citizen science sampling season is approaching, and DEC invites you to participate. WAVE (Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators) is a DEC program where volunteers collect “stream bugs” to measure water quality in wadeable streams. Anyone who can kick over a rock can participate. The sampling season is from July to September. WAVE data are especially useful for documenting high quality stream segments and for flagging locations for professional follow up. To find out how to become a WAVE volunteer and what is involved, view DEC's [WAVE webpage](#) and [WAVE training videos](#), and read the [WAVE Sampling Guide](#) (PDF). Apply for kick nets and sample vials through the [Equipment Loan Program](#) by **June 15**.

## Zoar Valley BioBlitz

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

## Join the Last SkyRide Ever

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

## Erie County Survey: What are your Concerns?

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

## Paddles Up

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

## Summer Teacher Institute: Summer Ecology School

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

## Register for Paws in the Park!

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

## Explore, Learn and Take Action During NYISAW 2026

WNY PRISM is celebrating New York Invasive Species Awareness Week (NYISAW) 2026 from **Monday, June 8 through Sunday, June 14** with a series of events and opportunities to learn more about invasive species and the steps we can all take to protect our local ecosystems. NYISAW is an annual statewide event that highlights the ways invasive species impact our environment, economy, and health, as well as how we can address them through education, prevention and removal. To see what we have planned, please [visit our website](#) — we hope you'll join us for events throughout the week!

## New Species Selection Tool Supports Ecological Restoration in New York

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

## Defending New York's Climate Law

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

## 2026 Erie County Fish Stocking Program

This is the Erie County annual sale of Bass and Minnows to assist landowners with managing fish in their ponds. Orders due by **June 12, 2026** and pick up July 11, 2026 at 10:00 am. [Order Form](#)

## I BIRD NY Challenge

Mark your calendars for the 2026 [I BIRD NY Challenge](#) taking place **until November 1!** Recent research has shown that bird watching may help the brain fight aging due to reorganization as you learn to recognize new birds (read [more](#)). For the challenge, identify 10 species of birds anywhere in New York State, submit online or by mail, and receive a commemorative patch, sticker, certificate, and be entered to win birding related prizes. No matter how you experience the joy of birds, we hope that you make 2026 the year you take the challenge! Challenge materials are also offered in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, and Urdu.

## Solo Sweeps

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

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

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

## Microplastics Are Micromonsters Challenge

Microplastics are tiny chemical-laden plastic particles that might be too small to see... but don't let that fool you. They are linked to big environmental and human health concerns. NRDC just launched *Microplastics Are Micromonsters* — a science-based public health campaign bringing urgent attention to the growing body of scientific evidence that microplastics are accumulating in the human body and may be harming our health, and how people can reduce their everyday exposure. Join the [challenge](#). This large-scale public education push aims to reach millions of Americans — starting with ads in New York City's Times Square, along with ads on TV, radio, digital, taxi tops, and billboards nationwide. For more info, visit <https://www.nrdc.org/stopmicromonsters#tips>

## Beech Leaf Disease Distribution and Research Updates

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

## Land Protector Learning Experience

This experience is a unique opportunity to learn to identify, survey, report, and manage priority terrestrial invasive species through virtual and hands-on experiences. Sessions include seasonal training webinars and immersive field experiences. Summer sessions are held June-July, followed by fall restoration plantings, and a special winter hemlock woolly adelgid learning session. [View the full schedule and register](#). First training webinar is **June 3** from 1-2:30pm.

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

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

## Pollinator Week 2026

Pollinator Week 2026 is **June 22-28** and it can be a great time to kick off summer activities. Whether you are tabling at the farmers market or holding a movie night, we've got the resources to help you out. Our theme this year is "Bring Back the Pollinators," which is a Xerces Society campaign for individuals to take action to protect pollinators. The four principles of Bring Back the Pollinators are the foundation for Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA commitments, so this campaign is the perfect complement for your work to promote pollinator conservation. [Click here for printable outreach materials, talking points, social media content, and event ideas](#).

## Buffalo All Access

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

## Erie County Extreme Temperature Plan

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

## Waterfall Challenge: Hike and Raise Funds

[Outside Chronicles](#) is bringing back its Waterfall Challenge, and Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper is honored to be the beneficiary of this great event! This year's Challenge [features 20 waterfall locations](#). Participants need to earn 25 points to receive a finisher patch, sticker, and bragging rights. Earn twenty-five (25) points by completing challenges in our app by June 30. Points can be earned by finding waterfalls, completing stewardship tasks, and other fun challenges! [Registration](#) opened April 1 and will go until June 30. Plenty of time to check out our amazing waterfalls throughout WNY.

## 10 Big Climate Actions to Reduce Emissions in Buffalo Niagara

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

### Buffalo Zoo Volunteer Docents Needed

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

### Smartphone Device Used to Detect Water Contamination

After a flood, a pipe break, or a contamination event, one of the most pressing questions is also one of the hardest to answer fast: is the water safe? Standard microbiological testing takes hours, sometimes a full day. In that gap, people make decisions without good information, and public health officials try to manage a situation they cannot fully assess. German researchers have built a device that can detect contamination in a drop of water using a smartphone. The test targets urobilin, a compound produced during hemoglobin breakdown and released through human and animal waste. The test strip reacts to the molecule by emitting light, which the phone's camera reads in real time. [Read more.](#)

### Solar Option Available for Erie County

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

### Snapshot NY

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

### Less Lawn More Life Challenge

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

### The Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* Returns

After traveling more than 1,000 miles, the Erie Canal Boat, the *Seneca Chief*—along with her dedicated crew and fleet—will arrive in Buffalo on **Saturday, June 27** at 1pm in a powerful homecoming moment years in the making. This milestone marks the culmination of countless hours of planning, craftsmanship, community collaboration, and pride. This must-see event is free and open to the public at the Commercial Slip at Canalside.

## **Messinger Woods Recruiting Volunteers**

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

## **More Crops Grown for Fuel and Livestock Feed Than for People**

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

## **New Produce Wash Removes 93% of Pesticides and Keeps Fruit Fresher**

Researchers have developed a novel fresh produce wash that removes up to 93% of pesticides from the surface and doubles as a preservative, keeping fruit fresher for days longer than normal. What’s more, the wash is mostly made up of biodegradable starch. The researchers’ inventive solution requires just three ingredients: starch, coated in tannic acid, a natural plant compound, and iron, forged together into nanoparticles, and suspended in a solution. The wash poses no health risks to consumers, and in fact the added sprinkling of iron may have a nutritional benefit, the scientists say. It will take a while for this innovation to reach consumers in their homes, but in the meantime the researchers have set their sights on industry, where they say their invention could be quickly scaled and used to clean produce *before* it reaches people’s homes. [Read more.](#)

## **DEC Water Use Dashboard**

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

## **Invasive Species Grant Awards**

DEC awarded more than \$5.1 million from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund to fund 51 projects for Round 4 of the Invasive Species Grant Program. In Western New York, awards were made to The Research Foundation for the State Of New York at Buffalo State Comprehensive College (\$105,332) to focus on isolating attraction compounds used by male red swamp crayfish to improve trapping success; Village of Williamsville (\$30,000) to map and control tree-of-heaven as a proactive measure to help prevent the establishment of spotted lanternfly in Glen Park; Chautauqua Lake Partnership Inc. (\$42,813) to evaluate potential ecological trends and thresholds to inform optimized management strategies for invasive species at Chautauqua Lake and Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper Inc. (\$70,172) to restore more than 1,500 linear feet of shoreline and 2.3 acres of riparian and upland habitat by removing invasive species and replanting with native shrubs and plants along Tonawanda Creek.

## **‘Regenerate NY’ Forestry Cost Share Grants Open Through August 31**

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

## **2026 National Litter Study**

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

## **Help Document New York’s Weather Impacts**

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

## **Microplastics and Climate: Is there a Connection?**

Check out [youtube.com/watch?v=1zoWUW29TNA&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=1zoWUW29TNA&feature=youtu.be) for a discussion of how microplastics may be impacting our climate.

## **Motorists Are Urged to ‘Give Turtles a Brake’**

As May and June roll in, the warm weather brings out [New York’s amazing turtle species](#)! This is a critical time for turtles as they migrate to find ideal spots for basking, foraging, and laying their eggs. Female turtles, in particular, are on the move, often crossing roads in search of suitable nesting locations. Sadly, many turtles lose their lives each year after being hit by vehicles. Only stop on a roadway if it is safe, signal appropriately before pulling over, and ensure you park completely off the roadway. Avoid picking turtles up by their tails. Most turtles, except snapping turtles, can be safely lifted by the sides of their shells. Use a firm grip since they may kick to escape. Dropping a turtle can harm their shell and developing embryos. Always move the turtle in the direction it is facing. If you come across an injured turtle, contact a [licensed wildlife rehabilitator](#). For snapping turtles, use thick gloves, grip the rear of the shell near the tail with both hands, and gently slide the turtle onto a mat or blanket, then across the road safely. Always keep turtles in their natural habitats—resisting the urge to take them home as pets is important for the survival and longevity of the population. All native amphibians and reptiles in New York are protected under [New York State Environmental Conservation Law](#).

## **Volunteers Needed for Breeding Bird Survey Routes**

Looking to get out and appreciate New York birds? The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is a long-term, continent-wide monitoring program started in 1966 to track the status and trends of North American bird populations. Surveys are run by volunteers once a year in June on 24.5-mile-long routes with stops roughly 0.5-miles apart. Every bird heard or seen within a 3-minute point count is recorded. The only requirements are reliable transportation and the ability to identify all local breeding birds by sight and sound. Routes are currently available throughout the state and can be [viewed online](#). If you are interested in adopting a route or have any questions, please [email us](#).

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

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

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

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

## Harmful Algal Bloom Notification System

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

## The WISE Water Stewardship Toolkit Launches

The Great Lakes WISE Water Stewardship Toolkit is officially here. The toolkit was developed to influence and motivate companies highlighting best practice examples and demonstrating the business case for corporate water stewardship. Great Lakes WISE is a peer-to-peer network of cross-sector stakeholders committed to advancing water sustainability performance across the region. This forward-looking initiative is focused on ensuring our shared water resources are used wisely, protecting them for future generations while supporting long-term economic success. Download the toolkit from [Resource Library](#).

