

# Enviro-News

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## Articles:

### Freshwater Flicks

Support Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and enjoy some water-related films. Freshwater Flicks 2026 will be on **March 1, 2026** beginning at 1pm at The Caz in South Buffalo. Ticket sales are now open and [we have released our list of films](#). These are different films released by Wild & Scenic Film Festival from prior years. [Tickets](#).

### Environmental Excellence Awards: Applications Open

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

### Stand up for Science

Join the National Day of Action to Stand Up for Science on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm in Niagara Square! The peaceful march is to take back our science, health, & democracy! [Register](#).

### Conservation Conversations!

Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust invites all to the conversation on **March 4** with a special presentation by Josh Smith, BNRLT Board Member and Director of Ecology of Rigidized Metals Corporation, and Maris Grundy, Executive Director of Friends of Silo City. This talk delves into the ongoing transformations of Silo City, a site where industrial heritage meets ecological renewal and creative experimentation. We'll examine how its evolving ecosystems and innovative interventions have turned the grounds into a contemporary hub for urban regeneration, fostering dialogue between ecology, art, and community at a critical moment for rethinking our post-industrial environments. Note that this event will take place at Rigidized Metal's Sky Studio at 658 Ohio St in Buffalo at 7pm. Free, but [RSVP so we can arrange seats](#).

### Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm at Doc Sullivan's (474 Abbott Rd.). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

## Orchid Fest at the Botanical Gardens

The Orchid Fest will be held from **March 6 through 8** at the Botanical Gardens and is included with admission. Niagara Frontier Orchid Society's Orchid Show will be the grand finale to the Orchid Exhibit, nearly doubling the number of orchids you'll see this weekend only. Featuring award-winning orchids, special displays and showcases, alongside vendors and orchid experts, this is a must-see for orchid lovers and exhibit goers! [Get tickets.](#)

## Master Gardener Education Day 2026

The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Erie County Master Gardener Program will host its 2026 Education Day on **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Classics V Banquet Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY. The invited speakers and their topics are: Understanding Cultivars, Nativars, and Native Species by *Dan Segal, Plantsman Nursery and Greenhouse*; Flowers in Your Landscape by *Nell Gardner, Flower Fields*; and The Good, Better, Best Approaches to Urban Green Space Management by *Carl Schimenti, Cornell University*. The registration fee is non-refundable. [Registration](#) by March 6. For more information, contact Jolie Hibit at (716) 652-5400, x176, or [jah663@cornell.edu](mailto:jah663@cornell.edu).

## Rural Landowner Workshop

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

## Muddled Together: Sustainable Businesses Gathering

Sustainable Business Roundtable is bringing together current and future members to celebrate sustainable businesses in WNY on **March 12** from 5:30 to 7:30pm. As a part of this celebration, we welcome new organizations interested in learning more about SBR. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and introduce them to the inspiring individuals and organizations that make our community so great. Join us to connect with fellow members, meet new people, and look ahead to a productive season. Enjoy delicious food and drink at [Mint Mojito Bar](#) (1225 Niagara St., Buffalo) accompanied by conversations. Every [ticket](#) purchased comes with light appetizers and two drinks. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.

## Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

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

## Plantasia 2026

Plantasia 2026, the annual garden and landscape show, will take place at The Fairgrounds Event Center, Hamburg, NY, on **Thursday, March 12 – Sunday, March 15, 2026**. Landscapers will display their garden creativity with our 2026 theme of A World in Bloom! For show hours and tickets, visit <https://plantasiany.com/>

## Virtual Baby Shower for the SPCA

Support the Erie County SPCA by purchasing a baby shower gift from **March 16-28**. This annual virtual baby shower allows them to receive supplies needed before the busy wildlife baby season. Their wishlist can be found here: <https://yoursPCA.org/wbs/>. They also have ongoing need for donated supplies for other animals, check that list [here](#).

## **Zoo Conservation Conversation about Herps**

Learn all about the Buffalo Zoo's conservation efforts for amphibians and reptiles and the vital role these species play in our ecosystem during our first Conservation Conversation on **March 18 at 7pm!** Hear from our own Brad Poynter about all the Zoo's ongoing herpetological conservation projects, key partnerships, and recent successes. The program will highlight how these efforts are making a real impact locally and beyond, while offering simple ways guests can support conservation initiatives both right here in Western New York and around the world! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and presentation begins at 7 p.m. Purchase your tickets [here](#).

## **Charity Candlelight Tea & Soiree**

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

## **Celebrate Explore Buffalo!**

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

## **Western NY ReLeaf Tree Care Safety Workshop**

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

## **Annual Dinner Meeting of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society (NFBS)**

The Niagara Frontier Botanical Society will hold its annual dinner meeting on **Tuesday, April 14**. Held at Banchetti by Rizzo's (550 North French Road, Amherst 14228), there will be a social hour from 6:00-7:00 PM with a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. Cost \$40 per person. Reservations [here](#) (scroll to April 14 meeting) by April 6. Following dinner and a very brief business meeting, the banquet speaker will be Eli Knapp, PhD, Professor of Ecology at Houghton University, Houghton, NY. The title of Prof. Knapp's presentation will be "Chicken Coop to Nature Snoop: How to See Nature through the Eyes of Aldo Leopold." Prof. Knapp will share insights on the great naturalist, forester, conservationist, professor, and writer, Aldo Leopold. Considered the father of wildlife ecology and management, Leopold formulated the concept of a land ethic, a cornerstone of the American conservation movement, in his 1949 book, A Sand County Almanac.

## **Save the Date: WNY PRISM Spring Partner Meeting**

WNY PRISM Spring Partner Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 16** from 9:30 AM to Noon at the Science Center at State University of New York at Fredonia. Dr. Jonathan Townsend from Royal Fern Nursery LLC will present on the importance of native plants. Following the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to tour Royal Fern Nursery! This event is a great chance to connect, collaborate and share updates with partners from across the region. More details and registration information will be shared soon at <https://www.wnyprism.org/>.

## **The Nature is Art: Silent Art Auction and Dinner Fundraiser**

The Nature is Art: Silent Art Auction and Dinner Fundraiser on **April 18** at Park School will feature works of various media from 20+ local and national artists, live art demonstrations, live music, a delicious meal, signature mocktails, and more! This event supports [Earth Spirit Educational Services'](#) environmental education programming. Since 1980, Earth Spirit has been offering educational programming throughout the Western NY area as a way to connect individuals to the nature world in healthy ways. Thousands of students each year participate in this programming and benefit from such a connection. As a 501c3 not-for-profit, Earth Spirit relies on donations, memberships, and fundraising events as ways to support this work. [Tickets.](#)

### **Tree Expo!**

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

### **Botanical Bash- Derby Theme**

The Botanical Bash is off to the races on **May 1** from 6 to 10pm! Grab your hats and hold your horses as we celebrate our Botanical Gardens—Kentucky Derby Style! Sip on handcrafted cocktails while you bid on exciting auction items to raise funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. [Tickets include](#) an open bar, a delicious cocktail party style meal from our amazing catering partners, music and entertainment, games, a digital auction experience, valet parking, and of course, access to the beautiful conservatory. Early Bird pricing ends March 7. **VIP Tickets include:** all of the above plus access to our new Rose Room! The Rose Room will include access to a private room with exclusive seating, tables, and drink service under the twinkling lights of our unique pollinator exhibit.

### **Riverwatch Water Quality Report and Volunteer Opportunities**

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

### **WNY Raptor Fundraiser**

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

### **68th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage**

Mark your calendar for the annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage on **May 29 - 31, 2026**. This nature weekend is sponsored by Buffalo Audubon, among other regional centers and features hikes, talks and much more. [Info and registration.](#)

## 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.

### Explore Buffalo Education Docent Training

Applications now open for the Explore Buffalo Education Docent 2026 Class! Training will take place **March 24 – April 23, 2026** on Tuesday & Thursday mornings. All applicants must attend an intro session on **March 10** at 1pm at First Presbyterian Church at 1 Symphony Circle. Education Docents lead our many Education Tours – you can choose from tours for students, families, and special needs groups, or give tours for all these groups. This is a rapidly growing program and an essential part of our organization's mission to provide opportunities for learners of all ages. [Learn more](#)

### Online Nature Education Course

The Civic Ecology Lab at Cornell University is offering a 4-week online course Nature Education (**March 2–29, 2026**). [Learn More & Register](#). The course offers a flexible format and is designed for immediate application: you will create a practical nature education lesson plan (or program activity plan) for your own setting, share drafts in discussions, and receive peer and instructor feedback. Participants who complete the course will earn a Cornell University certificate documenting 25 hours of professional development.

### Greater Buffalo Environmental Conference

The Western Chapter of the New York Water Environment Association, Inc. announces our 44th Annual Greater Buffalo Environmental Conference meeting on **March 10** from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo. This is an all-day event, and it promises to be a fantastic opportunity for learning and networking. We will be highlighting all things wastewater, and it will offer a chance to connect with engineers, municipalities, operators, and equipment representatives. During the conference, you'll be able to learn about new and emerging technologies, hear about local projects, and discuss the challenges we face in the wastewater industry. It's a perfect platform to gain insights and share knowledge with like-minded wastewater professionals. [Info and registration](#).

### Erie County Rain Barrel Painting Contest for Youth

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

### Tree and Shrub Seedling Program Orders

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

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

## Take a Chance and Support the SPCA

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

### 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! Your feedback helps us enhance and improve the system.

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

### Wildlife Rehabilitation Training

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

### I BIRD NY Challenge

Mark your calendars for the 2026 [I BIRD NY Challenge](#) taking place **March 1-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. This year's challenge patch will feature the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*). Want to level up the challenge? Identify 10 new species to you in New York State to add to your life list, identify 10 warblers, waterfowl, or birds of prey, or identify all 10 species at a New York State Birding Trail location. 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.](#)

### Ready to Start Your Farm Business?

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

## City of Buffalo Curbside Food Scrap Program Expanding

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

### 2026 Lunenfeld Beautification Grants

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

### Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be held on **April 17**, at the Gateway Building, SUNY ESF in Syracuse. Check out the amazing list of speakers who will address the issues most relevant to you. You will be able to pose questions to these experts. We will also be including the important topic of AI, the great potential of geothermal, and the importance of jobs and labor to help create and protect our energy needs. [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN](#).

