

Enviro-News

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Composting Workshop: Amherst Organics Initiative

Come to the Audubon Library on **Thursday, May 4th** at 7pm and learn more about how removing our food scraps from our garbage can help our environment and save you money as a taxpayer. Landfills across the country are being filled to capacity with our waste, with e-commerce and the pandemic increasing our average total to over 5 pounds per person per day. Food scraps and other food waste accounts for around 20 percent of this waste. We will talk about the **Amherst Organics Initiative** and how your community can start a similar program. International Compost Awareness Week from May 7-13 reminds people that there is a solution to a large portion of what we throw out as garbage. It can be composted and turned into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Volunteers Needed for Earth Day in May

Keep the Earth Day spirit alive by caring for Reinstein Woods trails on I Love My Park Day on **Saturday, May 6, 2023!** Projects will include activities like raking and lining trails, picking up trash, removing unwanted plants, and planting native species. Families, scouts, corporate groups, and other organizations are welcome. Small groups will be working on projects starting at different times, and you will register for your preferred start time. Each group will work for one to two hours. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools. [Register online](#) at the Friends of Reinstein Woods.

A Star Gazing Evening

Join the Buffalo Audubon Society and the Buffalo Astronomical Association on **Saturday, May 6** beginning at 5:30pm. for an evening of Astronomy themed fun! Sign up for an *Amazing Race* style scavenger hunt, or just come to enjoy Solar Viewing, Yard Games, and Refreshments! The evening will end with a Star Gazing presentation with the Buffalo Astronomical Association. Refreshments provided by Windy Brew Custom Brew Center (Cash Bar). To join the scavenger hunt: cost is Single - \$25 / Team of up to 4 - \$75. Search for the Stars Evening Event: BAS Members: Free / General Admission: \$10, Children under 3 are free. <https://buffaloudubon.salsalabs.org/SearchfortheStars/index.html>

Green Drinks

Join others to network and enjoy conversation with environmental folks at 5:30pm on **Thursday, May 11th at Rusty Nickel Brewing Co., 4350 Seneca St, West Seneca, NY 14224**. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Invasive Species in Urban Forestry 2023 ReLeaf Workshop

A ReLeaf Workshop will be held on **May 8** from 9am to 3pm at Tiff Nature Preserve Education Center, 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard. In this workshop, speakers from the Western New York PRISM, NYSDEC, and Schichtel's Nursery will discuss the New York State invasive species regulations; tree and shrub species that have invasive tendencies; and the importance of diversity in urban forests from nonprofit, industry, and statewide perspectives. Attendees will learn about the process for listing an invasive species on the regulated and prohibited species list, how species are evaluated for invasiveness, and species that have shown traits that may point to future invasive tendencies in a changing climate. The afternoon will include a choice of a field tour of Tiff Nature Preserve or South Park, so come dressed for the weather to explore. Cost: \$35 for ReLeaf and Council members, \$25 for general public. [Register for Invasive species in urban forestry online](#) at the NYS Urban Forestry Council website.

Savor del Mar 2023

Savor del Mar on **May 10th** is the Aquarium of Niagara's premier wine and food fundraising event benefitting more than 120 species under our care. Your support drives our ongoing mission to inspire people to make a difference for aquatic life. The night of drinks, food, and fun is in support of your favorite animal friends! The event is 6 to 9pm and [tickets](#) are \$75 per person which include food, drink, sea lion show and viewing of the aquarium.

Be Septic Smart for Lake Erie!

Free workshops on **May 9 and 23** for the public to learn about how septic systems function and how to maintain them to prevent costly repairs and keep our waterways clean! Learn more and register at www.erie.gov/septicmart. Attendees will be eligible for door prizes and a \$30 rebate off a septic system pump-out. Pizza and beverages provided. Register today for [May 9](#) (6 to 7:45pm at Newstead Cultural Center, 33 Main St., Akron) or [May 23](#) (6 to 7:45pm at Cornell Lake Erie Research Lab, 6592 W Main, Portland).

Dare to Repair Café: Fix it, Don't Ditch It

Have a broken small appliance, lamp, electronics or zipper on clothing? The next Dare to Repair Café will be held on **May 13** from 10am to 1pm Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Bring your broken items to see if volunteers can fix them for free. Items include small appliances, clothing and tile. See more [here](#). [Register](#) to attend.

Bike to Work Week

Bike to Work Week is **May 15-19**. [Bike to Work Week](#) is a national celebration and a fun way to try out bicycling for your commute! There are at least three ways you can be part of Bike to Work Week as a new or seasoned rider. Check out a [guide](#) to learn how to participate as individuals or organizations. During the week, there will be giveaways, free food, and other events at various locations.

Master Food Preserver Training- May 2023

A 3-day (8am to 4:30pm) training opportunity will be offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County **May 16-18** for those interested in food preservation. Home Food Preservation experts, will guide participants through hands-on demonstrations of all food preservation methods recommended by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). No prior knowledge of food preservation is needed. The training includes the scientific basis of food preservation, experience in hot water bath and pressure canning, gelled products and pickling, freezing and drying, and more. This three-day workshop will be offered in the new WNY Food Incubator kitchen at CCE Niagara County. Pre- and post-testing, as well as evening study, are necessary. Program graduates earn a certificate of participation. Only 10 spots available! [Register now!](#) Cost is \$395. CCE Niagara County, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, New York 14094.