## Beyond the Bin Video Series — Municipal Solid Waste

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

## Alaskan Camping Adventure with Earth Spirit

Join Earth Spirit from **August 12-20** for an Alaskan adventure. Unforgettable landscapes, once-in-a-lifetime hikes, a marine wildlife tour, visits to glaciers and mountain streams, and time to bond with others who enjoy the natural world as much as you do! Spend nights tent camping in some of the most gorgeous regions of the world and spend days traveling to various locations learning about the unique ecosystems and wildlife within. [Info](#)

## Funding for Clean Energy Business Interns

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

## Sharing is Caring

Library of Things and Tool Libraries are becoming increasingly popular in public libraries, municipalities, and community organizations across New York State as part of a broader waste reduction effort. These sharing programs strengthen connections within the community and provide increased access to affordable and useful resources for all. Instead of purchasing items that might only be used once or a few times, like tools, kitchen equipment, or outdoor gear, residents can borrow them from these libraries. This approach helps to extend the life of products already in circulation and reduces demand for new materials and manufacturing, ultimately saving natural resources and reducing disposal. For those who want to start or grow a sharing program like this, there are helpful resources available. One such resource, the [Library of Things Toolkit 2.0](#), provides practical tips on how to run the program, find funding, engage with the community, and ensure the program lasts over time. More information is always available on the DEC Webpage [Get Started with Reuse and Repair](#).

## Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants Awarded to 5 Local Organizations

The awarded grants support projects addressing environmental issues, harms, and health hazards, build community consensus, set priorities, and improve public outreach and education. This funding will help improve the well-being of those most vulnerable to climate and pollution impacts. In addition to the awards announced today, \$7 million in [new funding is now available](#) for qualifying applicants to build upon the progress being made to create a more healthy, equitable future. In Western New York five organizations received awards:

**Clean Air Coalition of Western New York \$198,945: Buffalo Neighborhood Hubs Project (BNHP)**- increase resiliency in Buffalo by developing neighborhood hubs to train residents with disaster preparedness and pollution prevention skills and connect residents with weatherization upgrades, workforce training, and outdoor air monitoring.

**Fillmore Forward Inc. \$200,000: Roots to Rise: Cultivating Food, Finance & Futures in East Buffalo.** Roots to Rise is a community-led effort to transform neglected space into an inclusive garden that fosters health, connection, and opportunity advancing public health, food access, and resilience in East Buffalo.

**Massachusetts Avenue Project Inc. \$184,500: Buffalo Food Justice Project.** The Buffalo Food Justice Project will expand healthy food access, create 120 youth jobs in sustainable agriculture, and promote safe soil, water, and urban growing practices while advocating for municipal policies supporting climate and food justice.

**North Tonawanda Botanical Garden \$198,119: North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization Native Plant/Habitat Restoration and Grant Writing Capacity Building Project.** North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization is restoring Botanical Garden lawn area to native plant communities, requiring intern support for site-specific propagation and planting. Growing NTBGO's capacity leverages funds for education, restoration, and propagation in the greenhouse.

**Providence Farm Collective Corp. \$199,862: Empowering Community Organization Farms for Fresh Food Access.** Providence Farm Collective will offer farmland access and training to farmers from Disadvantaged Communities in Buffalo. This project will support Community Organization Farms for 150 farmers to meet the demand for farmland and fresh food access in Western New York.

## Local Business Promotes Refilling and Reducing Plastic Waste

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

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

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

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

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

## **Drop Off Your Cans and Help Audubon**

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

## **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](http://www.tinyurl.com/municipaltraining).

## **University at Buffalo Develops New Method to Measure Recycled Plastic**

It is estimated that roughly 400 million tons of plastic waste is generated each year worldwide, yet only a small percentage is captured for recycling. As plastics degrade, they break down into micro- and nano-sized plastic particles that have now been detected in every organ of the human body. While recycling plastic is one way to manage plastic waste, up until now there hasn't been a reliable method to measure and verify the amount of recycled plastic in products made with recycled content. When plastic is recycled, it is melted, cleaned and remolded. During this process it undergoes cumulative structural, chemical and physical changes that can limit recyclability and affect re-usability. To sustainably recycle plastic, it is important to understand and quantify the percentage of recycled plastic in commercial products to ensure product quality and performance. These limitations can pose significant challenges for manufacturers and policymakers seeking to regulate and verify compliance in products that require a minimum percentage of recycled content when produced. To address these challenges, University at Buffalo researchers have developed a new method to measure the amount of recycled plastic content in products made from recycled materials. The researchers combined multiple testing methods along with artificial intelligence to differentiate recycled plastic from virgin plastic. This innovative method identifies the structural and compositional differences between virgin and recycled plastics. This technology has the potential to assist businesses and regulatory agencies in determining recycled plastic content in products. [Learn more.](#)

## **Air Pollution Survey - What's Your Story?**

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

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

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

## **Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials**

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

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

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

### **Introducing a Printable Sign: Pollinator Habitat in Progress!**

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

### **Glyphosate Levels Used Correlated with Increased Human Cancers**

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

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

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

### **National Grid Grant Opportunities**

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

### **Free Online Course: Continuous Living Cover 101**

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

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

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

## **New DEC Webpage on Pollution Prevention**

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

## **Survey of Nature-Based Stormwater Projects in Great Lakes Basin**

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

## **Free Educational Resources on Electricity in the US**

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

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

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

## **Seed Libraries**

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

## **Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program**

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

## **From Pasture to Plate: The Life Cycle of Cheddar Cheese**

From farm to fridge to disposal, cheese has an environmental footprint at every stage of its life cycle. This short, animated [video](#) from the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) breaks down those impacts and shares practical ways to minimize them. Learn how small changes can help reduce the environmental impact of the foods we love.

## Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

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

## Greenhouse Gas Emission E-Learning Courses

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

## Survey: Understanding the State of High School Environmental Science Education

Help shape the future of high school environmental science education. This survey for high school teachers will inform future curriculum, tools, and professional learning. Please [take or share the survey](#).

## Nutrition and Climate Change

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

## Actions Students Can Take at School

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

## Free Sustainability Course for Teachers

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

## Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

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

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

[Climate and Energy Games](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Microplastics lessons](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

## Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[Eco-Schools U.S. Certification](#) -window opens from April 3 to June 5. Take a quick look at the [Action Card Point Guide](#) as a reminder of how point values are assessed as you work towards certification. Take a few minutes to review the updated [Certification Rubric](#) to ensure your school meets its certification goals. Completion by **June 5**.

## Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[National Farmer's Union Scholarship](#)-NFU is offering a scholarship in partnerships with MANRRS to help create more pathways for young adults of all racial and ethnic identities to succeed in agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources. Deadline: **June 1**.

[New York Pollinator Conservation Fund](#)-invites proposals for smaller projects (\$5,000–\$20,000) to be implemented in disadvantaged communities, as identified through the CLCPA. Deadline: **June 3 (extended)**.

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

[Local Food Promotion Grants](#)-from eligible entities that support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products. Four types of grants are available: 24-month Planning grants from \$25,000 to \$100,000, 36-month Implementation grants from \$100,000 to \$500,000, and 24-month Turnkey Marketing and Promotion or Turnkey Recruitment and Training grants for a defined set of activities. Eligible applicants include agricultural businesses and cooperatives, food councils, producer networks, and more. Applicants must provide a 25% cost-share match. Deadline: **June 5**.

[The Growing the Clean Energy Workforce – Electric Vehicle \(GCEW-EV\) Request for Application \(RFA\)](#) provides funding to create or expand training programs in Electric Vehicle (EV) maintenance and repair for light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles, EV charging station repair and maintenance (installation not eligible), and/or EV fleet maintenance, as well as support wraparound services for people in these training programs. Deadline: **June 5 by 4pm**.

[Green Resiliency Grant](#)-help flood-prone communities advance long-term community resilience in implementing transformative stormwater management projects that protect homes, businesses, and public infrastructure. Deadline: **June 12**.

[Green Innovation Grant](#)-supports projects across New York State that utilize EPA-designated green stormwater infrastructure design and technologies. Competitive grants are awarded to projects that implement one or more of the following green practices: green stormwater infrastructure, energy efficiency, and water efficiency. Deadline: **June 12**.

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

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

[Resilient Watersheds Grant \(RWG\) Program](#), managed jointly by DEC and the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is accepting applications now through the [Consolidated Funding Application](#). Applications are due by **4 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026**.

[Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants Program](#), administered by the New York State Department of State (DOS), is accepting applications now through the [Consolidated Funding Application](#). **Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Regional Director, Environmental Conservation](#)-Buffalo. Deadline: **June 3**.

[Senior Attorney / Assistant Attorney 1 / 2 / 3](#)-Buffalo. Deadline: **June 3**.

[Mid-Level Planner](#)- Wendel, Buffalo.

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

[Tift Discovery Camp Counselor](#)

[WNY Coalition Community Organizer](#)-Clean Air Coalition, currently interviewing, but open until filled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Climate Justice Planner](#)-Shared Mobility

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Summer Camp Counselor](#)- Erie County SPCA

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

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

[Director of Marketing and Communications](#)- Buffalo Zoo

[Animal Keeper 1](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Education Seasonal Assistant](#)-Buffalo Zoo

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

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

[Scientists in Parks](#) (National Parks) internships for the period starting in the fall and winter (mostly with flexible start dates) are now posted and applications are **open until June 14** (or until 60 applications for any given position are in).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Citizen Science

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

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

[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](mailto:cm933@cornell.edu) or [info@nyshemlockinitiative.info](mailto:info@nyshemlockinitiative.info).

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

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

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

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

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

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

## Upcoming Community Activities:

### Monday, June 1

**Slow Roll Buffalo at Massachusetts Avenue Project**-6pm at 387 Mass. Ave., 14213. Bills Foundation Ride. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

### Tuesday, June 2

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

**No Time to Despair: How You Can Mobilize to Protect Pollinators from Pesticides as a Gardener, Neighbor, and Citizen-** 6 to 7:30 PM ET, Free. [Webinar registration](#)

**Buffalo Maritime Center Student Boat Launch-**1pm. Hoyt Lake, 199 Lincoln Parkway. Our Annual Student Boat Launch is the culmination of BMC's Hand-To-Hand Student Boatbuilding Program, where students from St. Mary's School for the Deaf, WNY Maritime Charter School, Riverside Academy, and other educational organizations work alongside volunteer mentors to build wooden strip canoes, shape paddles, and learn craftsmanship while developing STEM, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

### Wednesday, June 3

**GBNRTC Meeting-**9:30 AM. You can attend the monthly PCC meeting live at: [meetings.gbnrtc.org/PCC](https://meetings.gbnrtc.org/PCC)

**Uniting to Protect Science & Democracy: Science Rising National Launch Event-**3 to 4pm online. [Register today for the virtual kick-off.](#) This is a new initiative mobilizing the science community to speak out and take action against the Trump administration's anti-science and authoritarian actions, while laying the foundation for reimagining federal science policy for the public good.