### The 12<sup>th</sup> annual New York State Organics Summit

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

### Job Training Funding for Businesses

[The Amherst Chamber of Commerce](#) announced a new program designed to help small and medium-sized businesses across Western New York invest in their workforce by offsetting training and wage costs. Administered by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the New York State Department of Labor, the program is open to all eligible WNY businesses; membership in the Amherst Chamber or a location in Amherst is not required. OJT grants are available to all industries, for-profit or not-for-profit, in the eight Western New York counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming. For details and application materials, visit <https://amherst.org/grants/>. Applications end **June 1, 2026**.

### Electronics, Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

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

**Clean Sweep NY for Farmers** will be held in May with a required pre-registration deadline of **April 27**. To obtain an application form, email ([cleansweep@dec.ny.gov](mailto:cleansweep@dec.ny.gov)) or call 518-225-8146. Drop-offs in Erie County will be **May 5 on May 6**. This chemical disposal service is open to farmers, owners of former farms, and all types of certified pesticide applicators and technicians. Please note that this program does not accept household chemicals from homeowners.

### Buffalo Zoo Volunteer Docents Needed

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

## Solar Option Available for Erie County

ECLIPSE is now available to ALL Erie County residents, *regardless of income!* Check out [erie.gov/eclipse](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.

## Oyster Shell Inspired Cement

Oyster shells inspired cement that is 17 times tougher and 19 times more ductile than traditional cement. The new material mimicked the microscopic structure of nacre, or mother of pearl, found in oyster shells. The study, published in *Advanced Functional Materials*, shows that alternating layers of cement paste and a thin polymer layer can significantly enhance the durability and safety of cement without compromising its strength. [More info.](#)

## 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.

## WNY PRISM Helps Limit Region's Invasive Species

The [2025 Annual Report](#) for WNY PRISM highlights the efforts of their staff, partners and volunteers in controlling invasive species. Their team conducted early detection surveys and management at 30 sites, covering 1,748 acres, and celebrated eradication at one aquatic site. The Crew Assistance Program supported 11 projects, surveying 175 acres and treating 20 acres to keep invasive species in check. Meanwhile, our Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program inspected 12,711 boats at 12 launches, intercepting 858 invasive organisms, with Eurasian watermilfoil and curly pondweed topping the list.

Community Science continued to thrive, with 33 dedicated volunteers contributing 197 hours to programs like Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Hunters, Spotted Lanternfly Trap Monitoring and Trail Surveys. Additionally, 50 volunteers joined in on workdays, adding 131 hours of hands-on help in removing invasive plants. Through their presentations and walks, they reached 2,366 people directly.

## How Big is the Streaming Footprint?

Streaming video is now a regular part of life for billions of people. In 2024, Netflix users watched 94 billion hours of content, and over 122 million Disney+ subscribers streamed about 28.4 billion hours. Since video streaming makes up 60 to 70 percent of global internet traffic, it's more important than ever to understand its environmental impact. Because so many people stream and data centers are also needed for artificial intelligence, the environmental impact of digital entertainment is now too big to overlook. A 2020 [International Energy Agency analysis](#) suggested a figure of around 36 grams CO<sub>2</sub> per hour. These individual stream impacts may seem small, but they add up quickly. According to a [Greenly analysis](#), Netflix's total streaming emissions reached approximately 5.17 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2024, comparable to driving 18.6 billion miles in a gasoline-powered car. Add in Disney+, Amazon Prime Video, YouTube, and other platforms, and global video streaming produces emissions rivaling those of small countries. [Read more.](#)

## New Guide to Reforestation in New York State

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

## Common Ground Film Available for Viewing

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

## New 25 million Trees Initiative ‘Tree Tracker’

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

## New 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.

## Help Report Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

You can help protect New York's forests while you hike, snowshoe, or cross-country ski. It's easy—all you have to do is keep an eye out for and report invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA)! This forest pest kills hemlock trees in the eastern United States. HWA is tiny, so infestations are best identified by the white, woolly masses the insects create at the base of the needles on infested hemlock trees. If you believe you have found HWA in a town where it is not yet known to be ([see map of current location reports](#)), [report](#) using the IMapInvasives tool.

## Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment Opening

USDA's Farm Service Agency is accepting offers for the Continuous [Conservation Reserve Program](#) (CRP) through March 20, 2026. Enrollment for General CRP will run from **March 9 through April 17, 2026**. CRP provides financial and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners who place unproductive or marginal cropland under contract for 10 to 15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land to beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and support wildlife habitat.

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

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

## **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.

## **The Most TREE-mendous Earth Day Nature Program!**

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

## **Funding for Clean Energy Business Interns**

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

## **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.

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

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

## **Free Poster Download: Popular Feeder Birds**

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

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

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

## Case Studies Illustrate How Agrivoltaics Preserves Farmland

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

## Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

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

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

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Mosquito Yard Spraying Influences Pollinators

Sprays to kill adult mosquitoes are a source of insecticide exposure to beneficial insects, including pollinators, but the risks to pollinators are not well quantified. In this study, silicone bands were deployed to capture drift from hired home mosquito sprays and from mosquito control district (MCD) sprays. They calculated honey bee “risk quotients” (an RQ of 1 = the LD50 for honey bees), and found concerning potential for risk to pollinators, with an average pyrethroid insecticide RQ of 6.6, 0.12, and 0.03 for yards with hired sprays, neighbor drift, and MCD sprays, respectively. Even though the latter two categories had lower risk quotients, there was considerable variation and some individual yards showed elevated levels with the potential to harm pollinators. We also calculated risk quotients for specific pyrethroids and three species of butterflies, and found levels of risk tied to moderate to high levels of risk in many yards. Our results suggest that, on a site by site basis, residential mosquito sprays, in particular barrier sprays performed by private companies, likely pose a significant risk to pollinators. <https://stacksjournal.org/article/anderson-25013/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **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.](#)

### Inland Ocean Ambassador Training Program

Are you passionate about protecting our ocean and looking to make a difference? We often hear that the ocean is in trouble or that it's too late to act. One person can make a difference. The Inland Ocean Ambassador Training Program is a 5-session, 5-week online program offered twice per year that prepares individuals to take action to protect our ocean and waterways. The training will run every Wednesday from 7 - 9pm EST, **April 8th to May 6th**, with each session covering different themes relevant to topical marine conservation issues. The course is designed to empower individuals to act as leaders in ocean advocacy from anywhere in the world, no matter how close or far they may live to a coast. We need ocean advocates now more than ever, so apply today, or share with anyone who you think would benefit from the course. Learn more at [inlandoceancoalition.org/inland-ocean-ambassadors/](http://inlandoceancoalition.org/inland-ocean-ambassadors/) Apply [here](#) by **Wednesday, March 25th** to be considered for the program.

## Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[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. These subject-integrated lessons are perfect for school, home, or any learning environment and will leave kids with an understanding of how their actions help shape the future of nature.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

## Contests, Fellowships and Awards

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

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

[Environmental Changemakers Under 30 Nominations](#)- This program celebrates and supports young environmental changemakers who are building healthy communities and taking action to ensure clean water, air, land, and biodiversity around the world. Nominate yourself or a young leader you know by **March 31**.

[NEED Youth Awards for Energy Achievement](#)- This national competition highlights student-led energy projects and classroom-based learning. Submissions are due **April 15**.

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. The rubric highlights the three main areas where assessors typically see schools fall short of their goals—whole school engagement, community engagement, and action card description—while also providing in-depth examples for additional guidance. Completion by **June 5**.

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

## Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes Grants](#) for Youth Service Month (April 10 - May 10, 2026) & Global Youth Service Day (April 24-26, 2026) projects and events. Youth ages 5 to 25 - in the U.S. and Canada are eligible to apply for grants of \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 depending on the number of youth participating. Deadline: **March 15**.

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

[Great Lakes Protection Fund](#)- Request for Preproposals (RFP): A Call for People, Ideas, and Projects! Looking for projects that will launch new building blocks for the future of our region's water use, improving our waters, communities, and economies. Deadline: **March 18, 2026**.

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

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

[Erie County Master Gardener College Scholarship](#)-Graduating high school seniors who reside in Erie County can apply for a 2026 Cornell Cooperative Extension Erie County Master Gardener College Scholarship. This includes all public, private and home school graduating senior students. The student must be accepted by a recognized, accredited college or university to study horticulture, botany or a related field. Deadline: **March 26**.

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

[Clean Energy Career Awareness Program](#)-requests proposals from organizations to help advance a Clean Energy Career Awareness Program for New York State (NYS) students, youths, and teachers focusing on Clean Energy Teaching Resources and Educator training. Indication to apply by March 16, Deadline: **March 30**.

[NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling College Council Grant Program](#)- funding to selected universities, colleges, and trade schools in New York State for projects that focus on source reduction, reuse, or recycling. Each NYSAR<sup>3</sup> \*member institution is eligible to apply for project funding up to \$5,000. You can join NYSAR<sup>3</sup> and apply. Deadline: **March 31**.

[2026 AmeriCorps State and National Funding](#) -funding for programs that improve communities. Deadline: **March 31**.

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

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

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

[Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program](#)-funds projects that will help improve Great Lakes water quality by reducing nutrient loads from agricultural watersheds and eroding shorelines and streams. A webinar for potential applicants will be held on March 11 at 2:00PM. Deadline: **April 27.**

[Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework \(ACPF\)](#) grants to create targeted outreach plans for agricultural conservation practice siting. Eligible Indigenous Nations, nonfederal units of government, and incorporated nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for small grants of up to \$10,000. Selected projects will begin work no later than October 1, for a duration of up to one year. A webinar for applicants interested in the ACPF small grant opportunity will be held on March 18 at 2:00PM Eastern. Deadline: **April 27**

[NYS Food and Fiber Processing Grant Program](#)- Deadline: **April 28, 2026.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Great Lakes Education Intern: Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge](#)-Duties will include a variety of field and office work opportunities to provide a diverse breadth of experience that could be applied to future conservation-related positions. The intern will focus primarily on delivering K-12 education programs, assisting with recreational education related to fishing and hunting, and helping to coordinate community outreach and volunteer activities. Application deadline: **March 1**.