Birdie Big Year: Elevating Women Birders

Buffalo Audubon Society will host Tiffany Kersten on **May 21** at 4pm. A recognized birder with an impressive big year record of 726 species, Tiffany will lead us through the fear, empowerment, struggles and healing that all played vital roles in the personal growth she experienced on this wild adventure. The talk is \$25 and an optional birdwatching with Tiffany is available for \$75 total. [Register](#).

Beekeeping Class: Hands-on Training

The Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village is offering a small class hands-on experience in their apiary. The course will cover the basic things that we are looking for when doing inspections, do typical seasonal maintenance, and share what we have learned over the years keeping bees. Participant must provide their own protective gear (Suits & Gloves). Classes are 6 to 8pm on **May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, and August 17**. Cost is \$100. [Info and register](#).

Rescuing the Planet: Protecting Half the Land to Heal the Earth

The Western New York Land Conservancy will host world-renowned author Tony Hiss, one of the strongest advocates for land protection in the United States, to discuss his seminal book *Rescuing the Planet: Protecting Half the Land to Heal the Earth*. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 25th** at the Montante Cultural Center on the campus of Canisius College* for this unique opportunity to hear from one of the most important conservation writers working today. Register to attend [in person](#) or to view the [Livestream](#). This free public event is part of our community's efforts to save the [Floating Fen](#) in Chautauqua County and create the [Western New York Wildway](#).

New York Green Bank's Community Decarbonization Fund

Governor Hochul announced the launch of NY Green Bank's \$250 million [Community Decarbonization Fund \(CDF\)](#). The CDF will provide a low-cost funding pathway to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and other mission-driven lenders to enable them to provide capital to eligible projects benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities. NY Green Bank seeks to support financial entities that demonstrate ongoing and growing capability to originate, underwrite, and manage project financings that reduce emissions and deliver benefits to residents of disadvantaged communities in New York State. More details, including proposal submission instructions, evaluation criteria, and selected indicative terms of our investment offerings can be found in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Learn more at a **May 11 webinar** at 10am.

No Mow May? Low Mow Spring?

City of Buffalo is joining other U.S. cities in allowing homeowners a reprieve from mowing their lawns in the spring. The "no mow" movement is an aim to providing pollinators with early season food sources. A lush, green, weed-free lawn has historically been center stage in American landscaping, but our monoculture turf offers no resources for pollinators. Dandelions and wildflowers should not be considered a sign of neglect, incompetence, and laziness, but instead providing for biodiversity.

The 65th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

Registration is open for the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage at Allegany State Park from **June 2-4**. The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities. This traditional weekend of natural history and outdoor education welcomes both the experienced naturalist as well as the inquisitive beginner! [Register Now](#).

Draft New York State Solid Waste Management Plan – Public Comment Period Now Open

To protect communities and mitigate the effects of climate change, the draft New York State Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) builds upon sustained efforts to reduce waste and advance the state's transition to a circular economy, helping to change New Yorkers' understanding of waste and their relationship to it. This Plan is intended to guide actions over the next decade, from the beginning of 2023 to the end of 2032, and builds upon the State's 2010 Beyond Waste Plan. [View the draft New York State Solid Waste Management Plan.](#) Persons wishing to comment on the Plan have the opportunity to submit written comments until **May 15, 2023**. Comments can be submitted by email to NYSSolidWastePlan@dec.ny.gov.

Listening Tour to Advance Clean Water, Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced a [statewide educational listening tour for the \\$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act](#) of 2022. The tour will provide an opportunity for the public and potential funding applicants to learn more about the [Bond Act](#), and for the community to weigh in on the draft criteria developed to identify potential projects. Sessions will feature a presentation on the Bond Act and an opportunity for one-on-one discussion with State experts. Meetings will be open to the public. The local session will be held **May 30** at 1 p.m. at the University at Buffalo Center for Tomorrow - North Campus, 125 Service Center Road, Buffalo. [Register to attend.](#)

Rally to the Silo Mini Gala

On **Sunday June 4** from 5 to 8pm at Buffalo Riverworks (359 Ganson St), Hope Rising Together (formerly Let Them LOL) will host a fundraiser. The group works to bring clean water, education, healthcare, and much more community development through empowering strategies in Sierra Leone and here in Buffalo with renewal and restoration through volunteering, giving opportunities, and community initiatives. Tickets are \$100 and include admission, photo op & Hors D'oeuvres, desserts & coffee. Cash bar will be available. Help us raise funds to finish the Silo to serve the people of Buffalo, Sierra Leone and beyond. [Tickets.](#)

Dig with the Experts 2023

Penn Dixie's annual Dig with the Experts will be **June 3-5**. [Tickets](#) are required, with member discounts. We'll have equipment do the heavy lifting and scientific experts on site to help with locating and identifying the best fossils. You'll have to do your share of splitting and digging, but you're guaranteed to find something cool and interesting. Expert volunteers, including scientists, leading fossil collectors, and experts on local geology will lead the dig in a freshly excavated section of the Lower Windom Shale and will demonstrate how to find Devonian Period trilobites, cephalopods, fish remains, brachiopods, corals, wood, and a range of other marine invertebrates. Thanks to our volunteer collectors and paleontologists who travel to Penn Dixie to share their time and knowledge. Tool rental kits can be reserved on a first-come first-served basis by emailing Holly@penndixie.org. Tool rental kits are \$5/each and must be paid for day-of on site. Very limited quantity.

WNY Raptor and Wildlife Care Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser for WNY Raptor and Wildlife Care, Inc. on **June 9** from 6:30 to 9:30pm at The Cove in Depew, 4701 Transit. For more info and ticket purchases, visit <https://wnyraptor.com/wnyraptor-fundraiser-2023>. Your purchase will help the center provide the care needed by injured wildlife.