**Learning from the Experts: Logistics of Offshore Wind Operations & Maintenance-**11am to noon. [Register for webinar.](#)

**Local Great Lakes Stormwater Vulnerability-**2pm webinar on local stormwater vulnerability assessment development and implementation on June 3 at 2:00 p.m. The webinar will feature [RAND's Practical Guide to Vulnerability Assessments for Stormwater Agencies](#) and [GLISA's Floodwise Communities Tool and Program](#). [Register.](#)

### Thursday, June 4

**Orchard Park Garden Club-** 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the American Legion Post 567, 5784 Ellis Rd., Orchard Park. Jack Kowiak will speak on Garden Safety, sharing tips to prevent cuts, sprains, stings, rashes, and more serious injuries. Guests are welcome. Guests are welcome.

**Buffalo Bike To Work Day-** beginning at 7 am in the Pocket Park at 589 Ellicott. All are welcome to join us for a FREE breakfast bar and energizer station. You can also join us for a lunch-time group bike ride and a free lunch (space is limited). [Register.](#) Rally your co-workers, pedal to work, and join our friendly competition to see which company will dominate.

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

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

**Indigo Resist Dyeing Workshop -**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Botanical Gardens. Cost: \$75/person. Learn about the traditional process of working with indigo dye, and how to create beautiful patterns of blue and white on fabric—using simple techniques like tying, clamping, folding, and scrunching. The Indigo Resist Dyeing Workshop and the rest of the Textile Art Series are presented by our friends from Stitch Buffalo! [Tickets](#) also include one guest pass to visit our conservatory on a later date. Save money when you sign up for [all four workshops!](#)

**A Continuous Garden-2pm.** Join Green America and gardening expert [Charlie Nardozi](#) for an upcoming webinar on creating a continuous vegetable garden—a productive, self-sustaining system designed to keep growing season after season. [Online & Free](#)

**Proven Winners Perennial Lecture-** 5:30pm, free. Laura Robles from Walter's Gardens will present the new Proven Winner Perennials for 2026, and will discuss the changes to the new PW EZ-scapes website, where you can design your own garden online. Lockwood's Nursery, Hamburg. To register for this free lecture, please call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at [orders@weknowplants.com](mailto:orders@weknowplants.com)

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

## Friday, June 5

**“What’s Bugging You” talk**-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Protecting pollinators in urban areas and saying no to bug zappers. [Register](#)

**Friday Field Days**-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Red Jacket Natural Habitat Park - Parking Lot](#). Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools. Task: Invasive Species Pull - Thistle, Teasel, Dames Rocket, Notes: All tools will be provided however we recommend you wear long pants and sleeves to prevent scratches. Rain Date June 11<sup>th</sup>, [Register for Friday Field Days](#)

**Keep America Beautiful 2026 National Litter Study Webinar**-1:00 PM. Join Keep America Beautiful President & CEO Jennifer Lawson and Dr. David Scott, SVP of Research and Data, for a webinar on the results of the Keep America Beautiful 2026 National Litter Study. They’ll walk through the key findings, answer questions, and discuss what the data means for communities, partners, and the work ahead. [Register](#).

**Fruit Belt Neighborhood Cleanup**-9am to 2pm. Help make our community a cleaner, greener place by volunteering to pick up litter and beautify our neighborhood. There will be food, music, games, and more! [RSVP HERE!](#) 295 Carlton St, Buffalo NY 14204.

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

## Saturday, June 6

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

**Spring Fest with Buffalo Audubon**-11am to 4pm for the return of this favorite nature festival! Your SpringFest admission comes with a jam-packed day of fun and activities, including music, guided hikes, kids’ activities, art projects, basket raffle and lunch from Krolick’s BBQ. Trillium Nature Center, North Java. [Tickets](#). [Info and schedule](#).

**Nature Inspiration Day**-10am to 2pm. A celebration of curiosity, creativity, and the woods and meadow on Kaisertown’s Buffalo River at Houghton Conservation Area and Houghton Park, 1675 Clinton St, Buffalo, NY. With guided nature walks, kid-friendly learning, and hands-on art projects throughout Houghton Park and the Houghton Conservation Area, the BNRLT welcomes families to discover how fun—and important—caring for our natural spaces can be. The event blends hands-on outdoor education, guided walks, creative art stations, and family-friendly activities that spark curiosity and a connection to nature. [Register](#).

**Earth Day/Arbor Day in Williamsville**- 10am to 1pm at Island Park. Enjoy free tree sapling giveaways, visit with participating organizations and local businesses, and take part in a fun, family-friendly day focused on celebrating our environment and community. [Info](#).

**Dare to Repair Café**-10am to 1pm @ Island Park, Williamsville. Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

**Bonsai Show**- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cost: Included with admission. The Buffalo Bonsai Society and the 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. Watch trimming and shaping demonstrations on live trees throughout the show. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase sculpted bonsai trees and plants, starter plants, accent plants and pots, as well as a raffle for the chance to win bonsai baskets and merchandise. Bonsai demonstrations will be held at 11am and 1pm. [Tickets](#).

**Nature Has Rights! “Ripples of Plastic” Film Screening**-2:15 pm - 3:00 pm. Join us for a documentary about microplastic pollution in the Great Lakes. We will then discuss alternatives to our current system: one based in grassroots democracy and community rights, and one that honors and recognizes our responsibility to Nature. Niagara Arts and Culture Center, 1201 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14301. [RSVP](#)

**Kickoff Water Week with Resurgence at Canalside**-Noon – 5 p.m at 44 Prime St., Buffalo. Join Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Resurgence Brewing Company, and Canalside for a family friendly day along the water including games, inflatables, balloon artists, face painting, and more.

**Ecology 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. Registration required. [REGISTER](#)

**Family Fishing Day**-10 to 2pm. Join us for a fun day of fishing and outdoor adventure at Ringneck Marsh at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge! This family-friendly event is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, learn about local fish, and enjoy one of America’s favorite outdoor traditions. Staff from Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office will be on hand to help participants learn the basics of fishing, including casting techniques, fish identification, and how healthy wetlands support fish populations. Whether you are brand new to fishing or already love to cast a line, our staff will be there to offer tips and answer questions. Ringneck Marsh off of Oak Orchard Ridge Rd. at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. 11412 Oak Orchard Ridge Road, Medina, NY 14103. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Trails Day**-1:00 - 5:00pm at [Sprague Brook - Sprague Brook Casino](#). Join us as we collaborate with 42 North Brewing to celebrate Trails Day! Come enjoy live music by PA Line, food trucks (Fat Bob's & Maine Bite), and outdoor vendors.

**National Trails Day: Length of the Gorge**-9am to 4pm at Niagara Falls State Park. Celebrate the 33rd 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. [Registration required](#).

**French Castle 300: Rededication Day**-10am to 4pm at **Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site**. Old Fort Niagara presents ongoing living history demonstrations of skills and trades needed to build the French Castle as well as programs about soldier life and the interaction between the French and Indigenous peoples. [Info](#).

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

**Springfest at Trillium Nature Center**-11am to 4pm. Visit [buffaloaudubon.org](http://buffaloaudubon.org) for more info. [Tickets](#)

**Plant sale by Hamburg GC**-7:30 am - 1:00 pm at Moose Lodge #523, 45 Church St., Hamburg. Perennials from members’ gardens and previously-loved gardening items will be available.

**Master Your Garden Series – Crafting Compost**-10:00 am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Each class begins at 10 a.m. and is held in the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 12690 State Route 31, Albion. Suggested donation: \$5. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email [klo54@cornell.edu](mailto:klo54@cornell.edu).

**Morning Forest Bathing**-9am. Immerse yourself in the sensations of nature as we take a relaxing walk to promote ease in our minds, bodies, and emotions. For ages 12 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**IDing Invasives**-10am. Learn about the invasive plant species of Western New York and how to identify them, followed by a walk to test your skills! 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.

**Wild Photo Day Event**-10:00am – 12:30pm at Hawk Creek, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 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, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 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 here - <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product-category/ticket/events/>

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

**WNY PRISM Trail Survey Program: Turn Your Hike into Conservation Action**-Love hiking? Turn your time on the trails into meaningful conservation work! Join WNY PRISM from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Letchworth State Park for a Trail Survey Training and learn how to identify and map invasive species. This hands-on program includes both indoor instruction and outdoor field practice using the iMapInvasives mobile app, helping you build skills while contributing valuable data to protect native ecosystems. **Registration is required by Wednesday, June 3**, and additional details will be shared ahead of the event. [Learn more and register.](#)

**Rat Control Community Workshop**-10am to 12pm at 387 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo. *Free to attend!* *Registration required.* Learn humane and ecologically friendly strategies for healthier neighborhoods. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

**Field Trip: Birding by Bike with Joe Petre at Iroquois NWR**-712 Lewiston Road, Basom, NY 14013 (Kanyoo Trail Parking Lot) ([map](#)). Meet at 7:30am at the Kanyoo Trail Parking Lot. Leader: Joe Petre, [josephpetre@gmail.com](mailto:josephpetre@gmail.com), (716) 207-9555. \*\*\*This trip is by reservation only - please call/text Joe to let him know you would like to join this trip.

**Family Workshop: Dinosaur Deep Dive**-2 to 3pm. Are you an aspiring paleontologist? Hang out with us at the Buffalo Museum of Science to take a hands-on look at all kinds of prehistoric fossils and make a unique dinosaur fossil craft to take home! All ages. [Tickets](#): \$6 per participant with Museum admission or membership.

**Rewilding of Tiff Nature Preserve Tour**-10 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. Ages 18+, [Advance registration required](#). \$11 per person. BMS Members save 10%.

**Drought Tolerant Perennials-** 11:00am, free. Lockwood's Nursery is delighted to have Tim Zimmerman back from Medford Nursery this year! He is extremely knowledgeable about perennials in our area, and will discuss drought tolerant options for those dry spots in your garden. To register for this free lecture, please call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at [orders@weknowplants.com](mailto:orders@weknowplants.com)

**Native Plants to Support Pollinators in the Landscape-** 1:00pm, free. Lockwood's Nursery, Hamburg. This lecture will touch on keystone plant species that support native butterflies, bees and insects in your neighborhood. To register for this free lecture, please call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at [orders@weknowplants.com](mailto:orders@weknowplants.com)

### Sunday, June 7

**Pride Solo Sweep-** On your own time, volunteer with us by doing a Solo Sweep to clean the street after the Buffalo Pride Parade. Record it on the Clean Swell app with "BNW Pride" with your team name in the Group Name field and be entered to win a prize from Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper! [Download Clean Swell app](#)

**Bonsai Show-** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cost: Included with admission. The Buffalo Bonsai Society and the 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. Watch trimming and shaping demonstrations on live trees throughout the show. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase sculpted bonsai trees and plants, starter plants, accent plants and pots, as well as a raffle for the chance to win bonsai baskets and merchandise. Bonsai demonstrations will be held at 11am and 1pm. [Tickets.](#)

**Grape Trellis Build: Volunteers Needed-** 1 to 4pm. The four rows of grapes at LaSalle Vineyard and Community Garden are in need of replacement and we're going to tackle the new trellis build. Tasks will include digging post holes, prepping trellis materials, and raising the grapes onto their new supports. No prior skills or tools required – we'll bring everything (we just need you!) [RSVP HERE!](#) 7100 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls.