[Project Coordinator](#)- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper. Deadline: **March 2**.

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

[Compost Internship](#)-Erie County Dept. Environment and Planning. Deadline: **March 6**.

[Livestock Educator](#)- CCE from Warsaw office. Deadline: **March 9**.

[WNY Solutions for Farming and Food Access \(WNYSFFA\) Team Leader](#)-Lockport. Deadline: **March 18**.

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

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

[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)*

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

[Research And Development Technician](#)-NRD, LLC. This role is responsible for performing tests, analyzing the results and documenting findings to the team.

[Environmental Educator Intern \(SUNY Climate Corps/Park & Recreation Aide 4-6\)](#)-Niagara Falls. Only open to SUNY students.

[Youth Development / Ag In the Classroom Educator](#) located from the Warsaw, NY office. Deadline: **April 1**.

[Executive Director: WNY Peace Center](#)

[Tifft Discovery Camp Counselor](#)

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

[Program Consultant: Waste Diversion](#)-Remote.

[Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps](#)-The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps, in partnership with Maryland Corps/Service Year Option, places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofit organizations or government agencies for a fulltime, one-year term of stipend-supported service in the environmental field. The Corps provides young professionals with experience, leadership and professional development training, mentorship, and a support network with other young environmentalists. Positions offered by host organizations are in the fields of environmental restoration, community engagement, environmental education, climate change, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation, and forestry. Deadline for applications: **March 6**.

[Providence Farm Collective Administrative Coordinator](#)- Deadline: **until filled**

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

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

[Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Intern](#)- paid intern for Spring/Summer 2026. Will work on outreach tasks with our Sustainability Group.

[Narragansett Bay Estuary Program Internships](#)-Paid for undergraduates and graduate students in biology and GIS. Deadline: **March 27**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Horticulture Assistant](#)-Botanical Gardens

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

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

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

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

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

[Animal Keeper 1 for Rainforest Exhibit](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Education Seasonal Assistant](#)-Buffalo Zoo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Citizen Science

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

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

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

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

### Saturday, February 28

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

**Seed Starting Class**-10:30am to noon at Botanical Gardens. [Tickets](#): \$25/ticket | \$22.50/member

Get growing with this fun and informative seed starting class! You'll learn how to choose the right seeds for your garden, understand what makes seeds sprout, and create a planting schedule that works for you. We'll cover different planting methods, soil mixes, tools, and how to sow seeds properly. You'll also learn how to care for your seedlings so they stay healthy and strong until they're ready to go outside. With live demos and tips for easy garden ideas like kitchen herbs or butterfly gardens, you'll leave ready to start your own plants with confidence.

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

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

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

**Planetarium Movie – Mars: The Ultimate Voyage**-11 to 11:45am. Ever wondered what it will take for astronauts to travel to the Moon, Mars and beyond? On this long journey, what challenges will astronauts face? How will they stay motivated and healthy on their spacecraft so far away from Earth? This immersive planetarium movie explores these questions and more. This program contains immersive visual effects that may cause disorientation or motion sickness in sensitive individuals. Ages 5+. [Tickets](#): \$15 per participant with Museum admission or membership; members save 10%.

**Planetarium Movie – Mars: The Ultimate Voyage**-1 to 1:45pm. Ever wondered what it will take for astronauts to travel to the Moon, Mars and beyond? On this long journey, what challenges will astronauts face? How will they stay motivated and healthy on their spacecraft so far away from Earth? This immersive planetarium movie explores these questions and more. This program contains immersive visual effects that may cause disorientation or motion sickness in sensitive individuals. Ages 5+. [Tickets](#): \$15 per participant with Museum admission or membership; members save 10%.

## Sunday, March 1

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

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

## Monday, March 2

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

**Bowmansville Garden Club Meeting**-7pm. Bowmansville Fire Hall 36 Main St., Bowmansville, New York Program: Floral Mechanics Speaker/Instructor: Kathy Kwiatkowski, Club Member. If you are interested in attending and meeting our member's please reach out to me, Lynne at [llovery@sprintmail.com](mailto:llovery@sprintmail.com)

## Tuesday, March 3

**Full Moon Walk**-7:30pm. Celebrate maple sugaring season with the rise of the sap moon on this guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Data Centers Action Hour**- 7pm online. During this action hour, you'll learn how data center growth is reshaping local energy systems, how communities are responding, what policies can ensure clean, responsible buildout, and ways you can take action at the state and federal level. [RSVP to save your spot and receive the invite link](#)

**RFP 6118: Clean Energy Career Awareness Program**- 10 to 11am. NYSERDA will conduct an informational webinar, during which NYSERDA will review the requirements of this solicitation and answer questions. [Register for Webinar](#).

**National Geographic Live: Uncovering our Concrete Jungle**-7pm at Kleinhans Music Hall. Thinking that wildlife lives "somewhere else" is an easy mistake. Chris Schell has dedicated his work to understanding and celebrating the surprising wildlife in our backyards. But this show isn't only an exploration of animal behavior. We go on assignment with Chris to discover the unexpected story of how American history has shaped urban wildlife. [Tickets](#).

## Wednesday, March 4

**Conservation Conversations: A Decade of Urban Arts and Ecology at Silo City**- 7 to 8:30pm. Featuring Josh Smith, BNRLT Board Member and Director of Ecology, Rigidized Metals Corporation and Maris Grundy, Executive Director, Friends of Silo City. 630 Ohio St., Buffalo, NY 14203. [Register](#)

**Senior Hiking Club**-9:30 to 11:30am at [Akron Falls - Meeting Location: Falls 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. [Register for Senior Hiking Club](#)

**Progress In Reducing Food Waste: A Look at the U.S. Food Waste Pact Impact Report**-1pm. Join leaders from the U.S. Food Waste Pact as they detail new food waste reduction data and trends. Hear about how food waste in retail and foodservice is trending, where food is most likely to end up in both sectors, and some of the major reduction wins from the Pact's six 2025 pilot projects. [Register](#).

**Strategies for Repurposing End-of-Life Offshore Wind Blades**-11 to noon webinar as part of NYSERDA's *Learning from the Experts* series. In this [webinar](#), Dr. Paul Leahy with University College Cork and leader of the international Re-Wind Network will discuss emerging strategies for repurposing end-of-life wind turbine blades, including the networks, tools, and policies that are supporting innovative approaches. [Register](#).

**Hamburg House and Garden Club**-10am at VFW Post 1419, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg, NY 14075  
WORKSHOP “Nesting Balls for our Feathered Friends” If you are interested in joining the meeting, please make your reservation at [lonabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:lonabutler4@gmail.com)

**Sierra Club Call**-6pm to update supporters on the state's most pressing environmental issues. This month, we'll be focusing on thermal energy networks, which are neighborhood-scale renewable heating and cooling systems for our buildings in New York State that are an essential part of New York's energy future. Join [here](#).

**Grapevine Pruning**- 5 to 6pm. Join us at LaSalle Vineyard and Community Garden for this volunteer-and-learn session, where we'll be pruning the garden's signature grape vines! Proper care of vines in the late-winter is a vital part of the growing process, and we need a little extra help getting them in their best shape for Spring. While working on the vines, learn about common pests and diseases for grapes, as well as ways you can address them. No prior experience needed, and we will provide all required tools! Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, as the garden may be muddy. Ample parking is available on the residential streets adjacent to the garden. [RSVP here so we bring enough tools for everyone!](#)

### Thursday, March 5

**Composting Workshop**-4:30–6:00 PM at Grand Island Memorial Library. Led by the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, this workshop will cover the basics of composting and how you can reduce food waste while creating nutrient-rich soil at home. [Register](#)

**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/>

**Characterization of PFAS in Foam Forming on the Surface of the Finger Lakes**-2:15pm webinar. Professor Yuxin Wang (Binghamton University) w/introduction by Rassil Sayess (WRI) [Register](#)

**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.*

**“Infrastructures of Belonging: Environmental Justice and the Right to Stay Put”**-6pm. Charisma Acey, UC Berkeley, free talk in UB South Hayes Hall Room 403 + via Zoom. Talk draws on research and community-engaged work in Lagos, Nigeria and the San Francisco Bay Area to examine how infrastructure systems (water, food, land use) become sites where rights are realized or denied. The talk concludes with implications for planning practice and what community-led governance offers for rethinking urban futures under the climate crisis. [Register](#).

**Garden Talk “Raised Gardens”**- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Join Master Gardener Roberta T. Raised gardens can be a lot of work to pre-plan and set up, but they are worth the effort. Learn about what soil you need for what plants and a nifty way to water! [Register](#) in advance for this meeting. This is an hybrid event – you can join online or in-person at the Genesee CCE office. 420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

**BWELL & Feminist Bird Club Trivia Night**- 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Big Ditch Brewing Co. 55 E Huron St, Buffalo, NY 14203. [Registration required](#).

**Virtual Meeting About Buffalo Creek Floodplain Reconnection**-7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Learn more about plans to re-establish a floodplain along the Buffalo Creek by viewing a virtual meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. Attend this virtual meeting to see the final design concepts that, if implemented, would reduce water levels and residential flooding. The Town of West Seneca has a long history of flooding damage along the banks of Buffalo Creek. To address re-occurring flooding, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and the Town of West Seneca are continuing studies and advancing design plans for a Nature-Based flood mitigation project along Buffalo Creek. You can view reports, past meetings, slides and more about this project at [www.BNWaterkeeper.org/westseneca](http://www.BNWaterkeeper.org/westseneca)  
[Register Here For Zoom Link](#)

**The trio of net-zero: efficiency, electrification, and on-site solar**-Noon to 1pm webinar. Many institutions know that they want to decarbonize, but don't know where to start: solar first? energy efficiency first? Electrification first? All at the same time? Hear from two different institutions: Wellesley Village Church and Allston Brighton CDC that have pursued energy efficiency, electrification, and solar to learn how they have balanced, sequenced, and financed these decarbonization measures. [Register](#).