Wine, Wags and Brews: SPCA Fundraiser

Spend **June 14** from 5:30-8pm with your dog at the SPCA Serving Erie County with a drink in hand at Wine, Wags & Brews! Enjoy tasting delicious food and drinks, raffles, and visit with animal friends during this after-hours event exclusively for adults 21+. Each Wine, Wags & Brews ticket supports all the animals cared for by the SPCA! [Tickets.](#)

Applications Open for 2023 AEM Leopold Conservation Award

Applications are being accepted for New York State's 2023 Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Leopold Conservation Award. Presented in partnership with the Sand County Foundation, the annual award honors a farm and its nominating Soil and Water Conservation District for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In New York, the \$10,000 award is presented in partnership with national sponsor American Farmland Trust, and state partner Cornell Cooperative Extension. Applications must be received **by May 27, 2023**. Nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of conservation leaders. Interested candidates should contact their local county Soil and Water Conservation District. Soil and Water District Contact information [can be found here](#).

Messinger Woods Recruiting Volunteers for Busy Wildlife Season

Messinger Woods runs a wildlife hospital during the "busy" wildlife season, approximately June 1st until the middle to end of September, depending upon the animals in our care and how long they need to remain in the caging at our hospital. If you are able to commit to 4 hours once a week during this time, we would love to have you join us this season. [Info](#). If you are a student, we realize that you must be back in school by the end of August and would not be available until our facility closes down for the season. You **DO NOT** have to be a Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator to volunteer with Messinger Woods. If you are a **newly licensed wildlife rehabilitator** and are looking for a friendly environment to get some experience or are thinking of getting your license but need some hands-on work with wildlife, **or if you simply are interested in helping** our sick, injured and orphaned wildlife – please check us out!

Guaranteed Ride Home Program Makes Carpooling and Transit Stress-Free

Erie and Niagara County residents who regularly commute by carpool, vanpool, public transit, walking or biking are eligible for the free Guaranteed Ride Home Program (GRHP). When you need to leave work unexpectedly for an emergency, and can't use your regular mode of commute, we'll get you to your destination by Lyft, Uber, taxi or public transit—up to two rides per month and \$50 per trip, up to \$200 per year (limitations apply). Click the link below to learn more about terms and conditions, and to register for the program. If you have additional questions about the Guaranteed Ride Home Program, please email info@gobuffaloniagara.org. [REGISTER FOR GRHP](#) Find a carpooling partner through [511NY Rideshare!](#) Use the *free* [Commutifi](#) portal! Get rewarded for driving less with \$50 Shop 716 gift card giveaways each month.

Legislation to Allow Electronic Repairs.

The [Digital Fair Repair Act](#) is a new law that should make it easier for consumers to repair certain electronic devices, including laptops and smartphones, thereby saving money and reducing harmful e-waste. The law compels manufacturers doing business in the state to make repair parts, tools, and documentation, including schematics, available to the public, something companies had not been required to do in the past. It goes into effect on **July 1, 2023**. This should increase the availability of electronic device repair and bring down prices. Until now, independent repair businesses haven't always had the tools and information they needed to fix broken devices, forcing consumers to go back to the manufacturers for repairs or to just buy replacements. The new law is meant to increase competition for repair work—and let consumers fix their own gadgets if they feel technically capable. The law covers electronic devices purchased at retail, including devices popular with consumers like laptops, smartphones, and tablets. It does not apply to so-called white goods, an industry term that typically refers to big appliances like refrigerators and washing machines.

Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff

Erie County residents have the option of using the County's "Voucher Drop-off program" which enables residents to bring up to 50lbs. of eligible hazardous waste to the Hazman facility in Tonawanda at no cost. Again, preregistration for this service is required. For more info go to erie.gov/recycling or Hazman directly at 998-8073 or call 716-858-6800.

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](#) (next date is April 15 from 1 to 5:30pm) 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. - <https://leadinggreen.com/online>.

The 2023 IBirdNY Challenge is Back

The [2023 IBIRDNY Challenge](#) is back and better than ever! Birders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to see or hear and record any 10 bird species of their choosing, with opportunities for both youth and adult participants to win great birding prizes. New this year, the challenge will run from March 1–November 1, observation logs may be submitted via an online form, and all participants will receive a commemorative challenge patch! For more information, including ideas on species to observe and places to go, visit the [I Bird NY webpage](#).

Help Wheels for Workers Provide Transport for Re-settling Families

Wheels for Workers 716 (WW716) is a new non-profit, supporting Buffalo's large number of re-settling families. Their mission is to provide bicycles and helmets to our newest neighbors who wish to work but lack basic transportation. WW716 collects bikes at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14226, while Journey's End Refugee Services connects them to our new neighbors, linking ride-ready bikes to work-ready Buffalonians. WW716 needs: bikes and bike parts, donations, volunteers, and help spreading the word! To get in contact visit their [Facebook page](#).

Have an Apiary?

As of December 23, 2021, all beekeepers in NYS are required to register with Ag and Markets and renew their registration annually regardless of whether you are selling nucleus colonies or queens or not. It only takes a few minutes to do, and then you will get notifications of any disease issues in your area. [Learn more](#).