### Monday, June 8

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

**Slow Roll Buffalo at the Nickel Plate-** 6pm at 1500 Clinton St., 14206. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

### Tuesday, June 9

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

**Waterfall Hike-** 5:30 to 7 p.m. Head out to the headwaters for a hike to Emery Falls, one of the many amazing waterfalls in our region, and also a stop on the Outside Chronicles Waterfall Challenge. [Register for this free event](#)

**WNY PRISM 2026 Walk & Talk Series: Akron Falls Park-** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Lace up your shoes and join us outside! WNY PRISM's Walk & Talk Series is a fun and easy way to explore nature, learn about invasive species, and discover how we can all help protect the natural spaces around us. Drop in for one or come along for the full series! More information including directions, parking, meeting location and what to bring will be emailed to participants after they are registered. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/2026WalkAndTalkSeries>.

## Wednesday, June 10

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

**Tomato Blight or Something Else**-12 to 1:15pm. Late blight is a devastating disease of tomato, but not all spots or discoloration are caused by this disease. In this practical, grower- and gardener-focused webinar, participants will learn to distinguish late blight, early blight, and other common foliar diseases of tomato, while gaining strategies for effective management to protect plants and improve productivity. [Register](#), free for attendance.

**Citizens' Climate Lobby Meeting**-6 to 7pm. Central Library and via Zoom. Contact [buffalo@citizensclimatelobby.org](mailto:buffalo@citizensclimatelobby.org) for more information.

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

**Webinar: Biochar Applications on Urban Farms**-12:00 noon - 1:00 PM. Hear from Deborah Aller, Cornell, about biochar applications on urban farms and its ability to act as a tool for soil health and climate mitigation. We will also be discussing the mission behind New York Center for Organics Recycling and Education (NYCORE). [view details](#).

**Clean Air Coalition New Member Orientation**-5:30 pm to 7 pm! Clean Air wants to connect with our new and interested members to discuss our mission and membership values. This meeting will take place at our office located at 371 Delaware Ave, Buffalo NY, 14202. This meeting is in person only.

**Movement Morning**-10am to noon. Gathering of community members, leaders, advocates, and supporters who believe in building a more just, equitable, and thriving Buffalo. This annual sustainer breakfast celebrates the collective impact of our movement and highlights the work being done to strengthen communities through leadership development, civic engagement, and ecological justice. Guests will hear inspiring stories from community leaders, learn about the transformative programs shaping Buffalo's future, and discover ways to stay engaged in the movement for change. Tickets are now available! Secure your spot and be part of this powerful morning of connection and impact: <https://tinyurl.com/4ydc32jb>. 1327 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14208.

## Thursday, June 11

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

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

**WNY Land Conservancy Speaker: Leigh Ann Henion**-7 to 8:30pm. Join us for a discussion of her captivating book *Night Magic: Adventures Among Glowworms, Moon Gardens, and Other Marvels of the Dark*. Through vivid storytelling, Henion explores the hidden wonders that emerge after sunset and invites us to rediscover the beauty, mystery, and ecological importance of the nighttime world. Trinity Episcopal Church at 371 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY. [Register](#).

**Lake Erie Shoreline Cleanup**-4 to 5:30 p.m. Clean up with Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and our friends from Great Lakes Great Responsibility along the shores of Lake Erie. Join us at Gallagher Beach to remove litter from the shorelines and prevent it from enter our Great Lakes. [Register for this free event](#)

**Buffalo River Happy Hour**-5 to 7 p.m. Come enjoy a happy hour by the Buffalo River. Find Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and our trivia wheel at Duende. Chat all things Buffalo River and beyond as well as score some cool prizes and drink specials. [Learn About Duende Here](#)

**Green Drinks**-5:30pm. Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks at Duende (at Silo City, Childs St, Buffalo, NY 14203). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

**Pride Bird Walk-** 6 to 8pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Join us for a Pride month birding celebration! We will take a leisurely 2 mile walk through Tiff and look for birds together. This is a family friendly walk and beginners are welcome. The Tiff trails can be muddy and there is always a possibility of ticks so dress accordingly (long pants tucked into your socks). This affiliate program is in partnership with Tiff Nature Preserve. [Info.](#)

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

### Friday, June 12

**Art in the Park: Bee Baths (62+)-**10am to noon at Knox Farm State Park. Create your own bee bath to support native bees! Stroll with us for a brief walk in the park as we collect materials for your craft. Materials provided. Seniors 62+ only. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Blueway Bike Tour-**5:30 – 8 p.m. Tour the Buffalo Blueway by bike with Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and our friends at GOBike Buffalo and REDDY Bike! We will make stops along some Buffalo Blueway sites and get the chance to hear from each organization about work being done in this area. [Register for this free event](#)

**Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting-**7pm. [Info.](#)

**Purple Martin Mini Fest-**6 to 8pm at Beaver Island State Park, Grand Island. Learn about the life of Purple Martins during this family friendly program! [Register.](#)

### Saturday, June 13

**Eco-Expedition & Spruce Up at Cayuga Creek Restoration Area-**10am to noon. Cayuga Creek Restoration Area, Porter Rd., Niagara Falls. Eco Expeditions are hands-on community science events where participants help identify and document plants and wildlife; they offer people of all ages a meaningful way to connect with nature while learning care for Western New York’s waterfronts and green spaces. [Register.](#)

**Edible + Medicinal Plant Walk: Chestnut Ridge Park-**\$20, 10am to 12:30pm. [Chestnut Ridge Park](#), Shelter #4A ([shelter map](#)). Explore the diverse plant life at Chestnut Ridge with Community Herbalist Sarah Sorci. We’ll get acquainted with WNY plants that prefer sunny lawns, water’s edge, shady woodlands, and the spaces in between. *Beginner-friendly—and experienced attendees are welcome to share their knowledge if they’re so moved!* [Info and registration.](#)

**Veterans Fishing Day-**10am to noon. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office would like to invite all veterans and their families for an afternoon of fishing at Ringneck Marsh (no license required). This event will occur at Ringneck Marsh. All equipment will be provided at no cost. Food and beverages will be provided thanks to the Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register at [www.vocwny.org](#). Ringneck Marsh on Oak Orchard Ridge Road, Medina, NY 14103. Please contact or visit the refuge visitor center if you need help finding your way.

**A Walk in the Woods-**1pm. Join Refuge volunteer Dave Shepherd for a walk in the woods on the 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. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Wellness Walk-**9:30-11am. Niagara Falls State Park. Start your morning with a wellness walk in one of the most picturesque parks in our region! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Firemaking 101**-10 to 11:30am at Fort Niagara State Park. Join a park naturalist for an introduction to making a campfire. Patrons will learn fire building techniques and get a chance to use a Ferrocerium rod (modern flint and steel) to create their own fire by hand. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

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

**Teach Me To Fish: Westwood Park**- 10am to 1pm. A fishing license is NOT required to participate in either of these clinics. Anyone can take part in the clinics, but only kids aged 15 and under can register to win prizes. Loaner rod & reels are available for participants, or they may use their own equipment if they prefer. [Register](#).

**Get Outdoors & Get Together Day**-10am to 2pm. Explore new outdoor skills 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.

**Solo Sweep Saturday**-On your own schedule, follow along on Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper's social media pages to find out what solo sweeping is all about. Pay close attention to the posts throughout the day, there will be a pop-quiz that evening with a chance to win a prize! [Solo Sweep Information](#)

**BWELL Hike Series: Buffalo!**- 9:30am to noon. [Register Here](#), Join us for an awesome day exploring the great outdoors in Buffalo! Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just looking to enjoy a casual stroll, this in-person event is perfect for you. We will meet at the Mirrored Tree behind AKG Art Museum. Wear your sneakers, pack your snacks and water and let's hit the trails together! [View our trail route here!](#)

**Eco-Expedition & Spruce Up at Cayuga Creek Restoration Area**-10am to noon. Eco Expeditions are hands-on community science events where participants help identify and document plants and wildlife. Participants deepen understanding of local ecosystems, build skills, and gather valuable data that supports land protection and restoration. Eco Expeditions are welcoming, educational, and fun, offering people of all ages a meaningful way to connect with nature while learning care for Western New York's waterfronts and green spaces. Cayuga Creek Restoration Area, Porter Road, Niagara Falls. [Register](#).

**Birding Field Trip: Darien Lake SP with Matt Nusstein**-Gravel lot off Alleghany Road (Route77) across from 10271 Alleghany Road. ([map](#)). 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](mailto:matthew.nusstein@parks.ny.gov)

**Invasive Species Management and Native Restoration Workshop**-10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Kenneglenn Scenic and Nature Preserve, East Aurora. [Register](#). Join the Western New York Land Conservancy, Ecos Cooperative, and Wild Ones Western New York for a collaborative workshop focused on invasive species management and native restoration. Morning session, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., will focus on identifying invasive plants, treatment and removal methods, and practical management techniques for landowners and property stewards. Afternoon session, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., will feature a walk-and-talk session called "Plant This, Not That: Native Alternatives to Common Invasives." Participants will learn why native plants matter, how to choose the right plant for the right place, and which native shrubs and other plants can be used in place of common invasives to support pollinators, birds, and healthier ecosystems. Due to parking constraints, this event is limited to around 20 participants, so early registration is encouraged.

**WNY PRISM Volunteer Workday: Letchworth Stewardship Day**-9:00 am - 11:30 am. Take action for nature! Learn about invasive species and help remove them to protect native plants and wildlife, and the places we love. We'll be working together to remove slender false brome from the park. More info including directions, meeting location and what to bring will be emailed to participants after they are registered. Registration is required at: <https://bit.ly/2026VolunteerWorkdays>.