**Public Meeting: Intersection Redesigns**-6pm. The Buffalo Urban Development Corp. and the city of Buffalo will host a public meeting to obtain input about the proposed temporary intersection redesigns for three intersections in the downtown and waterfront area. The goal is to enhance the intersections through public art, better walkability, clear wayfinding and traffic calming measures. The intersections are located at Commercial Street and Marine Drive near Explore & More Children's Museum, Michigan Avenue near Broadway, and Roosevelt Plaza at Main Street and Genesee Street. The meeting will be held in the Central Auditorium of the Downtown Public Library at Lafayette Square.

## Friday, March 6

**Buffalo Geological Society Meeting**-7pm at 100 Lee St., Buffalo. March monthly meeting is our annual Live Auction. A variety of mineral specimens, fossils, jewelry, books, and rock hounding equipment provided by our members will be up for bid. The auction is cash-only, and members may bring up to four items to be auctioned off. All proceeds go to the seller, to be paid immediately following placing a winning bid. The public is welcome to attend and bid on items, even if not members. Set-up begins at 6:30 PM, with the viewing of items starting at 7. The live auction begins at 7:30 PM.

**“What’s Bugging You” talk**-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Here come the Joro spiders and look out for termite swarms. [Register](#)

**Sustainability at Home**-1pm. Explore ways to save money and be more sustainable in your home. Leave with resources to help you plan and take action. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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

## Saturday, March 7

**Beginner’s Woodcarving Workshop**-10:00am-12:30pm, The Park School of Buffalo. Join Earth Spirit Staff and award winning local woodcarver, Ron MacLeod, for a unique program where you will learn beginner woodcarving skills at The Park School of Buffalo. No prior experience is necessary and all materials will be provided! Minimum age of participants is 8 years old. [REGISTER](#)

**Dare to Repair Café**-11am to 2pm @ Lancaster Municipal Building (5423 Broadway, Lancaster, NY). Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

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

**Owl Ecology**-10am. Learn the life history of owls at Reinstein Woods and dissect owl pellets to understand how owls fit into local food chains. Cost is \$5 per person, free for Friends members. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Woods Walk: Seasonal Changes**-11am. Join a guided nature hike to search for signs of the changing season. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Friends Coffee and Crafts** -2pm. Join other members of the Friends of Reinstein Woods for an afternoon of coffee and crafts. We will decorate some plant pots while we sip Birds & Beans coffee and chat about the warmer weather and growing season to come! Not a member yet? Join at [www.reinsteinwoods.org](http://www.reinsteinwoods.org). Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Shaping History: The Women of Niagara Falls**-10 - 11:30 am at Niagara Falls State Park. Commemorate International Women's Month with a presentation recognizing the women who played a part in shaping history at Niagara Falls State Park and the greater Niagara Region. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).*

**Scoters & Scaups**-1 to 2:30pm at Fort Niagara State Park. Join a Park Naturalist along the hillside of Fort Niagara State Park and observe the beautiful migratory waterfowl that lay host on Lake Ontario. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Master Your Garden Series – Help! What's Happened to My Garden?**-10:00 am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Does this sound familiar? Your garden starts out healthy and strong, but then you start to notice pests and problems. Leaves are drooping or chewed, and fruits or flowers are dying on the vine. Who's the culprit? What can be done? To find out, get to the class given by Orleans County CCE. This class, led by Orleans County Master Gardener Sue Starkweather-Miller, can help! Suggested donation \$5, Preregistration required, Call 585 798 4265 ext 125, Or email [klo54@cornell.edu](mailto:klo54@cornell.edu)

**Seed Starting**-10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Audubon Library 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, New York. Learn all the basics of indoor seed starting, including guidance on soil, lights, heat and humidity with the WNY Seed Library at Audubon Library in Amherst. You can also learn about trouble shooting, see demonstrations of planting and potting up, and have plenty of time for your questions. The presenter will be Erica Fire, an avid gardener, seed starter, and volunteer with the WNY Seed Library. Call to register at 716-689-4922 or register at the librarians' desk in the Audubon.

**Seeds for Thought Book Discussion: "How Can I Help You?"**- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Concord Public Library 18 Chapel Street, Springville, New York. The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is offering a series of discussions of books with the theme of sustainability. The first in the series is "How Can I Help You?" by Douglas Tallamy. Douglas Tallamy tackles the questions commonly asked at his popular lectures and shares compelling and actionable answers that will help gardeners and homeowners take the next step in their ecological journey. Copies may be available at the library or by placing a hold here <https://tinyurl.com/mrx2e4zx> No registration.

**Vegetable Gardening and Seed Starting Basics Workshop**-10am at Lockwood's Garden Center, Hamburg. Are you interested in growing vegetables this spring, but not sure where to begin? Come to our Vegetable Gardening 101 Workshop where Suzanne will talk about how to begin your veggie garden journey. She will talk about the benefits of gardening, garden requirements, and how to get started sowing seeds for success in the garden this spring. Free. To register, call the store (716-649-4684) or email us at [orders@weknowplants.com](mailto:orders@weknowplants.com)

**Spring Pruning**-11:30am at Lockwood's Garden Center, Hamburg. In this class, Jeff Fabian will talk about the specifics of pruning in the spring season. As an ISA Certified Arborist, he will guide you on what types of plants to prune in the spring and how to make the cut. He will also talk about different pruning techniques that can be used to achieve your goals. Prune with confidence this spring to get great results for the growing season ahead. Price: \$10.00-[Register](#).

**Family Workshop: Build-a-Bug**- 2 to 3pm at Science Museum. Learn about the parts of a bug in this arthropod architecture workshop! From cephalothorax to elytra, learn about the anatomy of bugs! Participants will meet our living bug ambassadors and build their own creepy crawly craft to bring home! All ages. [Tickets](#): \$6 per participant with Museum admission or membership. *Credit card fees are included in program price.*

**Strawberry Island Eagle Watch**- 10am to noon with Buffalo Audubon at Aqua Lane Park & Sheridan Boat Launch, 3300 River Road, Tonawanda. [Buy Tickets](#)

**Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Survey** - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Roger Tory Peterson Institute, 311 Curtis St, Jamestown, NY 14701. CWC is conducting their annual HWA Surveys across the region. Help survey hemlock trees at Roger Tory Peterson Institute and Jamestown Community College for the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid. [Learn More & RSVP](#)

## Sunday, March 8

**Equine Career Day-** 1 to 4pm. 20+ horse and ag-related professionals will be on site, to talk about their career, their company or organization, how they got there, other opportunities in their field, etc. Come any time between 1-4pm, 4-H training center. Free and open to all youth and their families. There will also be a model horse show going on this same day in the same building. Model horse show starts at 10am. Niagara County Fairgrounds / CCE-Niagara, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, New York 14094. Free.

**WNY Bike Fest-** 10:30am to 4pm at Riverworks, 359 Ganson St. WNY Bike Fest is back again for our 3rd year!!!! Stop in and meet all sorts of great people who love bikes! Our main feature once again is the swap meet!!! You can sell your old bike or buy a new to you bike! Top local bike shops will be there with tons of great deals! And you can meet and chat with local cycling and triathlon clubs and groups!!!

**Art in the Park: Wooden Wildflowers-**10 to 11:30am at Knox Farm State Park. Create your very own wooden wildflower using acrylic paints. Paints, brushes, and wooden flowers will be provided (seniors 62+ only.) Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

## Monday, March 9

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

**Buffalo State University Biology Seminar-** 3 to 4:15pm. Dr. Sarah Whorley presents "Varying patterns in road salt-induced salinity and the effects on freshwater foodwebs". Seminars are held in the Science and Mathematics Complex 151.

**League of Women Voters Community Partnership for Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-**12:30pm Virtual Meeting, Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87860196863>. Meeting ID: 878 6019 6863

## Tuesday, March 10

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

**ADK MONTHLY MEETING-**Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Hwy., Amherst, NY 14226. February Education Session -- 6:15 p.m. Presented by Lynn Rehfeld-Kenney. **What the Heck is This Called?** This Education session, presented by our Conservation chair, Lynn Rehfeld-Kenney, is for outdoor enthusiasts who yearn to identify the flowers, trees, animals, birds, and insects seen while enjoying a hike or other outdoor spaces. Learn about the many resources one may use to satisfy your curiosity. Handouts will be available at the session and also in the newsletter. **Main Program -- 7:30 p.m., "Outstanding Owls"** presented by Michael Klepp. Come join Michael as we dive into the amazing world of W.N.Y. owls. There will be an interactive presentation with practical and positive ways to work with and enjoy owls. Learn how owls can benefit you, why they are such efficient hunters, how many owls you could see in W.N.Y., and much, much more!"

**The Most Delicious Climate Solution-**1pm. 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 impacts the environment and taste the delicious possibilities. We'll talk about all things needed to cook up joy in a sustainable kitchen. Coffee and dessert provided. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Erie County Legislative Procedures: Knowledge for the Public Good Series-**12:30 to 2pm. All workshops will include lunch and will be held at Roswell Park Community Outreach and Engagement Center, 907 Michigan Ave, Buffalo, NY 14204. Space is limited to 35 participants per workshop, so please register only if you are confident you can attend. [Register](#).

**Managing Forest Bird Habitat-**Webinar at noon and 7pm. Learn how uneven-aged forest management affects bird species of conservation concern and discover strategies to create diverse bird habitats on your land. [Register](#).

## Wednesday, March 11

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

**Buffalo Ornithological Society-**Meet at 7 pm in the Cummings Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science. If you have travelled with the BOS to Falsterbo, Sweden, you will recall Stephen Menzie, our exceptional guide! Stephen will be in WNY in March and has offered his time to come to Buffalo and give a presentation for our meeting on Falsterbo. If you have been there with the BOS, this will be a fun evening in which to relive the experience alongside Stephen! If you have not yet been to southern Sweden, this will be a nice summary of what to expect if you attend a future trip, including the scheduled early September 2027 trip.