Erie Community County Climate Action Planning

Erie County Climate Action is working hard on the community climate action plan! Working groups, consisting of County staff and community stakeholders have been developing goals, strategies, and action items to help mitigate climate change effects in the WNY area. This spring, there will be public meetings to share the full plan. If you're looking for ways to get involved, consider joining the [Ambassador Program](#). Ambassadors play a vital role in bridging the gap between local government and community members. Check out <https://www3.erie.gov/climateaction/> for more info on Erie County's climate efforts and ways to be involved.

Free Complete Streets Workshops for Communities

In partnership with the New York State Department of Health, Urban Cycling Solutions offers a FREE complete streets and active transportation training to communities throughout New York State. Training includes detailed instruction on the complete array of complete streets topics and is available to New York State Communities on a first come, first served basis. Please [fill out this online form](#) or email info@urbancyclingsolutions.com to request a course in your community today!

How to file a report to the DEC

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

Western New York Young Birder Club

The [Western New York Young Birder Club](#) (WNY YBC) is designed to help connect young and young at heart people with birds. Young birders of all ages are welcome! The WNY YBC organizes monthly events, sends a monthly email newsletter including the "Bird of the Month" feature and updates on [club outings](#), and serves as a resource for the community to connect with family-friendly birding experiences. WNY YBC recognizes that birding is often a quiet and calm activity that doesn't always match the exuberance of young birders – thus they are creating a space where an enthusiastic joy in birds can take flight. The club currently has 48 members ranging in age from 2-14 with an average age of 7. Check out WNY YBC's [website to join](#), learn more, and to find events near you!

DEC State Lands Kiosk Survey: Earn Prizes

DEC is seeking public input to help make improvements to informational kiosk signage on DEC properties by completing the new [DEC Kiosk Survey](#). Input from visitors' surveys will help DEC make improvements to kiosk signage throughout the state and enhance the visitor experience. Kiosks are small, open wooden structures that provide cover for educational and informational signs that feature trail maps, emergency phone numbers, and other important information. By taking the survey, participants will be entered into the survey sweepstakes which will have both monthly winners, who will receive a free subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine and a \$50 gift card, as well as a grand prize winner, who will receive a free subscription to the Conservationist and a \$200 gift card. Individuals can submit multiple surveys per month but can submit only one survey response per kiosk location. Additional information about the survey, sweepstakes, and the link to the survey can be found on [DEC's website](#).

Have Environmental Concerns? Report Them

The public is invited to report environmental concerns to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Environmental and public health concerns may be about air quality; water pollution; dumping, burying or burning of chemicals or toxic waste; climate change; health; workplace condition; the application of pesticides and their effects on wildlife; wetlands destruction; medications; cosmetics; biological products; oil and chemical spills; and discriminatory environmental and health impacts caused by recipients of federal funds. To report concerns, contact Environmental Justice Coordinator Aaron J. Mango at 716-843-5700 or email USANYW.Environment@usdoj.gov.

DEC Pesticide Advice

As of January 1, 2023, DEC reclassified certain neonicotinoid (neonic) pesticide products as "restricted use." Products containing imidacloprid, acetamiprid, and thiamethoxam that are labeled for foliar, widespread outdoor use, and/or seed treatment are no longer permitted to be applied by homeowners. These products contain chemicals like nicotine, and the reclassification was taken to protect New York's environmental resources - especially pollinators. If you are not a certified applicator, the product must be legally disposed of by giving to a certified pesticide applicator or taking to a Household Hazardous Waste disposal event. . Questions can be directed to DEC's Pesticide Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Section at 518-402-8727 or emailed to pesticidecompliance@dec.ny.gov

DEC's Intent to Restrict Certain Neonicotinoid Pesticide Products

The Department of Environmental Conservation is restricting use of certain neonicotinoid (neonic) pesticide products effective January 1, 2023. Restricted use pesticides can only be used by a private or commercial certified applicator possessing NYS certification. Neonics affect the nerve cells of insects often causing paralysis and death of the insect and harm pollinators as well as the intended pest insects. Pesticide products containing imidacloprid, acetamiprid, and thiamethoxam that are labeled for foliar, outdoor use, and/or seed treatment will be reclassified as "restricted use" pesticides. This reclassification will ensure proper use by trained, licensed applicators and also require sales and use data of neonics to be annually reported to the DEC.

Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency Upgrades Extended

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022, federal tax credits for energy efficient home upgrades have been extended for 2023. These include incentives for Geothermal Heat Pumps, Residential Wind Turbines, Solar Energy Systems, and Fuel Cells. For more information and to stay up to date on available tax credits, make sure to bookmark [ENERGY STAR's page on Federal Tax Credits](#) so you can maximize savings on your home energy efficiency projects.

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.

Farmland Protection Grants Available

The NYS Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the availability of funds for the [Round 18 Farmland Protection Implementation Grants \(FPIG\) Program – Conservation Easement Projects](#). The intent is to fund the implementation of certain farmland protection activities intended to maintain the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and its supporting land base and to protect the environmental and landscape preservation values associated with agriculture. Grant applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. The [RFA](#) will remain open and awards will be made until such time as available funds are fully committed, or the RFA is closed.

Soil Health Tool

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#) in an interactive tool that will walk you through facts about soil's role in agriculture and supporting life on this planet, and what we can do to better manage our soil through conservation. A is for Assessment, B is for Biodiversity, C is for Cover Crop. Can you guess what Z is for? Learn what zymogenous means at the site.

Clean Energy Communities Program for Towns

Is your WNY town a member of the Clean Energy Communities Program? Check out the map [here](#) to see towns that are in the program and the actions that they have taken to save energy and often costs for their town. If your town isn't one of them, ask your elected official why they haven't made a commitment to cleaner energy.