## Sunday, June 14

**Hydrangeas! Long Blooming Rockstars in the Landscape-** 11:00am, free class at Lockwood's Nursery. Jeff Fabian will go over the different types of hydrangeas that grow in WNY. To register, please call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at [orders@weknowplants.com](mailto:orders@weknowplants.com)

**Feed the Fish-** 9:30 am - 10:00 am at the Botanical Gardens. Cost: \$22/ticket | \$16/child 3-12. Get up close and personal with our family of koi fish at this exciting event! Enjoy early access to the Botanical Gardens before we open to the public with a special learning experience that's fun for all ages. Each participant receives a cup of koi fish food and time to help feed our fishy friends! Regular admission for the day is included, so you can explore the conservatory after the feeding! This special encounter is limited to 15 people per experience. All tickets must be purchased ahead of time online. Every person must have a [ticket!](#)

## Monday, June 15

**Slow Roll Buffalo at Freedom Park-**6pm at 1170 Niagara St., 14213. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

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

## Tuesday, June 16

**Writing for the Media-**6 to 7:30pm. All workshops will be held at Roswell Park Community Outreach and Engagement Center, 907 Michigan Ave, Buffalo, NY 14204. Space is limited to 35 participants per workshop, so please [register](#) only if you are confident you can attend.

**Niagara Beautification Commission Public Meeting-**6:30 to 7:30pm at Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main St, Niagara Falls, 2nd Floor Conference Room OR via [Zoom](#).

**Ask the Experts! How Can You Protect Pollinators From Pesticides?-**1 to 2pm. Join our panel of experts to answer your questions about how to manage pests and keep pesticides away from your garden. Bring your questions about buying bee safe plants, how to address your pest issues, and what you can do to reduce pesticide use. [Register](#).

**African Violet Society: Dawg Show Spruce Up!-** 7:00 pm at GreenFields Assisted Living Facility 5951 Broadway, Lancaster, New York. This meeting gives you a chance to learn how to repot and clean up those "Not so pretty" plants to change them into a much prettier plant. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission charge. If you have questions, contact Holly Pohl at [hollylou51@gmail.com](mailto:hollylou51@gmail.com)

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

**Solar Celebration-**5:30 to 8pm. Join Let There Be Light International for a Solar Celebration at [Duende at Silo City](#) (85 Silo City Row, Buffalo). This will be a rocking family-friendly evening with great food, music, and friends - new and old! YOU have the power to fight climate change and energy poverty, all while having a whole lot of fun! Join us to celebrate the power we have to brighten lives and Shine On together. [Tickets](#).

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

## Wednesday, June 17

**Hike at Grand Island**-6:30 PM we will meet at the Dick and Jenny's far parking lot to carpool to the Love Rd. Trail just down the street. The trail is amazing, packed with large old trees and lots of wildlife including owls! Please register here: <https://LoveRdWalk.eventbrite.com>

**Science Buff Lecture: Andrea Wulf**-7pm at Buffalo Science Museum. *The Traveler: One Man's Quest for Humanity from the South Seas to Revolutionary Paris*. Step into the extraordinary life of George Forster, a remarkable young naturalist, writer and revolutionary whose ideas about humanity, equality and freedom challenged the dominant worldviews of eighteenth-century Europe. Cash bar available for ages 21+ with beer, wine, seltzer, and hard cider. [Lecture Admission](#): \$25 nonmembers; \$5 with membership or school ID

**Starry Trek: Mobilizing Volunteers for Early Detection of Aquatic Invasive Species**-2 to 3pm virtual. Since 2017, Minnesota's Starry Trek Program has demonstrated how coordinated volunteer engagement can significantly expand early detection capacity for aquatic invasive species. Originally launched as a statewide effort to search for starry stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*), an invasive freshwater green alga that can form dense mats and disrupt lake ecosystems, Starry Trek has grown into a successful model for large scale, volunteer powered surveillance. We will explore how Starry Trek was built, how it has evolved over time, and what lessons have emerged from organizing a recurring, statewide volunteer detection event. [Learn more and register](#)

**EPA Tools & Resources Webinar: Practical Tools to Advance Water Reuse**-3-4 PM ET. There are no overarching federal regulations specific to water reuse. Instead, states, Tribes, and territories can establish their own regulations or standards. This approach has led to a fragmented landscape for aspiring water reuse practitioners, including industrial water users who operate in many states. Join us for an informational webinar with EPA's Water Reuse Program, [Register for the Practical Tools to Advance Water Reuse webinar](#).

## Thursday, June 18

**Virtual Talk: The Most Delicious Solution** -2pm. What if one of the most effective climate solutions was also one of the most delicious? Let's dig into the latest science on how our food system—and food waste—impact the environment. We'll talk about all things needed to cook up joy in a sustainable kitchen. Registration required; register online at [www.reinsteinwoods.org/events](http://www.reinsteinwoods.org/events).

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

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**WNY PRISM Invasive Species Workshops**- attend one or both! Register here: [Terrestrial Management Workshop](#) (10:30am to 12:30pm) and/or [Aquatic Management Workshop](#) (1:30-3:30pm) at Honorable Shirley Chisholm (Audubon) Library & Walton Woods Park, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14228.

**California Condor Film Screening & Discussion**-1pm. Join RTPI online for a FREE film screening of *The Condor's Shadow: A Documentary Film* by Jeff McLoughlin followed by a discussion with the filmmaker and Estelle Sandhouse, Vice President of Conservation and Science of the Santa Barbara Zoo, which has been a vital partner in the efforts to restore California Condors in the wild. [Register](#).

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

## Friday, June 19

**FeedMore Farm Market Truck**- North Collins Public Library the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of each month from 11:30am - 12:30pm.

**MAP Weekly Farmers Market**-2 to 4pm. MAP's Mobile Market is bringing fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables to Leroy R. Coles Library on Fridays from 2–4pm. East Delavan Entryway, Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch

**Adult & Teen BYO Craft Night**-6:30 to 8pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Join us for a cozy evening of tea, snacks, and crafts! Bring that project you've been meaning to finish and trade tips and tricks with fellow crafters while enjoying light refreshments and looking out over beautiful Lake Kirsty. Basic craft supplies and mini crafts provided; bring your own main project. Ages 12+. [Advance registration required](#). \$12 per person.

## Saturday, June 20

**Boating Safety Course**- 8:30am to 4:30pm. \$85. Comfort Inn & Suites, 4345 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225. [Info and register](#).

**Friends of Reinstein Woods Summer Solstice Walk**-9:30am. Join us for a delightful morning solstice walk at Reinstein Woods! For Friends members and their guests only. Not a member yet? Join at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/join/>. Registration required; email [info@reinsteinwoods.org](mailto:info@reinsteinwoods.org) or call 716-683-5959.

**Summer Welcome Walk**-10am. If you are new to Reinstein Woods, or want to bring a friend who's never visited, this walk is for you! No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Birding at Molasses Hill Preserve**-8am to 10am at 11140-11168 Molasses Hill Rd. ,Alexander, New York 14005. [Register](#).

**Woods Walk: Introduction to Reinstein Woods**-1pm. Learn about the history of Reinstein Woods, as well as anything we may see out along the trails. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Pollinator Conference: Native Plants & Pollinators**-Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, admission includes lunch. For schedule and tickets, visit [here](#).

**Orchid Repotting Event**-Noon to 2pm at the Botanical Gardens in partnership with the [Niagara Frontier Orchid Society](#)! Bring your orchid with you! Our experts will help repot your plant and give you lots of great advice on how to care for your orchid. There will be growing medium and varied sized pots for sale. Prices will vary depending on your needs and will range from \$5-\$25. (Prices may include a new pot, growing medium and orchid repotting by an expert). All proceeds benefit the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society.

**Wellness Walk**-9:30 to 11am at Niagara Falls State Park. Start your morning with a wellness walk in one of the most picturesque parks in our region! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**NFTA Parks Adventure Bus to Sprague Brook Park**- [Sprague Brook](#) - Shelter 2 is reserved for seating, shade, and restroom use. Erie County Parks is once again partnering with NFTA to offer the FREE Parks Adventure Bus! The bus will take patrons from the main station downtown to Erie County, DEC and NYS Parks throughout the summer. There will be a Birding Workshop at 12:30pm.

**Outdoor Meditation**-9am. A guided meditation, followed by a prompted journaling session. Join Jennifer Metz, a certified meditation teacher and creator of The Heart of Mindful Living. In this beginner-friendly outdoor class, you'll learn simple yet powerful grounding techniques followed by a prompted journaling session. Journal booklet provided. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket. 1101 Casey Road, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. To RSVP, please email [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Yoga In Nature**-Noon. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature with a guided outdoor yoga session at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. This all-levels class will blend gentle movement, mindful breathing, and relaxation techniques while surrounded by the sights and sounds of the natural world. Led by a certified yoga instructor, Ruth Shewan, this session will help you connect with your body, mind, and the environment in a serene and inspiring setting. Please arrive a little early for set up. This program is free and open to all! 1101 Casey Rd, Basom, NY 14013 – Visitor Center Lawn Area. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Jewels of the Sky**-10 to 11:30am 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](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Gorge Rim to River Level**-10am to noon at Niagara Falls State Park - Devil's Hole Area. Hike with educators to learn about the Niagara Gorge by experiencing it! We will hike down Devil's Hole stairs, up the Whirlpool stairs and back along the rim trail. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Father's Day Cards**-1 to 2:30pm at Evangola State Park. Show Dad appreciation by making them a handmade card! Stamps, ink, cards and markers provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Last Call for Spring**-2 to 4pm at Niagara Falls State Park - Devil's Hole Area. Take a leisurely, wildflower focused stroll along the gorge on the last day of spring! Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Wild Wines of the World Event**- 1 to 4:30pm at Hawk Creek. 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. Wine lovers- this one is for you! 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 here - <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product-category/ticket/events/>

### Sunday, June 21

**Father's Day Stroll**-10 to 11:30am at Buckhorn Island State Park. Join a park naturalist on a stroll along the Niagara River through Buckhorn State Park for Father's Day. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Family Wilderness Survival Challenge**-2 to 4pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Young wildlings! Pair up with your parent or an adult friend and challenge them to a feral afternoon of wilderness survival skill challenges! Together, you will learn how to make fire, build shelter, tie knots, find wild edibles, and go fishing! Families rotate through stations together and receive a small prize upon completion. Adult supervision required at all times. (event will be indoors if weather is inclement). Ages 5+. [Advance registration required](#). \$25 per child with an adult.

### Monday, June 22

**Slow Roll Buffalo at Big Ditch**-6pm at 55 East Huron St., 14203. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

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### Tuesday, June 23

**Invasive Species Talk**-6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, free at the Alt Nature Center for an informative talk on invasive species, led by WNY PRISM. The presentation will provide a high-level overview for general audiences, covering a variety of common invasive plants and aquatic species, their impacts, and practical control options. Topics may include buckthorn, teasel, phragmites, aquatic invasives, and invasive insects such as the emerald ash borer. Attendees will also learn why invasive species matter and what steps they can take to help mitigate their spread in the local environment. This event is free and open to all! 2489 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

**Hamburg House & Garden**-Noon at Village of Hamburg Community Center 107 Prospect Ave., Hamburg, New York. Donna Lipowitz will present a discussion on "Lovely Orchids." Please feel free to join the meeting.