**Niagara River Greenway Commission Meeting-**2:00pm at DeVaux Woods State Park, 3180 DeVaux Woods Drive, Niagara Falls.

**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.

**“Flora of the Lower Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands.”**-7:30pm meeting of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society. Dr. Rachel Schultz is Associate Professor of Wetland Science at SUNY-Brockport. Her interests include wetland ecology, wetland carbon storage, effects of restoration on wetlands, and in general a love of “all things soggy.” General meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, September through November, January through May at the [Harlem Road Community Center, 4225 Harlem Road](#),

**Sustainable Future Program-**7pm. New Yorkers for Clean Air is hosting a webinar to break down how funding cuts by the Trump administration are harming New Yorkers’ health and environment — and to outline what New York’s Sustainable Future Program will do to cut energy costs, reduce emissions, and bring the benefits of clean energy to more New Yorkers. [RSVP for the webinar >>](#)

**Citizens’ Climate Lobby Meeting-** 6pm to 7pm in the Central Conference Room, 1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203. Virtual option-Join the conversation and meet other volunteers on our discord server: <https://discord.gg/KqVQCekVcF>

**Expanding Food Waste Diversion Programs in Commercial & Institutional Settings-**1pm webinar. Despite the many benefits of reducing food waste, commercial and institutional food establishments often face challenges adopting prevention and diversion practices. From systemic barriers like an absence of organics collection service to a lack of kitchen storage space, the logistics of keeping food out of the landfill can be significant for individual businesses. [Register.](#)

## Thursday, March 12

**Science in the Pub: We need to conserve biodiversity-** 7pm. [Register.](#) Suzanne Macey, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Capacity Development, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History. Headlines about the biodiversity crisis can make it seem like there’s nothing we can do—and there’s nothing further from the truth! This presentation highlights past and current work (including free educational resources!) of the Network of Conservation Educators and Practitioners, a program of the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History.

**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.*

**Plantasia 2026-**The Fairgrounds Event Center, Hamburg, NY. Our landscapers will display their garden creativity with our 2026 theme of A World in Bloom! 10am to 7pm.

**Tree Protection Ordinances: Where Do We Go From Here?-**Noon hosted by Arbor Day Foundation. [Register for the March 12 webinar.](#)

**Spring into Pollinator-Safe Gardening: Protecting Habitat From Pesticides**-1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET, Zoom. Reducing pesticide use at home is an important part of providing healthy habitat for pollinators. But, pesticides can be tricky to address because they are invisible and can come from unexpected sources. In the spring, two of these are home mosquito sprays and contamination in plants you may be purchasing from nurseries. Join Sharon Selvaggio and Aaron Anderson, Xerces Society pesticide program specialists, to learn about these pesticide risks, how to protect your habitat from them, and discuss alternatives. [Learn more and register here](#).

**Sustainable Business Roundtable “Muddle”**-5:30 to 7:30pm. SBR is bringing together current and future members to celebrate sustainable businesses in WNY. As a part of this celebration, we welcome new organizations interested in learning more about SBR. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and introduce them to the inspiring individuals and organizations that make our community so great. Join us to connect with fellow members, meet new people, and look ahead to a productive season. Enjoy delicious food and drink at [Mint Mojito Bar](#) accompanied by meaningful conversations. Every [ticket](#) purchased comes with light appetizers and two drinks. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.

**Young Professional Mentor Breakfast**- 7:30 to 8:30am. The Air and Waste Management Association-NFS Young Professionals Group (YP) is hosting a Mentor Breakfast at Third Space Cafe & Entertainment located at 777 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203. This event is open to young professionals (35 years and under) and those over 35 years if you are interested in being a mentor to young professionals. A light breakfast and coffee will be provided along with a chance network with fellow young professionals. [Register by March 10](#).

**Green Drinks**-Join others for networking and fun at 5:30pm at Doc Sullivan’s (474 Abbott Rd.). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

#### Friday, March 13

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

**Plantasia 2026**-The Fairgrounds Event Center, Hamburg, NY. Our landscapers will display their garden creativity with our 2026 theme of A World in Bloom! 10am to 8pm.

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

**Niagara County Agribusiness Outreach Forum**-8:30am to 2:45pm. This annual event brings together agribusiness professionals, farmers, service providers, educators, and community partners for meaningful conversations around agriculture, economic development, and regional growth. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from knowledgeable speakers, connect with exhibitors, and network with others working across the agribusiness sector. Niagara County CCE, 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport. This event is free to attend. Register Here: <https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/agribusiness-forum>

#### Saturday, March 14

**Snow Rolls**- All rides meet at 12:00 PM, with our 3-loop ride rolling out at 12:30 PM. Bundle up, bring friends, and join us for community winter riding. [Imperial Pizza \(1665 Main St.\)](#), Final Snow Roll of the season — and it lands on Pi Day! End the winter rides with us at Imperial Pizza’s Main Street location.

**Buffalo Bonsai Society**- 1pm. STEM Building, Erie Community College North Campus 6205 Main St., Amherst, New York. Styling and Refining. [https://www.buffalobonsaisociety.com/monthly\\_meetings.html](https://www.buffalobonsaisociety.com/monthly_meetings.html).

**The Epic Journey of the Monarch Butterfly**-11am. Discover how monarch butterflies complete a multigenerational migration spanning thousands of miles without even having made the trip before. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Best Practices for Perennials**- 10am to noon at Grassroots Garden Office, 389 Broadway. Workshop admission is “pay what you can,” with tickets on a sliding scale starting at \$5. Workshops fill up FAST, so register early for your favorite session! <https://events.humanitix.com/best-practices-for-perennials>

**Birding at River Lea**-10 to 11:30am. Beaver Island State Park. Join a Park Naturalist and observe the Niagara River along the beautiful River Lea trail in search of early spring birds and winter waterfowl. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Spring Planting 101: Trees and Shrubs**- 10am at Lockwood's Garden Center, Hamburg. Healthy landscape plants start with proper planting! In this class, Jeff Fabian, an ISA Certified Arborist, will talk about the specifics of proper planting techniques and care of newly planted trees and shrubs to help them become well established during the growing season. [Register](#) today to learn new techniques to help your landscape plants thrive in their new home. Price: \$10.00.

**Plantasia 2026**-The Fairgrounds Event Center, Hamburg, NY. Our landscapers will display their garden creativity with our 2026 theme of A World in Bloom! 10am to 8pm.

**Birding Field Trip** – 9am, Dunkirk Harbor and Fredonia area with Devin Banning and Katelyn Davis  
Dunkirk City Pier, 8 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, NY 14048 ([map](#)). Meet at 9:00am on the Dunkirk Pier (parking available on the pier and by the shops right before the pier). Register with leader, Leader: Devin Banning (716) 260-8889 [birdingchautauquawarren@gmail.com](mailto:birdingchautauquawarren@gmail.com) or Katelyn Davis (716) 216-3881.

**Intro to Beekeeping**-1 to 3pm. Join BNHV and Helmets to Hives at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village for an introductory session on beekeeping. Participants will learn the basics of the history of beekeeping, how to supply and set up an apiary, and how to work with your bee colony to ensure your hive is healthy and successful. \$35 Non-Members; \$30 Members. [Info and tickets](#).

**Adult Workshop: Pi Through Time**-3:10 to 4:15pm at the Science Museum. Come join us this Pi Day to discover the secrets of everyone's favorite irrational mathematic constant! Learn how people have approximated pi throughout its 4000-year history, create a visualization of the number, and flex your math muscles at this hands-on interactive workshop! Ages 18+. [Tickets](#): \$10 per participant plus Museum admission or membership. *Credit card fees are included in program price.*

**Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show**-9am to 6pm at the Grange Building, Hamburg Fairgrounds. This annual show provides an instant museum of Buffalo Geological Society Members' fossils, minerals, and jewelry; demonstrators; the famous Mini-Mine for young collectors; the mining operation for children and adults; mineral and fossil identification; and a variety of non-profit exhibitors. <https://www.the-fairgrounds.com/events/2026/buffalo-geological-society-gem-mineral-fossil-show>

**Winter Birding Challenge Wrapup**- 10am to noon at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve, 1610 Welch Rd. North Java, NY 14113. [Buy Tickets](#)

**Safe Boating Course**-8:30am to 4:30pm, \$85. Comfort Inn & Suites, 4345 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225. This course meets all the requirements under Brianna's Law (a law that requires completing the course to operate a vessel in NYS) and meets the NYS and USCG requirements for PWC/Jetski Operation and Boating Certification (i.e. Licensing). Upon successful completion, you will have met the requirements and can operate a PWC (i.e. Jet-ski) and operate a powerboat independently. You will receive a safety certificate (often referred to as a NYS Boating License or jetski license) upon successful completion of this course- certificate received same day as class. You also have the option to add an endorsement to your NYS Driver's License. [Register](#).

## Sunday, March 15

**Tulip Week at Lockwood's**-10am to 3pm at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Inspired by Amsterdam's National Tulip Day Lockwood's Garden Center is bringing the freshest cut tulips to their customers. This year there will be over 6,000 blooming tulips for you to pick straight from the crate—bulbs and all. Once home, simply trim off the bulbs, place the stems in water, and enjoy. Refresh the water often to keep your bouquet vibrant for longer.