Make Cigarette Butts Part of Your Cleanups

Littered cigarette butts: besides ugly to look at, they are hazardous to our kids, pets, wildlife and gardens. When left in the environment, littered cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals, such as arsenic (used to kill rats) and lead, that may be carried as runoff to drains and end up polluting our rivers and lakes right here in Western New York. Because cigarette butts are primarily made of plastic filters that don't biodegrade, the butts that aren't eaten by wildlife simply pile up on shorelines or at the bottom of bodies of water. To find out how you can get involved, visit <http://tobaccofreewny.com/>.

Guide to Reduce Food Scrap Bin Contamination

Food scrap bins that get contaminated with things like gloves, hairnets, plastic cups, and fruit stickers can derail an otherwise successful collection program. This new troubleshooting toolkit is designed to help you identify where and why contamination is happening, and—most importantly—find practical solutions to fix the problem. [The Food Scrap Contamination Guide](#) explains why bin contamination is a problem and offers simple-but-effective ways for you, your staff, and customers to work together to solve it. Less bin contamination is better for your budget and the environment—it's a win-win for your business and your customers.

Climate Watch Survey Season for Birds

The next [Climate Watch survey season](#) will run from **May 15 to June 15**. Audubon's Climate Watch team wants to know how each of our 12 target birds are responding to climate change in their breeding areas.

NYSERDA Green Jobs Green New York Energy Studies

Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations can receive an energy study to help them identify opportunities to make their buildings more energy efficient. The energy study is a valuable tool to understand how to reduce energy usage and costs in your facility, and it provides a "road map" to plan for improvements that can be made as budgets permit. It includes: a comprehensive walk through of the facility; site staff interviews; utility bill analysis; fuel neutral, unbiased evaluation of potential low-cost/no-cost and capital improvement energy efficiency upgrades; and a report that outlines potential energy and cost savings opportunities for your facility. Once the study is complete, you receive assistance in identifying potential utility incentives and low-cost financing options to help take the next steps toward implementing energy saving projects. Small businesses with 100 or fewer Full-Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs) company-wide or not-for-profit organizations of any size are eligible for the program. For more information call Michelle Wooddell at 1-888-338-0089 or email info@NYEnergyStudy.com.

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

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

Resources for Buying an Electric Vehicle and Charger

Making the switch to an electric vehicle—and pairing it with an ENERGY STAR certified charger—is not only good for the planet, it could also save you \$1,400/year on fuel and car maintenance. Plus, with rebates and tax credits, you can save even more. [Learn about all the benefits today!](#) A [study](#) examined the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions from electric cars and combustion engine cars globally. Their analysis showed that only battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles have the potential to achieve life-cycle GHG emissions reductions needed to meet Paris Agreement goals.

EPA Seeks Comment on the Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution

On April 21, 2023, EPA released a "Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution," which is part of EPA's Series on Building a Circular Economy for All, for public comment. The strategy provides voluntary actions that can be implemented in the United States aimed at eliminating the release of plastic waste from land-based sources into the environment by 2040. This strategy builds upon EPA's National Recycling Strategy and focuses on actions to reduce, reuse, collect, and capture plastic waste.

New and innovative approaches are necessary to reduce and recover plastic materials and improve economic, social, and environmental impacts. With input from organizations, EPA identified three key objectives for the strategy: Reduce pollution during plastic production, Improve post-use materials management and Prevent trash and microplastics from entering waterways and remove escaped trash from the environment. EPA is interested in receiving feedback on the actions proposed in this strategy, including which of the proposed actions are the most important and would have the greatest positive impact at the local, regional, and national level. [Check out the draft strategy on our website](#), as well as information on how to submit comments.

Grants for Youth Field Trips

Did you know there is a **grant** to take youth on field trips? The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program (Connect Kids) is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history. Each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for Special Education students) for field trips to state and federal parks, education and nature centers, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas. Find out more about this innovative grant program at the [Connect Kids Grant page](#).

Clothing Recycling in Schools

Project Green Schools is excited to partner with [Planet Aid](#) in order to help schools and communities work together with a unified goal of recycling 25,000 lbs of clothing and shoes. Both Planet Aid and Project Green Schools will support you with everything that you need to organize and promote your drive. [Click to register](#) to host a drive this summer or fall. Clothing drives are open to U.S. based schools and organizations that fall within Planet Aid's region.

Black Faces in Green Spaces: Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers

Black Faces in Green Spaces: The Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers is a career resource guide developed in partnership with Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences. This guide introduces youth to the many jobs in the forest and conservation sector through the lens of Black Professionals currently working in the sector. The guide is designed for middle and high school students, pre-professional youth, parents, and natural resource professionals looking to increase diversity within the natural resources professions. [Download a free guide](#)

Earth Rangers

Earth Rangers is a Canadian charity dedicated to empowering kids to take environmental action. Founded in 2004, Earth Rangers is active in Canadian schools, offering classroom resources as well as school assemblies and eco-clubs. It also offers professional development for teachers to develop lessons that counter eco-anxiety. Outside of the schoolroom, Earth Rangers provides parents with information and resources through a [blog](#) and engages with its youth membership [through its app](#). Downloading and activating the app enrolls the child as a member of Earth Rangers. Membership in Earth Rangers is free, but some activities do involve money. Kids can host an Earth Rangers fundraiser birthday party where donations are accepted in lieu of gifts (a themed party kit is available for purchase).