**The WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Annual Meeting**-4 to 7 PM at D'Youville University. Join us to reflect on the past year, learn about upcoming initiatives and opportunities, and help shape what's to come. We encourage each member organization to send at least one representative to vote on important updates and have your organization's priorities and needs heard. [Register Today](#)

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

**Dare to Repair Café**-5 to 8pm @ Tool Library, 2626 Main St., Buffalo. Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

### Wednesday, June 24

**Senior Hiking Club**-9:30 - 11:30am at [Como Lake - Meeting Location: Casino 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. Join the Environmental Specialist Wendy on a leisurely walk through the park to the light house! We will cross over three bridges over Cayuga Creek as we walk and look for birds, butterflies, and turtles. This park is a great place to be on a hot summer day. [Register for Senior Hiking Club](#)

**West Valley Citizens Task Force Meeting**-6:30 PM-8:00 PM at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley. [Zoom Registration Link](#)

### Thursday, June 25

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

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### Friday, June 26

**Planting For Pollinators**-10am. Celebrate National Pollinator Week with some pollinator awareness and a hands-on planting project in our Woodland Garden! For adults only. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

### Saturday, June 27

**Watercolor at DeVeaux**-10am to noon at DeVeaux Woods State Park. Enjoy a guided walk through DeVeaux Woods in search of inspiration for a watercolor painting. All materials provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

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

**Artpark Gorge Hike**-2 to 4pm at Artpark State Park (Earl W. Brydges). Join a park naturalist for a gorge hike through Artpark State Park. Visitors will get to experience the beautiful Niagara River and its scenery on this guided hike. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Hive Inspection Class-** 1 or 3pm at Masterson's Nursery, East Aurora. Join us in the apiary for a hand-on experience. We'll open up a hive together and see what the bees can teach us. From suiting up and lighting a smoker to proper hive etiquette to locating the queen, we'll share what we've picked up over the years. [Register](#).

**Co-op Fest-** 3 to 6 PM, Cooperation Buffalo will be hosting our third annual Co-op Fest—an afternoon with local co-ops that are building a new economy that puts people first. Join us to celebrate the power of people working together. Whether you've been supporting co-ops for years, or are curious to learn more about the Solidarity Economy and how you can be a part of it—we can't wait to party with you! [RSVP](#), 5 Points Bakery, 44 Brayton St., Buffalo. Suggested donation \$10.

**LGBTQ+ Families Day** -10:30am. 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.

**Noxious Plants-**2pm. There are many plants that are not good for humans to interact with. They may be poisonous, make us itch with a rash, or just make us sick. We'll take a walk through the woods and see what we can find (but not touch!). For ages 12 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**The Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* Return-**The boat makes her much-anticipated return to the Commercial Slip at Canalside at 1:00 PM! After traveling more than 1,000 miles, the *Seneca Chief*—along with her dedicated crew and fleet—will arrive in Buffalo in a powerful homecoming moment years in the making. This milestone marks the culmination of countless hours of planning, craftsmanship, community collaboration, and pride. This must-see event is free and open to the public, and all of us at BMC hope you can be there to celebrate this extraordinary journey.

**“Teach Me to Fish” Family Fishing Clinics-**10am to 1pm at Chestnut Ridge Park. A fishing license is NOT required to participate in either of these clinics. Anyone can take part in the clinics, but only kids aged 15 and under can register to win prizes. Loaner rod & reels are available for participants to use, or they may use their own equipment if they prefer. [Register](#).

**Kiss a Cow Day-**10am to 2pm at ASHA Farm Sanctuary, 2969 Coomer Road, Newfane, NY. Free admission.

## Sunday, June 28

**Hike Through History-** 1 to 2:30pm at Niagara Falls State Park. Join a park naturalist on a hike to learn about the rich history of Niagara Falls State Park! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Underwater Monsters of Onondaga Pool-**10am. Using aquatic nets, Wayne Gall will sample aquatic insects and other underwater creatures from Onondaga Pool for observation in white plastic pans filled with water. After identifying and discussing their natural history, the aquatic organisms will be returned alive to Onondaga Pool. Meet at the parking lot for Onondaga Trail on Sour Springs Road north of Roberts Road and south of Oak Orchard Creek. Onondaga Trail at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge on Sour Springs Road. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Big Picture Garden Tour: School Gardening Site-** 1 to 2pm at Kenmore Jr/Sr High School, 155 Delaware Rd, Buffalo, NY, 14217 [Map](#). Join David O'Donnell of Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm to tour a second year native plant garden and vegetable gardens at Kenmore Jr/Sr High School. Learn how programs like Big Picture Gardens make a difference in the community by sharing the benefits of pollinators in the garden and providing access to sustainable healthy food. All ages are welcome to join us. [Register](#).

## Monday, June 29

**Slow Roll Buffalo at Frequentem Brewery-**6pm at 225 Louisiana Ave., 14204. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

**DIY Flower Pressing-** 5:30 to 7pm at Providence Creek, 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park. Participants will make 1 wooden flower press. They will also receive blotting paper and cardboard to help create pressed flower art, as well as 5 stems from PFC's Giving Garden to do their first press. [Tickets.](#)

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## **Tuesday, June 30**

**Bridging the Gap-**5:30 to 7pm. Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area. Walk with an educator to Freedom Plaza and back to learn about the history of the engineers, daredevils, and freedom seekers who bridged the gap between the opposite sides of the gorge. Registration required on Eventbrite.com.

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

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**Quick Tips for Buying Native Plants-** 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm , Online/Virtual. Join Lyn Chimera of Lessons from Nature for a quick overview of how to shop for native plants. How do you distinguish native plants from the wide variety of plants for sale? What questions can you ask a grower or nursery staff to find the best plant for your garden? Lyn will share tips from her experience growing, teaching and interacting with customers. We will have time for Q&A with a variety of other growers and native plant experts. [Register.](#)

**Basics of Nonprofit Financial Tracking-** Noon to 1pm. This online session will review terminology and tips to help you track your income and expenses. [Register](#) for this practical and informative session today!

## **Wednesday, July 1**

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

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## **Friday, July 3**

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

## **Saturday, July 4**

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

## 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.**

### Amended 6 NYCRR Part 350 Open for Public Comment

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

**Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EPR for Mattresses**-S. 1463

**EPR for Tires**- S.7553

**Excess Food Act Extender**-S.9452

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

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

**Data Center Moratorium**- Places a three-year and ninety-day moratorium on data centers and requires regs following an environmental impact report.

#### **SUNNY Act will:**

- **Put power in our hands:** Changing the law will allow New Yorkers to use small, affordable 'balcony solar' panels that can be plugged into a household outlet and power appliances on that circuit.
- **Save money:** Balcony solar gives New Yorkers the power to create their own electricity, saving hundreds of dollars on their energy bills each year.
- **Reduce fossil fuel use:** Every watt of solar electricity generated reduces the amount of fracked gas and oil burned to power our homes.

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

## Tips for the Environment:

- **Mosquito Control Needed-** Remove all standing water and use mosquito dunks instead of yard spraying. These are disks that are targeted for mosquito larvae.
- **Ban the Balloons-**plastic balloons create litter and wildlife hazards, consider gifting a native plant or native wildflower seeds, blowing bubbles, or decorating with paper or reusable decorations that can be folded away and reused for future events. Creative options like handmade signs, coordinated family outfits, or an enthusiastic cheering section offer memorable ways to honor grads without generating waste. [More ideas to celebrate balloon-free](#). If you must have balloons, keep them tied down and dispose of them properly.

## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Buffalo ReUse** can use volunteers for many things. To help, contact them at [volunteer@buffaloreuse.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:glight@rochester.rr.com) for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

**Preservation Buffalo Niagara**-Interns & volunteers welcome. [www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org](http://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](mailto: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/x/xtapps/sls\\_searches/index.cfm?p=live\\_rehab](https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/xtapps/sls_searches/index.cfm?p=live_rehab)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

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

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

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

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

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

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

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

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)

[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)

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

[Dynamic World](#) Land cover dataset

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

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

[CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#)

[event carbon calculator](#)

[Organic Resource Mapping Tool](#)

[WNY Food Systems Map](#)

[TreeCanopy.us](#)

## Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guide to Urban Farming- <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/>  
Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkhcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>  
Heirloom Soul Florals: Regenerative Flower Farming- <https://www.heirloomsoul.com/blog-archive>  
Natural and Working Lands-<https://blogs.cornell.edu/workinglands/> Farming and Climate Change resources  
Nourishing Harvest- <https://www.patreon.com/anourishingharvest>  
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>  
Recycle Right NY- <https://recyclerightny.org/>  
Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>  
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>  
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>  
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>  
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>  
Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>  
Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>  
Times Beach Nature Preserve- <www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029>  
Black Dog Rescue- <www.blackdogsecondchance.org>  
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>  
Eco-Island Nature Center- <https://www.grandislandschools.org/domain/49>  
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>  
Erie Canal Trailway- <www.ptny.org/bikecanal>  
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>  
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>  
We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>  
WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>  
Fishing Outdoors- <http://www.huntfishnyoutdoors.com/events.php>  
Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)  
Sustainability SmartPod- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2127930>

### **County/New York State Resources**

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

### **Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities**

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

## **Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series**

[DEC summer camps](#)

[www.aquariumofniagara.org](http://www.aquariumofniagara.org)

[www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org)

[www.buffalogardens.com](http://www.buffalogardens.com)

[www.buffscience.org](http://www.buffscience.org)

[www.buffalozoo.org](http://www.buffalozoo.org)

[www.penndixie.org](http://www.penndixie.org)

[www.yourspca.org](http://www.yourspca.org)

[https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdec.ny.gov%2Fthings-to-do%2Fsummer-camps/1/0101019bdce4ac66-693d49a3-23fb-4450-ba03-1303165648e0-000000/emn2BJaT0rjWtc1xB\\_pL9STO\\_xq01qanQvAmsBcxKpY=441](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdec.ny.gov%2Fthings-to-do%2Fsummer-camps/1/0101019bdce4ac66-693d49a3-23fb-4450-ba03-1303165648e0-000000/emn2BJaT0rjWtc1xB_pL9STO_xq01qanQvAmsBcxKpY=441)

## **Grant Opportunities /Tools**

[Database of Federal Grants to Support Food Waste Initiatives](#)

<https://trust.guidestar.org/grant-writing-101-resources-for-grant-writers>

[www.grantstation.com](http://www.grantstation.com)

[www.grantwatch.com](http://www.grantwatch.com)

[www.grantsalert.com](http://www.grantsalert.com)

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

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

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

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

[NYS Woodchip Sources Map](#)