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### Monday, March 16

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

### Tuesday, March 17

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

**African Violet Society: Interpretive Plant Designs**-7pm at GreenFields Assisted Living Facility 5951 Broadway Court Entrance, 5951 Broadway, Lancaster NY 14086. Parking is free. The meeting will feature a demonstration on putting together a plant design for a judged show as well as the rules for a judged show and what not to do. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission fee. If you have questions, contact Holly Pohl at [hollylou51@gmail.com](mailto:hollylou51@gmail.com)

**Nature Book Club**-6:30pm - 7:30pm at Crane Branch Library.

**Niagara Beautification Commission Monthly Meeting**-5:30 to 6:30pm at Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main St, Niagara Falls, 14305, 2nd Floor conference room or Join [Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 857 1290 0319, Passcode: 872073

**"Meet the League" League of Women Voters Virtual Meeting**- 6:30 Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84350101742?pwd=wPKSqNe4ReaioE12HxALPcvBABYDoi.1>

### Wednesday, March 18

**Rethinking Horticulture with Real Ecology**-7 to 8pm presented by Joey Santore-Hosted by Wild Ones National from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Eastern Time). Online/Virtual. Join Joey Santore, creator of Crime Pays But Botany Doesn't, for a candid Wild Ones National Webinar examining how inherited garden aesthetics shape native plant landscapes. Drawing on field experience and real ecology, Joey challenges tidy design norms and explores why dense, irregular plant communities are often the most resilient and ecologically sound. [Register](#), free.

**Conservation Conversation**-7pm at the Buffalo Zoo. Hear from our own Brad Poynter about all the Zoo's ongoing herpetological conservation projects, key partnerships, and recent successes. The program will highlight how these efforts are making a real impact locally and beyond, while offering simple ways guests can support conservation initiatives both right here in Western New York and around the world! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and presentation begins at 7 p.m. Purchase your tickets [here](#)

**Advancing Nature-Based Solutions through Economic Valuation: Communicating the Real Value of Nature-Based Solutions**- 2 to 3pm webinar. [Register](#).

### Thursday, March 19

**Dare to Repair Café**-4:30PM-7:30PM @ West Side Bazaar (1432 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213). Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

**Integrating Water Conservation Strategies at the Farm Landscape Level**- Noon to 1pm. Water Conservation Webinar Series will explore other approaches to managing water on farms more effectively. Topics include riparian buffers, rainwater catchment systems, mulching, and intentional irrigation planning. Participants will also learn from real-life examples of New York farms that have successfully adopted these soil health and water conservation practices. [Register](#).

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

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

**Sustainable Fashion and Beauty**-1pm. What we put on our bodies can have a big impact on the environment. This session will share tools and resources to help you make climate-positive fashion and beauty choices. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Dark Sky Walk** -8pm. Look for Jupiter high in the eastern sky, a setting Venus in the west, and the Winter Triangle stars in this guided walk. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

**Invasive Species Management & Alternatives to Exotics**- 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm at Williamsville Branch Library, 5571 Main St, Williamsville, NY, 14221 [Map](#) A free discussion of what “lovely” plants may be quietly invading your landscape and neighborhood. Lesser Celandine, Japanese Knotweed, Common Buckthorn, Eurasian Honeysuckle, Multiflora Rose, and more. Homeowners and native plant aficionados Devon Southall and Gwen Alegre will share their experience with what has worked and what they have learned over years of managing invaders in the landscape. [Register.](#)

**Sketching Skulls Workshop**-7 to 8:30pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Sit, sip handmade mocktails, and sketch skulls... lots of different skulls! We'll start with a presentation of local wildlife skull identification, for when you find that mystery skull on your next hike. We'll explore the parts of mammal, bird, and reptile skulls (including the human skull!). Then we'll explore different materials for rendering a skull of your choice on paper with pencil, watercolors or charcoal. All levels of interest invited! *All materials provided.* Ages 18+, Advance registration required, [Tickets:](#) \$35 per person; Buffalo Museum of Science members receive 10% off.

**3rd Thursday League of Women Voters Get Together**-4:30 to 6:30pm . Symposium Wine Bar, 19 W. Main St, Lancaster.

## Friday, March 20

**Snowy with a Chance of Salamanders**- 7:30 to 9pm at Beaver Island State Park. With the return of spring, we will explore the spring pools and search under logs for spotted salamanders. For adults and children ages 8 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Spring Twilight Hike**-6 to 7:30pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Watch nature getting ready to rest and awaken at night as we enjoy the sun setting on a guided spring twilight hike. Advance registration required. All ages, [Tickets:](#) \$11 per participant (BMS members save 10%).

## Saturday, March 21

**Nature Journals**-10am. Come and create your very own Pinterest-worthy nature journal! Experiment with media like collage, watercolor, and pencil drawings. Learn different journaling techniques to record your next walk, backpacking trip, or vacation! Bring your own journal, or cost is \$5 per journal, free for Friends members. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Woods Walk: Signs of Spring**-11am. Spring has begun! Join a guided nature hike to search for signs of the new season. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Spring Watercolors** – 10 to 11am at Niagara Falls State Park. Whether it's a field of wildflowers or a flock of songbirds, let's use watercolors to visualize the greener days just on the horizon now that it's officially spring! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Reservoir Fitness Trail**- 1:30 to 3pm at Reservoir State Park. Join a Park Naturalist for a stroll at Reservoir State Park following the fitness trail that the park features. Park visitors can expect a casual walk where we talk about various nature related themes. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Off the Farm: Backyard Chickens**-10am to noon. Master Gardener Kate Hardner, a backyard chicken hobbyist, will share her expertise and discuss ways to achieve food security on the homestead with backyard chickens. Fee is \$5. Advance registration is required. Class size limited to 35 participants. Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, 12690 State Route 31, Albion. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email [klo54@cornell.edu](mailto:klo54@cornell.edu)

**Maple Sugaring: Past & Present**-10:00am to 1:00pm, Taylor Rd. Park, Hamburg. Come on a journey through time learning about how people have gathered and boiled maple sap throughout history. This will be an interactive program for all ages that takes place in a mature hardwood forest with an abundance of Sugar Maple trees. In addition, we will be serving pancakes and fruit as a part of the event! Celebrate the coming of Spring with Earth Spirit as we enjoy the sweet gifts of the season and give thanks to those who provide it for us. The educational program begins at 10:00am with a pancake feast to follow. Arrive by 10:00am to ensure that you don't miss out on any of the fun! We can provide gluten-free pancakes and this is a vegan-friendly event. Please indicate if you're gluten-free when registering. [REGISTER](#)

**Bricks & Biodiversity**-1 to 3pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Rd. Basom, NY 14013. Join the WNY Young Birder Club and the Rochester Lego User Group to "build" community and celebrate nature with LEGO's at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge! Bring your favorite LEGO nature sets and MOCs (my own creation) to display, join in on a nature-themed speed build, enjoy hot cocoa, and go for a winter nature walk. Prizes for fan favorite MOCs and speed build! RSVP to [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call 612-759-8662.

**2026 Rochester Urban Agriculture Conference**-9am to 4pm at [East High School Rochester, NY](#). [Registration](#).

**Seed Germination Workshop**-1 to 3pm. Join Grassroots Gardens at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village for a session on seed germination! We will first discuss what seed germination is, the conditions conducive to it, and how to start a garden from seed. Then, get hands-on experience calculating seed viability and starting seedling trays to bring home! \$37.50 Non-Members; \$32.50 Members. [Registration](#)

**Grassroots Gardens Volunteer Orientation**-1 to 3pm at 389 Broadway, Buffalo . Are you an aspiring community gardener, a friend of flowers, or looking for a deeper connection to neighborhood greenspaces? Learn about Grassroots Gardens WNY, our network of 110+ gardens, and the [activities](#) you can do as a volunteer during the 2026 season! During the second half of the session, we'll be sorting seeds, potting up native plants, and cleaning up Broadway Community Garden's perennial berm. It's a great time to ask questions, meet like-minded gardeners, and help out as Spring begins. [RSVP and let us know you're coming!](#)

**Red Fox Nature Painting**-Join Volunteer Naturalist/Artist, Judy Light, for an artsy afternoon! Judy will lead you through a step-by-step painting of a Red Fox. All supplies necessary will be provided at no cost. Anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 1pm-3pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Rd. Basom, NY 14013. **Sign Up** by emailing [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Owl Prowl**- 7:30 to 9pm. Join Volunteer Naturalist, Chuck Rosenburg, for a walk at night to listen for owl of the Refuge, at a time when the Refuge is typically closed to visitors. Before the walk we will meet at the visitor center for check-in and a short presentation. 1101 Casey Rd. Basom, NY 14013. **Sign Up:** RSVP by emailing [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

**Flat Bike Tire Repair**- 10am to noon at [GObike Community Workshop & Headquarters Buffalo, NY](#). \$25 Learn the ins and outs of fixing a bike tire. [Tickets](#).

## Sunday, March 22

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

**Winter Tree Hike**-11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Mossy Point, Wales, NY. Think trees are hard to identify without leaves? Think again! Join us for a guided Winter Tree Hike at our Mossy Point preserve, where we'll learn how to recognize trees by their bark, buds, branching patterns, and overall form. Led by WNY Land Conservancy Stewardship Director, Josh Balistreri, this hike will introduce you to the basics of winter tree identification while also exploring winter ecology and animal activity. [Registration required](#), space limited to 15 participants.

## Monday, March 23

**Spring Flower Exhibit at the Gardens**-10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. There's no better time at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens than spring. It is time for the colorful blooms of the annual Spring Flower Exhibit. Experience fragrant hyacinths, vibrant daffodils, colorful tulips, and even more of your favorite seasonal flowers. With over 30,000 blossoming bulbs throughout the conservatory, allow the sights and scents of Spring to delight you this season. Don't miss the limited time exhibit.