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[Our Beautiful Planet](#) is a series of compelling 5-7 minute science films highlighting the cutting-edge research that climate scientists are doing to solve some of the world's most pressing issues. Each video has an accompanying lesson that provides opportunities for students to make sense of the climate change phenomena presented in the videos. In addition each film comes with a community outreach guide offering ideas for hands on involvement.

[Earth@Home!](#) Since our launch in 2020, Paleontological Research Institute has added over 300 pages of information about Earth Science of the United States!

["Plastic Pollution and You,"](#) a 15-lesson curriculum focused on a human-induced threat to the health of New York's marine and freshwater aquatic ecosystems.

[One Health](#)-Developed by the University of Rochester Medical Center's Life Sciences Learning Center, this series of lessons for grades 9-12 introduce students to the concept of One Health, the connections among human health, the health of animals, and the health of the environment.

[Ocean of Opportunity](#)- for students 9-13 to introduce them to the blue economy.

[Virtual Field Trip: You're the Scientist! Citizen Science, Frogs, and Cicadas](#)-Students in Grades 3-8 can participate in the Nature Conservancy's virtual field trip that centers around the impact of citizen science. The virtual field trip contains a video, teacher guide, and student activities.

[Curriculum with a focus on dogs](#)- includes K-12 material and lesson plans for language arts, math, science and social studies.

[Wicked Plastics Problem](#)- Class exercise on plastics and solutions for undergrads and advanced high school.

[2022 update of the National Marine Ecosystem Status website](#)-The site provides a view of important data - including human actions and needs, so users can get a holistic understanding of how U.S. marine and Great Lakes ecosystems are doing. This is the first year the website provides Great Lakes data. This website is easy enough for High School students to use, yet robust enough to satisfy a discerning researcher.

[Curriculum: Environmental Justice](#)-Dive into practicing environmental justice with your students with this great resource from the [Smithsonian Science Education Center](#). This guide supports students in learning how they interact with their environment, how different communities are impacted by specific environmental issues, and how to look for innovative solutions.

[Climate Change Impacts on Biodiversity](#)-Video and activity.

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

[Becoming a Climate Change Educator Toolkit](#)- a back-pocket resource for planning lessons.

"[Climate Solutions, in No Particular Order](#)," is a 30-video playlist of 60-second videos that each addresses an important climate change mitigation strategy.

"[In the Greenhouse](#)," is an 18-video series of 5-15 minute video lessons addressing the science concepts that underlie climate change and opportunities to take action.

[Plastic Pollution and You](#)-NYSG's "Plastic Pollution and You" is a 126-page, 15-lesson curriculum focused on a man-made threat to the quality of New York's marine and freshwater aquatic ecosystems.

[K-12 Food Waste lessons, activities, and resources](#) from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) are designed to help teach the planetary impact of what we eat and what we throw away. Lessons are divided by grade band and include free slideshows, student activities, teaching guides, and discussion questions.

[Ocean Odyssey](#) -NOAA educational materials with 8 elementary school lessons.

[Recent Resource Freebies](#)- grants, websites

[TREES](#)- curriculum for Teaching Reforestation Environmental Engagement and Sustainability.

[The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program](#) (Connect Kids)- each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for Special Education students) for field trips to state and federal parks, education and nature centers, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas.

[Living in the Intertidal](#)-video on what nature can tell us about managing future waves of change and enduring the churn of uncertainty.

[Teaching and Learning with Story Maps](#)-simple web apps that combine interactive maps, multimedia content, and user experiences to tell stories about the world and can be used effectively for environmental issues.

[Ecology Project International Teacher Fellowships](#)- professional development program that gives a diverse range of educators an opportunity to collaborate with one another on real-world conservation projects and learn EPI's methods for teaching field science. Spend 8 days connecting with other educators, developing field science skills and exploring amazing locations.

[The Anatomy, Life Cycle, and Habitat of Mosquitoes](#)-Prevent & Protect's lesson plans bring the fun in the classroom indoors! Share with your elementary, middle, or high school students about a mosquito's anatomy and life cycle, as well as crucial ways to avoid the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses.

[Tree-Plenish](#) works with high school students in schools throughout the country to plant trees. The trees planted offset the paper used throughout the year in the school. Visit their website to find out how you can work with this organization to plan a tree planting event at your school and tree-plenish your paper usage!

[Sea Turtle Resources](#)- Sea turtles are a key part of marine ecosystems worldwide and they face many threats today. Celebrate Sea Turtle Week with NOAA and learn turtle facts, research features, turtle conservation programs, and more.

[Cool Science Instruments](#) - glimpse some of the technology that chemists at NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center have used to investigate marine environments since the 1960s when they measured dissolved oxygen and alkalinity of seawater samples to more recent chemistry-focused research today.

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

[Using Origami to teach about Endangered Animals](#)-Ideas for creating curriculum using origami (folder paper art).

[EcoRise's Introduction to Environmental Justice lessons](#) - foundation for students' understanding of environmental justice (EJ) history and concepts for elementary, middle, and high school students.

[Greening STEM Activities, Lessons and Curricula](#)- Grade 1 through high school.

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[2023 CEE-Change Fellowship Program](#), NAAEE's latest initiative in Civics and Environmental Education. NAAEE recognizes the value in bringing together environmental and civic engagement educators to learn from each other and collaborate to scale up our impact as we work to create a more equitable and sustainable future. The 2023 Fellowship program will include a special focus on climate change and education. Deadline: **May 15**.