[NYS Compost Facilities Map](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gregs U-Pick- <http://gregsupick.com/>

Groundwork Market Garden- <http://www.groundworkmg.com>

Healthy Living Farm- <https://www.healthylivingfarm.com>

Heartland Organics- <https://www.heartland-organics.com/visit>

Kin Loch Farmstead- <https://www.kinlochfarmstead.com/>

Kubed Root-<http://www.kubedroot.com/>

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

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

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

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

Niagara Malt- [www.niagaramalt.com](http://www.niagaramalt.com)

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

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

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

The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandesa.com/>  
Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>  
Root Down- [www.therootdownfarm.com](http://www.therootdownfarm.com)  
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>  
Singer Farms Naturals-[www.singerfarmnaturals.com](http://www.singerfarmnaturals.com)  
Thorpe's Organic Farm- [www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com](http://www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com)  
Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>  
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>  
WNY Farmers' Markets- [http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers\\_market/](http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/)  
Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>  
Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>  
NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>  
WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

### **Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops**

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

### **Local Tourism promoting Sustainability**

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

### **Recycling, Reuse, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options: check [www3.erie.gov/recycling/materials-recycling-sites](http://www3.erie.gov/recycling/materials-recycling-sites)**

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

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

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

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

Books- [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org), [www.operationpaperback.org](http://www.operationpaperback.org)

Bras- [www.donateyourbra.com](http://www.donateyourbra.com),

Building materials- [www.buffaloreuse.org](http://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/](http://www.donatemyweddingdress.org/), [www.careergear.org](http://www.careergear.org), [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://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](http://www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html), most electronics stores, [www.sunnking.com](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](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](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)  
Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448  
Shoes, athletic-[NikeReuseAShoe.com](http://NikeReuseAShoe.com), [Souls4Souls.org](http://Souls4Souls.org) and [OneWorldRunning.com](http://OneWorldRunning.com)  
Sports equipment-resell/trade at [www.playitagainsports.com](http://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](http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html), [www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation](http://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](http://preserveproducts.com/recycling)  
Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>  
Xray film (contains silver)- [X-Ray Film Recyclers](#), [Electronic Recycling Guys](#),  
Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/> , <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> [realsimple](#)

### **Eco-volunteering with Travel:**

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

### **Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:**

Solar Energy Training- <http://www.solarenergy.org/training-schedule/>  
Coursera- [www.coursera.org](http://www.coursera.org)  
[Green Education Foundation](#)  
[Facing the Future](#)  
[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](#)  
[Sustainable Futures Institute](#)  
[Nature Generation.](#)  
[The Center for Ecoliteracy](#)  
[Hamline's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\)](#)  
[The National Science Teachers Association Learning Centers](#)  
[The US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](#)  
[Basics of Organic Farming](#) is a self-directed online course for beginning orchard and vegetable-crop farmers  
[Our Farms, Our Future](#) podcast series  
[Second Nature's Solution Center](#)

### **On Demand Webinars:**

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

[Plan-It GEO](#)

<https://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020>- CERES from NYC program in Climate Week EarthEcho [Youtube channel](#) Water Challenge [playlist](#).

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

### **Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](#)

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

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

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](#)

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

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](#)

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

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

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

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

[2018 Fuel Economy Guide](#)

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

[NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Webinar series](#)

[NOAA One Science Seminar Series](#)

[Green Restaurant sustainability tool](#)

[Mapping Climate Change.](#)

[Socially Responsible Investing and Banking](#)

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

[Promise of Biomimicry](#)

[Pollinators under Pressure](#)

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter

<http://adk-nfc.org/>

AIA Buffalo Western NY

<https://www.aiabuffalowny.org/>

Air and Waste Management Association

<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

<http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/>

Alliance for the Great Lakes

[www.greatlakes.org](http://www.greatlakes.org)

American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate

<http://nyupstateplanning.org/www.wnyapa.com>

Amherst State Park Arboretum	<a href="http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html">http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html</a>
Aquarium of Niagara	<a href="http://www.aquariumofniagara.org">www.aquariumofniagara.org</a>
Asha Sanctuary for Rescued Farm Animals	<a href="http://www.ashasanctuary.com/">http://www.ashasanctuary.com/</a>
Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora">https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora</a>
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	<a href="http://www.awarewildlife.com/">http://www.awarewildlife.com/</a>
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	<a href="http://www.bergenswamp.org/">http://www.bergenswamp.org/</a>
Birds on the Niagara	<a href="https://bird-niagara.org/">https://bird-niagara.org/</a>
Black Rock Riverside Alliance	<a href="https://brralliance.org/">https://brralliance.org/</a>
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/">https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/</a>
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	<a href="http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/">http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/</a>
Buffalo Architecture Foundation	<a href="http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/">http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/</a>
Buffalo Astronomical Association	<a href="http://buffaloastronomy.com/">http://buffaloastronomy.com/</a>
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.buffaloudubon.org">www.buffaloudubon.org</a>
Buffalo Blueway	<a href="https://buffaloblueway.com/">https://buffaloblueway.com/</a>
Buffalo Central Terminal	<a href="https://buffalocentralterminal.org/">https://buffalocentralterminal.org/</a>
Buffalo Go Green	<a href="https://buffalogogreen.org/">https://buffalogogreen.org/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/">https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Gardening	<a href="https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/">https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/</a>
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	<a href="http://www.buffalogardens.com">www.buffalogardens.com</a>
Buffalo Farm to School Program	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/">https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/</a>
Buffalo Geological Society	<a href="http://www.bgsny.org">www.bgsny.org</a>
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	<a href="http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/">http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/</a>
Buffalo Maritime Center	<a href="http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/">http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/</a>
Buffalo Museum of Science	<a href="http://www.sciencebuff.org/">www.sciencebuff.org/</a>

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	<a href="http://bnhv.org/">http://bnhv.org/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	<a href="https://bnwaterkeeper.org/">https://bnwaterkeeper.org/</a>
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	<a href="http://www.bfloparks.org">www.bfloparks.org</a>
Buffalo Orienteering Club	<a href="https://buffalo-orienteeing.org/">https://buffalo-orienteeing.org/</a>
Buffalo Ornithological Society	<a href="https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/">https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/</a>
Buffalo Recycles	<a href="http://buffalorecycles.org/">http://buffalorecycles.org/</a>
Buffalo River Land Trust	<a href="https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/">https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/</a>
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	<a href="http://budc.ecidany.com/">http://budc.ecidany.com/</a>
Buffalo Zoo	<a href="http://www.buffalozoo.org">www.buffalozoo.org</a>
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	<a href="http://www.burchfieldnac.org/">http://www.burchfieldnac.org/</a>
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	<a href="https://bwell.community/">https://bwell.community/</a>
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	<a href="http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html">http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html</a>
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	<a href="http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/">http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/</a>
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	<a href="http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/">http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/</a>
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	<a href="http://www.citizenscampaign.org">www.citizenscampaign.org</a>
Citizens' Climate Lobby	<a href="https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-ccl/chapters/">https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-ccl/chapters/</a>
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	<a href="http://citizencoalitionwe.com/">http://citizencoalitionwe.com/</a>
Citizens for Regional Transit	<a href="http://www.citizenstransit.org/">www.citizenstransit.org/</a>
Clarence Bluebird Trail	<a href="https://lambluebirdtrail.org/">https://lambluebirdtrail.org/</a>
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	<a href="https://www.cacwny.org/">https://www.cacwny.org/</a>
Clean Communities of Western New York	<a href="http://www.ccofwny.org/">http://www.ccofwny.org/</a>
Coalition of Positively Charged People	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/">https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/</a>
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	<a href="http://www.cfwb.org/">http://www.cfwb.org/</a>
Cooperation Buffalo	<a href="https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/">https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/</a>

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	<a href="http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/">http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	<a href="http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu">http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	<a href="http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/">http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	<a href="http://cceniagaracounty.org/">http://cceniagaracounty.org/</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	<a href="https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/">https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/</a>
Council of the Great Lakes Region	<a href="https://councilgreatlakesregion.org/">https://councilgreatlakesregion.org/</a>
Daemen University Center for Sustainability	<a href="http://www.daemen.edu/enviro-news">www.daemen.edu/enviro-news</a>
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/index.html">www.dec.ny.gov/index.html</a>
Designing to Live Sustainably	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/">https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/</a>
Drave's Arboretum	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/">https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/</a>
Earth Spirit Educational Services	<a href="http://www.earthspiritedu.org">www.earthspiritedu.org</a>
East Side Stewards	<a href="https://www.eastsidestewards.com/">https://www.eastsidestewards.com/</a>
Environmental Advocates NY	<a href="http://www.eany.org">www.eany.org</a>
Environmental Education Associates	<a href="http://environmentaleducation.com/">http://environmentaleducation.com/</a>
Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2">https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2</a>
Erie Canal Harbor Development	<a href="https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0">https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0</a>
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability</a>
Erie County Conservation Society	<a href="http://eccs-club.org/">http://eccs-club.org/</a>
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/</a>
Erie County Environment Management Council	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/</a>
Erie County Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.ecfarm.com/">http://www.ecfarm.com/</a>
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	<a href="https://www.ecfsc.org/">https://www.ecfsc.org/</a>
Erie County Parks and Recreation	<a href="http://www.erie.gov/parks">http://www.erie.gov/parks</a>
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	<a href="http://www.ecswed.org/">www.ecswed.org/</a>

Explore Buffalo	<a href="http://www.explorebuffalo.org">www.explorebuffalo.org</a>
Feminist Bird Club Buffalo	<a href="https://feministbirdclubbuf.org/">https://feministbirdclubbuf.org/</a>
Field and Fork Network	<a href="http://fieldandforknetwork.com/">http://fieldandforknetwork.com/</a>
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	<a href="https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/">https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/</a>
Food Future WNY	<a href="http://www.foodfuturewny.org">www.foodfuturewny.org</a>
Foundry	<a href="http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/">http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/</a>
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	<a href="http://www.finwr.org/">http://www.finwr.org/</a>
Friends of Reinstein Woods	<a href="http://reinsteinwoods.org">http://reinsteinwoods.org</a>
Friends of Sinking Ponds	<a href="https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/">https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/</a>
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/">http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/</a>
Foothills Trail Club	<a href="http://www.foothillstrailclub.org">www.foothillstrailclub.org</a>
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	<a href="https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/">https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/</a>
Garden Clubs of WNY	<a href="http://www.gardenclubsofwny.com">www.gardenclubsofwny.com</a>
Genesee County Village & Museum	<a href="https://www.gcv.org/">https://www.gcv.org/</a>
Global Justice Ecology Project	<a href="http://globaljusticeecology.org/">http://globaljusticeecology.org/</a>
Go Bike Buffalo	<a href="http://gobikebuffalo.org/">http://gobikebuffalo.org/</a>
Go Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://gobuffaloniagara.org">http://gobuffaloniagara.org</a>
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	<a href="http://www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com">www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com</a>
Grand Island Nature Alliance	<a href="https://gi-naturealliance.org/">https://gi-naturealliance.org/</a>
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	<a href="http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/">www.grassrootsgardens.org/</a>
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	<a href="http://www.gbnrtc.org/">www.gbnrtc.org/</a>
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers Network	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers">www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers</a>
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	<a href="http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/">http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/</a>
Great Lakes Research Consortium	<a href="https://www.esf.edu/glrc/">https://www.esf.edu/glrc/</a>