## Tuesday, March 24

**Greening Your Next Vacation** -1pm. As you start to plan a summer vacation, there are tools available to help you design an adventure that pollutes less. Join this session and start your next journey on more sustainable ground! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**A Journey Through the Monarch's Winter Home: The Sights, Sounds, and Science of the migratory monarch butterfly colonies**-2pm, presented by Court Whelan, MJV Board Member, Natural Habitat Adventures. [Register.](#)

**Theatre District Revitalization Panel**-7 to 9pm at Shea's Smith Theater, 658 Main St. It's never lived up to its potential, however, but there's a move afoot to revitalize the district. More activity. Better physical environment. Investigative Post is convening key stakeholders and interested members of the public for a panel discussion. Panelists will include Brian Higgins, president and CEO of Shea's Performing Arts Center; Donny Kutzbach, co-owner of the Town Ballroom; Randall Kramer, executive director of MusicalFare; Kristin Bentley, executive director of Second Generation Theatre; and John Cimperman, owner of 42 North Brewing. Audience participation will be encouraged. Tickets are \$10 and [on sale at this secure link.](#)

**Funding Conservation: Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever**-9 to 10am webinar. Free without credit. Today, grassland, oak savannah, and meadow habitats are among the most rapidly declining ecosystems in the nation, and maintaining healthy, functional open habitat can be both challenging and costly. This webinar explores how private landowners can create and manage grasslands and other valuable early successional habitats using technical and financial assistance available through Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm Bill programs. [Register.](#)

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

**Conservation Topics for the Classroom: Bird-Window Collisions**- 7 to 8pm webinar. Bird-window collisions often occur during their annual migrations. They mistake the reflection on glass for open space and hit windows at high impact. An estimated 1 billion birds are killed annually through window collisions but there are easy solutions! In this free one-hour webinar we will learn how to prevent bird window collisions and support migrations by taking small, simple actions within our homes and our communities such as addressing window treatments. [Register.](#)

## Wednesday, March 25

**Ecological Restoration on Grand Island**-6:30 to 7:30pm at Grand Island Memorial Library. To register please visit <https://EcologicalRestorationGITalk.eventbrite.com>. Discover the ecological history of Grand Island's archipelago and the restoration of the East River Marsh at Beaver Island State Park. Paul Leuchner, Environmental Scientist and Wetlands Restoration Advocate, will share how this wetland faced severe erosion in the 1990s and how community efforts helped save it. Learn how wetlands like the East River Marsh support wildlife, improve water quality, and protect shorelines while preserving Grand Island's unique ecosystems.

**Grow Your Own Salad in Pots In-Person**-6 to 7pm at Lancaster Public Library. Dig in and get growing! Learn how to plant lettuce and tomatoes in containers—no garden required. We'll start from seed and show you how to grow your own fresh, tasty salad right on your porch or patio. Adults only. [Register](#) or call 716-683-1120. Registration begins Wednesday, February 25.

**Pan-American Exposition: Special Presentation In-Person**-6 to 7pm at Orchard Park Library. The 1901 Pan-American Exposition showcased the newest technology and provided thrills for people of all ages. Join NYS Parks educator, Mike Adriaansen, as we explore this World's Fair hosted in Buffalo. Registration for this event is required. For more information, please call the Orchard Park Library at (716) 662-9851.

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

**"Infrastructures of Belonging: Environmental Justice and the Right to Stay Put"**- 6pm. Lecture by Charisma Acey, UC Berkeley. This year's Jammal Lecture by Charisma Acey draws on research and community-engaged work in Lagos, Nigeria and the San Francisco Bay Area to examine how infrastructure systems (water, food, land use) become sites where rights are realized or denied. The talk concludes with implications for planning practice and what community-led governance offers for rethinking urban futures under the climate crisis. Free and open to the public, held Wednesdays at 6pm in UB South, Hayes Hall Room 403 + via Zoom. [Register.](#)

#### Thursday, March 26

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

**Hammers & Ales 2026**- A benefit for Habitat for Humanity from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the historic Barrel Factory in South Buffalo. Enjoy great food, craft beverages, live music, and fun activities, all while supporting a critical need in our community. Ticket Cost: \$50, [Buy Tickets](#)

**Cut Flower Gardening Class**-6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. Learn how to grow your own beautiful, blooming cut flower garden in this fun and informative class at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. We will cover everything from choosing the perfect garden spot and prepping soil, to picking the right plants and designing a layout that fits for you. Learn how to start flowers from seed, select healthy plants from a nursery, then what to do until they are ready to cut. [Tickets.](#)

**Science in the Pub**-7pm. Allison M. Hermann, Ph.D. Research & Outreach Manager/Laboratory for Rational Decision Making; Department of Psychology; Cornell University. [Register.](#)

**Wonderful Cambrian Beasts and Where to Find Them**-7 to 8:30pm, Science Buff Lecture Series at the Science Museum, featuring Javier Ortega-Hernandez, PhD, Harvard University, 2025-2026 Paleontological Society Distinguished Lecturer. The Cambrian fossil record is famously full of so-called "weird wonders", extinct soft-bodied organisms with an otherworldly appearance that have captured the imagination of researchers and the public alike. But where do these strange animals come from? Why are they preserved so exquisitely? What does this mean for understanding the early evolution of animals? Come and learn the answers to these questions and maybe walk away with even more questions of your own. All ages. [Tickets:](#) \$25 nonmembers; \$5 with membership or school ID, Optional Add-on: Geology Rocks! Behind-the-Scenes Tour at 5pm. Ages 18+.

**The Hidden Power of Forests: Connection and Cooperation from Roots to Canopy**-1pm with Dr. Nalini Nadkarni and Dr. Teresa Ryan. [Register for webinar.](#)

**Ecological Puzzles & Passion: Tales of Cyanos, Sensors, & Community Science**-11am ET, join us for a virtual scientific seminar by Dr. Kathleen Weathers, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Freshwater ecosystems have long inspired human interest, passion, and investment. They are essential to our economic, environmental, and personal wellbeing. Freshwater lakes around the globe, however, are degrading. Especially concerning are the toxic cyanobacterial blooms that are on the rise worldwide. Beginning in the 2000s, in northern New England, community members noticed cyanobacterial blooms in clear, nutrient-poor lakes—precisely the ecosystems where scientists would not have predicted they would occur. Over the past 15 years, a global, grassroots network of scientists and community scientists, the "Gleo Gang" has been piecing together the puzzle of what, when, where, why, and how "surprising" cyanobacterial blooms are burgeoning in nutrient-poor, clear-water lakes. The research stemmed from local curiosity and has global implications; it is a story of a 21st-century experiment involving scientists, community members, cyanobacteria, sensors, and socioecological systems. Free and open to all. [Register](#)

## Friday, March 27

**Snowy with a Chance of Salamanders**-7:30 to 9pm at Evangola State Park. With the return of spring, we will explore the spring pools and search under logs for spotted salamanders. For adults and children ages 8 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Kid's Night Out**-5:30 to 8:30pm. Drop-off the kids (ages 6-8) at Tiff Nature Preserve for a night of fun with our staff! We'll enjoy a pizza dinner, go for a night hike, make crafts, play games, and end with a nature-themed movie and fresh popcorn! Limited space. Advance registration required by **MARCH 20**. [Tickets](#): \$45; BMS Members receive 10% off.

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

## Saturday, March 28

**Family Nature Quest: Woodpeckers**-10am. Join this quest to find signs and sightings of the many woodpeckers that call Reinstein Woods their home. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Container Gardening**- 10am to noon at Massachusetts Avenue Project, 387 *Massachusetts Ave*. Container gardens are a popular way to grow at home, but can often offer some challenges that in-ground or raised bed gardening doesn't. Join this class to learn some methods that will improve your container garden outcomes. Taught by Patti Jablonski, General Manager at Urban Roots Cooperative Garden Market. [Register](#).

**Hike Through History**- 10 to 11:30am. Knox Farm State Park. Reminisce about years gone by. Take a leisure hike and discover the history of Knox Farm State Park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Spring Bark Walk**- 11am to 12:30pm at DeVeaux Woods State Park. Take a walk around the old growth forest of DeVeaux Woods State Park with an educator while learning all about bark and how to use it to ID trees! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Vernal Pool Exploration**-2 - 3:30 pm at **Joseph Davis State Park**. Greeted by the sounds of spring, explore the trails of Joseph Davis State Park in search of vernal pools and their inhabitants! **Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**.

**Lead Safe Work Practices Training**-1 to 7pm. Traditionally hosted by the Erie County Department of Health, The Tool Library will be hosting Lead Safe Work Practices Trainings on site at The Tool Library, at 2626 Main Street. Designed for homeowners looking to do work on their pre 1978 house, learn all the techniques for lead safe renovation and encapsulation, for free. Lead is a poison that can cause long term health effects, doing work on your house without the proper techniques can put you and your family at risk of lead poisoning. This training will allow you to access our lead safe tools, such as HEPA vacuums and consumables like respirators. [Register](#).

**BNMC Community Connections Day**-10am to 2pm at UB Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. 955 Main St, Buffalo, NY. The event will empower our community members with practical, culturally relevant tools for healthy living through interactive talks, mini-workshops, food samples, and direct connections to local wellness, food access, and support services. [Reservation recommended](#) but not required.

**No Kings Buffalo**-11am, Niagara Square. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1180159633912513>

**No Kings Williamsville**-Peaceful rally from 1-3pm at Amherst Town Hall, Williamsville, NY 14221 [Register](#).

**No Kings Northern Chautauqua**-3 to 5pm at 219 Central Ave., Fredonia. On March 28th, rise up, take to the streets, and say it loud: no thrones, no crowns, no kings. We're not watching history happen—we're making it. *A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.* [Register](#)

**Birding Field Trip: Lake Ontario Plains with Willie D'anna and Betsy Potter**-Meet at 8 AM at Tops Market in Wright's Corners. This is on the east side of Route 78 at Route 104, north of Lockport. Register with leader-Willie D'anna (716) 471-7595, [Willie.danna@gmail.com](mailto:Willie.danna@gmail.com)

**Maple Festival: Buffalo Heritage Village**-Attendees will enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and engaging maple educational programming. Maple Festival will also offer plentiful NYS Maple products for sale in the Museum Store, as well as a fun-filled basket raffle. Pancake Breakfast served 9 AM to 11 AM and 12 PM to 2 PM. Purchase [tickets by time slot](#).

**Maple Sugar Walk**-2 to 4pm at Tiffit Nature Preserve. Taste the signs of Spring on a Maple Sugar-themed tour of the trails! We'll meet some different species of maple trees, taste a variety of maple syrups, practice drilling logs with a vintage tool, and learn how sap becomes a sweet treat. Advanced registration required. All ages. [Tickets](#)- \$12 per participant (BMS members save 10%).