[NYSAR3 is now accepting submissions for the 2024 NY Recycles!](#) Calendar. This contest is open for all New York schools K-12. Deadline: **May 26**.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Local Food Promotion Program Grants](#) funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food businesses that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. These can include promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste. Deadline: **May 2**.

[Forest Conservation Grant Program](#)-New York State Department of Environmental Conservation program is open to eligible, accredited land trusts to purchase conservation easements on forested land for the purpose of protecting these lands from future development. Pre-applications are due by **May 11, 2023**.

[Green School Grants](#)- All public and private, K-12, schools in New York State are eligible to apply for funding. Applicants and programs must be a public or private school, Grades K-12, located in New York State, include a goal to increase awareness or minimize waste through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, plastic free lunches, and/or composting. Deadline: **May 19**.

[Tree Planting in Disadvantaged Communities After Ash Tree Loss Grant Opportunity](#)- two-year grant comes from the US Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters through the State Urban Forest Resilience Grant and from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund. Grant projects must plant trees for urban and community forests in New York State. Applications are due: **May 30, 2023**.

[The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership \(ORLP\)](#) is a grant assistance to help economically disadvantaged urban communities with no, or almost no, access to publicly available, close-by, outdoor recreation. Funds can be used for the acquisition and/or development of, or to substantially renovate obsolete, public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces. Projects are selected for funding by the Director of the NPS. Deadline: **May 31, 2023**.

[Semper Solaris Scholarship](#)- High school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students are encouraged to submit an essay answering the following question: "How can solar and renewable energy help local communities?" Responses must be at least 1,000 words and focus on renewable, sustainable, or solar energies. Winners can receive up to \$3,000 in scholarship funds. Deadline: **May 31, 2023** for high school applicants.

The [USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program](#) is a technical, financial, and educational assistance program, delivering nature-based solutions to ensure a resilient and equitable tree canopy where more than 84 percent of Americans live. State and local entities, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and public institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. All proposals must be received by **June 1, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EDT**.

[NOAA Planet Stewards](#) supports formal and informal educators in carrying out hands-on stewardship projects with elementary through college-age students, as well as the general public. Stewardship projects must make a substantive and quantitatively measurable impact on an environmental issue related to the educator's community. Projects should focus on the conservation, restoration, and/or protection of human communities and/or natural resources from environmental issues in one of the following four focus areas: Marine debris, Habitat conservation and restoration, Carbon footprint reduction, Carbon sequestration. Deadline: **June 4**.

[Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities](#) is a new P2 grant opportunity to support technical assistance for businesses to specifically target and improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities. Deadline: **June 6, 2023**.

[Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Projects](#)-USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production is accepting applications for \$9.5 million to support Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot projects. The cooperative agreements support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Applications are due by **June 15, 2023**.

[Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products](#) to support P2 technical assistance to businesses to increase the supply, demand and/or use of safer and more sustainable products, such as those that are certified by EPA's [Safer Choice](#) program. Deadline: **June 20, 2023**.

[Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control and Climate Resilient Farming and Agriculture](#) -Program funds are available for Soil and Water Conservation Districts working with eligible farmers for nonpoint source abatement and control projects that plan or implement Agricultural Best Management Practice Systems on New York State farms. All projects must consist of activities that will reduce, abate, control, or prevent nonpoint source pollution originating from agricultural sources. Deadline: **June 26, 2023**.

[Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems Request](#) seeks creative and visionary applications that take a systems approach for projects that are expected to significantly improve the supply of affordable, safe, nutritious, and accessible agricultural products, while fostering economic development and rural prosperity in America. Deadline **July 13**.

[Climate Resilient Farming](#)-Funds for projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change to enhance the on-farm adaptation and resiliency to projected climate conditions. Deadline: **August 7th, 2023**.

[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**

[Groundswell Grants for Black Buffalo](#)- stabilization funds awarded to Black-owned and Black-led nonprofits and small businesses working in East Buffalo. From payroll and operating expenses to essential supplies and facilities improvements, these investments help each organization thrive, both in the wake of trauma and well into the future, strengthening their ability to continue serving our shared community. Deadline: **Rolling**.

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

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

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

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

[Global Youth Mobilization Grant](#)-Do you have an idea for a solution to overcome a community challenge created by the COVID-19 pandemic? Any young person between the ages of 14 – 30 can apply for funding from \$500 – \$5,000. All you need to do is complete a short application form setting out your idea, what you want to achieve with the funding and upload a short video explaining why you should be awarded the funding. 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**.

[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**.

[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**

[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. Conference grant applications have a direct relationship to advancing the mission of NIEHS. In order to be responsive, 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**.

[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**.

[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).

[Toyota 4Good Grants](#)- Projects that are needed and will help contribute to the long- term sustainability of the community. Deadline: **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, provide detailed information about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval.

[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**.

[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, but not limited to, supermarkets, restaurants, and hospitals. 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**.

[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**.

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

[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. FTFP 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.

[Toshiba America Foundation](#). Rolling deadline. Grades 6-12 Teachers. Under \$5,000. Inquiry based projects designed by teachers and teacher teams for use in the classroom. **Deadline for grants over \$5,000 is August 1.**

[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**.

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

[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**.

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Environmental Justice Organizer](#)-Clean Air Coalition for our [American Axle/Delavan-Grider campaign!](#) On the East Side of Buffalo. Deadline: **Until filled**.

[Environmental Radiation Specialist](#)-NYS DEC. Deadline : **May 10**.

[Environmental Program Specialist](#)-NYS DEC, Allegany. Deadline : **May 10**.

[Double Up Food Bucks Portfolio Manager - Farm Direct](#) Deadline: **until filled**.