Green Together WNY	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/">https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/</a>
Habitat for Humanity	<a href="https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/">https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/</a>
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	<a href="https://www.hawkcreek.org">https://www.hawkcreek.org</a>
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	<a href="https://www.heartforanimals.org/">https://www.heartforanimals.org/</a>
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	<a href="http://www.hocn.org">www.hocn.org</a>
Hope Rising Together	<a href="https://ltl01.com/">https://ltl01.com/</a>
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	<a href="https://www.homeny.org/">https://www.homeny.org/</a>
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	<a href="http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/">http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/</a>
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	<a href="https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/">https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/</a>
Innovation Center Buffalo	<a href="http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/">http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/</a>
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/">http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/</a>
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	<a href="http://auduboncnc.org/">http://auduboncnc.org/</a>
Jamestown Community College	<a href="http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability">http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability</a>
Keep Western New York Beautiful	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/">https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/</a>
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	<a href="http://www.erie.gov/lewpa">http://www.erie.gov/lewpa</a>
Leadership Buffalo	<a href="https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/">https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/</a>
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://www.lwvbn.org/">http://www.lwvbn.org/</a>
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	<a href="https://www.lisc.org/wny/">https://www.lisc.org/wny/</a>
Lyceum at Silo City	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/">https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/</a>
Massachusetts Avenue Project	<a href="http://mass-ave.org/">http://mass-ave.org/</a>
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	<a href="http://www.messingerwoods.org">www.messingerwoods.org</a>
Nannen Arboretum	<a href="https://www.nannenarboretum.com/">https://www.nannenarboretum.com/</a>
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	<a href="http://Nature.org">http://Nature.org</a>
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	<a href="http://nsswny.org/">http://nsswny.org/</a>

NY Center for Organics & Recycling Education	<a href="https://cals.cornell.edu/ny-center-organics-recycling-education">https://cals.cornell.edu/ny-center-organics-recycling-education</a>
New York Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.nyfb.org/">http://www.nyfb.org/</a>
New York Flora Association	<a href="http://www.nyflora.org/">http://www.nyflora.org/</a>
New York Forest Owner's Association	<a href="http://www.nyfoa.org">www.nyfoa.org</a>
New York Interfaith Power and Light	<a href="http://www.newyorkipl.org/">www.newyorkipl.org/</a>
New York League of Conservation Voters	<a href="http://www.nylcv.org/">http://www.nylcv.org/</a>
New York Power Authority	<a href="http://www.nypa.gov">www.nypa.gov</a>
New York Public Interest Research Group	<a href="http://www.nypirg.org/">http://www.nypirg.org/</a>
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	<a href="https://nysacc.org/">https://nysacc.org/</a>
New York State Ornithological Association	<a href="http://nybirds.org/index.html">http://nybirds.org/index.html</a>
New York State Outdoor Education Association	<a href="http://nysoea.org/">http://nysoea.org/</a>
New York State Parks	<a href="https://parks.ny.gov/">https://parks.ny.gov/</a>
NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	<a href="https://www.nysar3.org/">https://www.nysar3.org/</a>
New York State Sea Grant	<a href="http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/">http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/</a>
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/NESAWG/">https://www.facebook.com/NESAWG/</a>
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	<a href="https://www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-new-york-upstate">https://www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-new-york-upstate</a>
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	<a href="https://www.nyuasla.org/">https://www.nyuasla.org/</a>
New York State Wetlands Forum	<a href="http://www.wetlandsforum.org">http://www.wetlandsforum.org</a>
Niagara Beautification Commission	<a href="https://www.keepniagarabeautiful.org/">https://www.keepniagarabeautiful.org/</a>
Niagara County Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/">http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/</a>
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	<a href="http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/">http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/</a>
Niagara County Parks	<a href="http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/">http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/</a>
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	<a href="http://www.niagaraswcd.com">www.niagaraswcd.com</a>
Niagara Fishing Expo	<a href="http://niagarafishingexpo.com/">http://niagarafishingexpo.com/</a>

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	<a href="#">Niagara Frontier Botanical Society</a>
Niagara Outfitters	<a href="https://niagaraoutfitters.com/">https://niagaraoutfitters.com/</a>
Niagara River Anglers Association	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/">www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/</a>
Niagara River Greenway Commission	<a href="https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/">https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/</a>
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	<a href="http://nofany.org">http://nofany.org</a>
North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens	<a href="https://ntbgo.weebly.com/">https://ntbgo.weebly.com/</a>
One Region Forward	<a href="https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/">https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/</a>
Open Buffalo	<a href="http://www.openbuffalo.org/">http://www.openbuffalo.org/</a>
Our Outer Harbor	<a href="http://www.ourouterharbor.org/">http://www.ourouterharbor.org/</a>
Partnership for the Public Good	<a href="http://www.ppgbuffalo.org">www.ppgbuffalo.org</a>
Pelion Garden	<a href="https://peliongarden.org">https://peliongarden.org</a>
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	<a href="http://www.penndixie.org">www.penndixie.org</a>
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	<a href="http://www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org">www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org</a>
People United for Sustainable Housing	<a href="http://www.pushbuffalo.org">http://www.pushbuffalo.org</a>
Plant WNY	<a href="http://www.plantwny.com/">http://www.plantwny.com/</a>
Pollinator Conservation Association	<a href="http://www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/">www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/</a>
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/">http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/</a>
Primate Sanctuary	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary">www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary</a>
Providence Farm Collective	<a href="http://providencefarmcollective.org/">http://providencefarmcollective.org/</a>
Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy	<a href="https://rwparkbuffalo.org/">https://rwparkbuffalo.org/</a>
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html">www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html</a>
Restore our Community Coalition	<a href="http://rocbuffalo.org/">http://rocbuffalo.org/</a>
Retree Western New York	<a href="https://re-treewny.org/">https://re-treewny.org/</a>
ReUse Action	<a href="http://reuseaction.com/">http://reuseaction.com/</a>

Riverline	<a href="https://www.theriverline.org/">https://www.theriverline.org/</a>
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	<a href="http://www.rtpi.org">www.rtpi.org</a>
Secret Places of WNY	<a href="https://www.insiders-outside.com/events">https://www.insiders-outside.com/events</a>
Service Collaborative of WNY	<a href="http://www.tscwny.org/">http://www.tscwny.org/</a>
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	<a href="https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara">https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara</a>
Slow Roll Buffalo	<a href="https://www.slowrollbuffalo.org/">https://www.slowrollbuffalo.org/</a>
South Buffalo Alive	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/South-Bufferalo-Alive-174141769403626/">www.facebook.com/South-Bufferalo-Alive-174141769403626/</a>
SPCA serving Erie County	<a href="http://www.yourspca.org">www.yourspca.org</a>
SUNY Fredonia	<a href="https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/sustainability">https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/sustainability</a>
Tifft Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.tifft.org/tifft/">http://www.tifft.org/tifft/</a>
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/">www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/</a>
Tool Library	<a href="https://thetoollibrary.org/">https://thetoollibrary.org/</a>
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/">www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/</a>
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/esw.ub/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/esw.ub/</a>
UB Environmental Network	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/">https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/</a>
UB Office of Sustainability	<a href="http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html">http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html</a>
UB Regional Institute	<a href="http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/">http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/</a>
Urban Land Institute	<a href="http://newyork.uli.org">http://newyork.uli.org</a>
Urban Roots	<a href="http://www.urbanroots.org/">www.urbanroots.org/</a>
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	<a href="https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/buffalo/">https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/buffalo/</a>
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	<a href="https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-co">https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-co</a>
US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast	<a href="https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast">https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast</a>
Vision Niagara	<a href="http://visionniagara.org/">http://visionniagara.org/</a>
Voice-Buffalo	<a href="https://voicebuffalo.org/">https://voicebuffalo.org/</a>

Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	<a href="https://nywea.org/western/">https://nywea.org/western/</a>
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	<a href="http://www.tscwny.org/">http://www.tscwny.org/</a>
Western New York Environmental Alliance	<a href="http://www.wnyea.org">http://www.wnyea.org</a>
Western New York Herpetological Society	<a href="https://wnyherpsociety.org/">https://wnyherpsociety.org/</a>
Western New York Land Conservancy	<a href="https://www.wnylc.org/">https://www.wnylc.org/</a>
WNY Mountain Bike Association	<a href="http://www.wnymba.org">http://www.wnymba.org</a>
WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY)	<a href="http://www.plantwny.com/">http://www.plantwny.com/</a>
WNY Partnership for Invasive Species Mgmt (PRISM)	<a href="http://www.wnyprism.org">www.wnyprism.org</a>
WNY Permaculture	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/">www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/</a>
WNY Raptor Center	<a href="http://Wnyraptor.com">Wnyraptor.com</a>
Western New York Science Teachers	<a href="https://westernstanys.org/">https://westernstanys.org/</a>
WNY Seed Library	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/">https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/</a>
Western New York Soil Health Alliance	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/wnysoilhealth/">https://www.facebook.com/wnysoilhealth/</a>
WNY STEM	<a href="https://stemecosystems.org/ecosystem/wny-stem/">https://stemecosystems.org/ecosystem/wny-stem/</a>
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/</a>
Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable	<a href="http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/">http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/</a>
WNY Peace Center Renewable Energy Task Force	<a href="https://www.wnypeace.org/">https://www.wnypeace.org/</a>
WNY Weather Society	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/amswnychapter">www.facebook.com/amswnychapter</a>
WNY Young Birders Club	<a href="https://www.wnyybc.org/events">https://www.wnyybc.org/events</a>
West Valley Citizen Task Force	<a href="http://www.westvalleyctf.org">www.westvalleyctf.org</a>
Wild Kritters	<a href="http://www.wildkritters.com/">http://www.wildkritters.com/</a>
Wild Ones-WNY Chapter	<a href="https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/">https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/</a>
Wild Spirit Education	<a href="https://wildspirit.org/">https://wildspirit.org/</a>
Zoar Valley Coalition	<a href="https://zoarvalley.org/">https://zoarvalley.org/</a>