**Volunteer Educator Training with Buffalo Audubon**-1 to 2:30pm at Trillium Nature Center, 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113. Meet the Education Animals used in our Cold-blooded Critters program! Help kids big and small learn all about their adaptations, their stories, and how we care for them. Get hands on training on how to help us deliver this program across Western New York! [Buy Tickets](#)

**Beaver Meadow Owl Prowl**- 8 to 10pm at Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve, 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, NY 14113. [Buy Tickets](#)

### Sunday, March 29

**Spring Flower Exhibit**-10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. It is time for the colorful blooms of the annual Spring Flower Exhibit. Experience fragrant hyacinths, vibrant daffodils, colorful tulips, and even more of your favorite seasonal flowers. With over 30,000 blossoming bulbs throughout the conservatory, allow the sights and scents of Spring to delight you this season. Don't miss the limited time exhibit.

### Monday, March 30

**Horticultural Heroes**-10am to 4pm at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. In the Arcangel Gallery at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens you will find an extraordinary collection of diverse and visually striking portraits of Horticultural Heroes. This collection of works pays homage to the groundbreaking contributions of thought leaders in the world of gardening, botany, horticulture, agriculture, and conservation. Each portrait masterfully captures the essence of these Horticultural Heroes, celebrating their tireless commitment to advancing plant knowledge, fostering community, fighting injustice, and championing the preservation of vital ecosystems.

### Tuesday, March 31

**International Transgender Day of Visibility Stroll**-6pm. Nature is for everybody. Join us for a relaxing evening stroll through the woods to celebrate the lives of transgender people, family, and friends. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

### Wednesday, April 1

**Conservation Conversations: On Indigenous History, Culture and the Land**-7 to 8:30pm. Black Rock Harbor Center, 52 Amherst St., 14207. Featuring Melissa Leonard. Free but [required registration](#).

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

**Biting Pests: A Pet Owner's Guide**-Noon webinar. Understand how fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes spread disease to dogs and cats; recognize common health risks; and learn practical steps to protect your pets. [Register](#).

**Falls Misconceptions**-4:30 to 6 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). APRIL FOOLS! Celebrate this annual day of practical jokes and hoaxes with a walk around Niagara Falls to hear all the misconceptions surrounding the area that our team has heard over the years! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

## Thursday, April 2

**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.*

**Garden Talk “Creating a Cutting Garden”-**12 to 1pm. Hybrid event. Who doesn’t love fresh flowers all summer long? Learn all about the do’s and don’ts of creating a garden space dedicated solely to growing flowers for bouquets and arrangements with Master Gardener Connie B. Register in advance for this meeting: Call 585-343-3040 ext. 101 to register to attend in-person at Genesee CCE, 420 East Main, Batavia OR [register for online](#).

## Friday, April 3

**Timberdoodle Twilight Hours-** 7:45 to 8:45 pm at [Evangola State Park](#). Watch in amusement as woodcocks strut their stuff in a hilarious dance that would make even the finest ballroom dancer envious. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

**“What’s Bugging You” talk-**12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Learn how professionals control moles and having beneficial insects in your garden. [Register](#)

**Spring Egg-stravaganza-** Tiff Nature Center. Join in the EGG-streme fun and EGG-citement at Tiff’s annual indoor celebration of animals that hatch from eggs! Meet live animals with Messinger Woods Wildlife Care, enjoy make ‘n’ take crafts, games, guided hikes and hands-on activities. Plus, dye eggs using handmade, natural dyes from flowers and vegetables! Bring your own hard-boiled eggs; maximum of 6 per person. [Timed entry; advance registration required](#). Space is limited. \$14.

**Buffalo Geological Society Monthly Meeting-**7pm at 100 Lee St, Buffalo. Speaker: Dominic D'Amore on *"Like pulling teeth: biomechanical explanations for tooth loss in theropod dinosaurs including birds."*

## Saturday, April 4

**Springtime Welcome Walk-**11am. If you are new to Reinstein Woods, or want to bring a friend who’s never visited, this walk is for you! We’ll talk about Reinstein Woods and explore how plants and animals are waking up to spring. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Woods Walk: Spring Ephemerals-**1pm. These woodland plants race to bloom before the shade forces them to wait another year. Maybe we can spot some along the trails, but even if we don't, there's always so much to see in the woods! No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

**Potting Up & Hardening Off Your Seedlings-**10am to noon at Massachusetts Avenue Project 387 Massachusetts Ave. This class will cover one of the most important, but often overlooked, parts of growing from seedlings: potting your seedlings up into larger containers and hardening them off before they go into the ground. Taught by Katie Pfohl, MAP Farm Manager. [Register](#).

**Introduction to Leatherworking-** 10 am - 12 pm at [Evangola State Park](#). Create your own stamped leather bracelet or hair barrette. All equipment provided. For adults only. *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

**Vernal Pool Exploration-**2 - 3:30 pm at [Joseph Davis State Park](#). Greeted by the sounds of spring, explore the trails of Joseph Davis State Park in search of vernal pools and their inhabitants! *Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)*

**Master Your Garden Series: Nature Journaling for Gardeners-**10:00 am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Suggested donation: \$5. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email [klo54@cornell.edu](mailto:klo54@cornell.edu).

**What's Growing On: Pot and Harden Seedlings**-10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst, NY. Grassroots Gardens WNY is teaching a seed germination workshop at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village. Topics covered will be the basics of seed growth, viability, selection, and how you can start your garden from seed. Tickets are available here: <https://bnhv.org/bnhv-events/seed-germination>.

**Safe Boating Course**-8:30am to 4:30pm, \$85. Comfort Inn & Suites, 4345 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225. This course meets all the requirements under Brianna's Law (a law that requires completing the course to operate a vessel in NYS) and meets the NYS and USCG requirements for PWC/Jetski Operation and Boating Certification (i.e. Licensing). Upon successful completion, you will have met the requirements and can operate a PWC (i.e. Jet-ski) and operate a powerboat independently. You will receive a safety certificate (often referred to as a NYS Boating License or jetski license) upon successful completion of this course- certificate received same day as class. You also have the option to add an endorsement to your NYS Driver's License. [Register](#).

## 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.**

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

DEC released a [draft Commissioner Policy](#) to improve access to the outdoors for people with mobility disabilities. The intent of this policy is to provide clear information about access to public recreation opportunities that may be enhanced by the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs). The policy will replace existing DEC policies and procedures including [Commissioner Policy 3](#). To provide a greater level of accessibility to a broad spectrum of outdoor recreation programs, and consistent with federal requirements, this policy provides for the use of OPDMDs by people with mobility disabilities on lands managed by DEC. DEC is accepting comments on the draft policy until **March 9, 2026**. Please submit written comments by emailing [landsforests@dec.ny.gov](mailto:landsforests@dec.ny.gov),

### Share Your Great Lakes Perspectives

Until **Friday, April 3rd**, submit your comments to the IJC to share your perspectives on Canadian and US governments' latest Progress Report under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Canada and the United States work together through the [Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement](#) to keep the Great Lakes clean and healthy. Every three years, the [International Joint Commission](#) (IJC) assesses progress towards the Agreement's goals for drinkable, fishable, swimmable Great Lakes. Share your perspective on how the governments are doing to restore, protect and enhance Great Lakes water quality. Read the [Progress Report of the Parties](#) (published by Canada and the United States). [Register to comment](#).

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

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

### Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials

**[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.

**Ban on 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.

**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.

**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:

- **Evaluate your outside lighting-** Night lighting is important for our safety, but it negatively impacts wildlife and star-watching. Turn off unnecessary lights, ensure that lighting is angled down where it is useful. Check out these [tips](#).
- **Repair and reuse your outdoor gear-** broken zippers and tears don't mean that we have to toss our backpacks, jackets etc. Some [manufacturers](#) will take back damaged goods for repair for modest charges. You can also try to add patches, rewaterproof or patch your gear. Check out these [repair guides](#).

## 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.ecatrail.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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://promisedlandcsa.com/>

Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>  
Roots & Wings Family Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/rootsandwingsfarm/>  
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: (also check [www2.erie.gov/recycling/index.php?q=node](http://www2.erie.gov/recycling/index.php?q=node))**

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

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373  
Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot  
Batteries (high energy for mowers, power tools)-Lowe's, Bison Turf; Batteries for e-bikes- Tom Pro Bikes  
Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>  
Books- [www.booksforafrica.org](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>  
Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/> , <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> [realsimple](http://realsimple.com)

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

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

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

Solar Energy Training- <http://www.solarenergy.org/training-schedule/>  
Coursera- [www.coursera.org](http://www.coursera.org)  
[Green Education Foundation](http://GreenEducationFoundation.org)  
[Facing the Future](http://FacingtheFuture.org)  
[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](http://CloudInstitute.org)  
[Sustainable Futures Institute](http://SustainableFuturesInstitute.org)  
[Nature Generation.](http://NatureGeneration.org)  
[The Center for Ecoliteracy](http://TheCenterforEcoliteracy.org)  
[Hamline's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\)](http://Hamline.org)  
[The National Science Teachers Association Learning Centers](http://TheNationalScienceTeachersAssociation.org)  
[The US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](http://TheUSPartnershipforEducationforSustainableDevelopment.org)  
[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](http://SecondNature.org)

## **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>
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.ecswcd.org/">www.ecswcd.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://ltlol.com/">https://ltlol.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>
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>
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="http://NiagaraFrontierBotanicalSociety.org">Niagara Frontier Botanical Society</a>
Niagara Outfitters	<a href="https://niagaraoutfitters.com/">https://niagaraoutfitters.com/</a>
Niagara River Anglers Association	<a href="https://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="https://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="http://www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/">www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/</a>
South Buffalo Alive	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/South-Buffalo-Alive-174141769403626/">www.facebook.com/South-Buffalo-Alive-174141769403626/</a>
SPCA serving Erie County	<a href="http://www.yourspca.org">www.yourspca.org</a>
Street Synergy	<a href="http://www.streetsynergy.org/">http://www.streetsynergy.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>