[Environmental Educator 1](#)-NYS DEC Reinstein Woods. Deadline: **April 5 or until filled**.

[Property Manager PUSH Buffalo](#)- Deadline: **May 31**.

[Natural Resources Specialist](#)-WNY Land Conservancy. Deadline: **until filled**.

[Mobile Market Specialist](#)- part-time. Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **until filled**.

[Mobile Market Coordinator Procurement Specialist](#)- Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **March 31 or until filled**.

[Preservation Buffalo Niagara Planner](#)-Deadline: **open until filled**.

[Preservation Buffalo Niagara Director of Operations and Grant Management](#)- Deadline: **May 5**.

[AmeriCorps Vista Outreach Coordinator for Field and Fork Network](#)-Open until filled.

[Giant Hogweed Strike Teams, NYSDEC](#) – East Aurora, Avon, Syracuse. Strike teams will survey for and control giant hogweed at sites throughout Central/Western NY. May 17 – Aug. 17; \$18.22/hour. Open until filled.

[Executive Director](#)-Genesee Land Trust. Open until filled.

[Tifft Nature Preserve Discovery Camp Counselor](#)- Deadline: **Until filled**.

[Development & Marketing Associate](#): Friends of Reinstein Woods is seeking a full-time Development and Marketing Associate. Deadline to apply: **until filled**.

[Genesee County Recycling Coordinator](#)- Deadline: **April 7**.

[Grassroots Gardens Community Garden Coordinator](#)- Deadline: **Open until filled**.

[Reinstein Woods AmeriCorps](#): NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Reinstein Woods is seeking an enthusiastic person to serve in a 10-month AmeriCorps position through the Student Conservation Association's NYS Parks Corps. Open until filled.

[Pollution Prevention Engineer](#)-Golisano Institute for Sustainability, CIMS Pollution Prevention Institute.

[Senior Pollution Prevention Engineer](#)- Golisano Institute for Sustainability, CIMS Pollution Prevention Institute.

[Communications Manager](#)- Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences. Open until filled.

[Healthy Homes Coordinator](#)- PUSH Buffalo. Deadline: **April 30**.

[Community Development Project Manager](#)- PUSH Buffalo. Deadline: **April 30**.

[Sustainability Campaign Coordinator](#)- PUSH Buffalo. Deadline: **May 31**.

[Root Down Farm](#)-We are hiring Field Crew positions for the 2023 season. Full and Part-Time positions available. Root Down Farm is a 300 member CSA farm serving greater Buffalo.

[Malthouse and Orchard Fieldwork Position: Niagara Malt](#)- Part-time (20-30hrs/week) with flexible hours for orchard work.

[Part-time Educator](#)-Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: until filled.

[Seasonal Assistant Trainer](#)-Aquarium of Niagara. Must be able to start by May 22.

[Senior Aquarist](#) -Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: until filled.

[Zoological Supervisor](#) Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: or until filled.

[Community Engagement Manager](#)- Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: or until filled.

[Shelter and Animal Care Giver Assistant: ASHA Sanctuary](#)-\$20/hr. **Open until filled.**

[Ambassador Animal Care Specialist](#)-Buffalo Zoo.

[Summer Nature Camp Assistants](#) – paid internship

[Buffalo Farm to School Americorps Positions](#)- **Open until filled.**

[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

[Become a Water Reporter](#)- Download the App and record signs of water pollution, plastic debris or wildlife issues.

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

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

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

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

[Salt Watch](#)- Take the pledge and collect data on your local waterways to monitor road salt effects.

[Caterpillars Count](#)

[Bumblebee Watch](#)

[Quercus Quest](#)- is investigating how this exchange of genetic material allows oaks to adapt to new environments, and how oaks then shape the populations of insect and fungal species that depend on them. Your data collected as part of this campaign will be used to understand the relationship between climate and leaf and flowering phenology in eastern white oak, bur oak, and their relatives.

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

[More](#)

Upcoming Community Activities:

Monday, May 1

Season-Opening Ride-6:30pm. Slow Roll Buffalo. Niagara Square 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY
Kicking off our 10th year of providing inclusive community experiences that connect people, places and causes by bicycle, our first of 27 straight free and inclusive Monday night community bike rides brings us to the heart of downtown Buffalo, Niagara Square, in front of City Hall for a proper Season-Opening Ride! Join us for a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops - first at Central Terminal, which was the first stop on our first-ever ride back in 2014; and second in Johnson Park, where we'll hear from our friends from Slow Roll Cleveland, also celebrating their 10th year in 2023! Our route will include neighborhoods downtown, Hydraulics, Emslie, Broadway-Fillmore and Willert Park, along major streets Pearl, William, Broadway, South Elmwood, Ellicott, Franklin and Delaware. We'll return to Niagara Square for a party with food, drinks, live music from Vin DeRosa and fellowship. [Info](#).

Mushroom Monday-09:00 AM - 11:00 AM at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Take a short hike and learn a little more about the magic of mushrooms. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Tuesday, May 2

IMAGINE Greater Buffalo-12:30 to 1pm. Virtual. [Speaker and theme](#) changes weekly. [Link](#).

Tuesday Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 8pm. Join Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Olmsted Parks for an evening birding hike at Delaware Park and Rumsey Woods. Binoculars provided, ages 8 and up. \$12 BAS members, \$15 public. [Register](#).

Policies of Climate Change-3 to 4pm Webinar. Climate activists in the 1970s called for more effective political action on global warming and other environmental abnormalities, beginning the transition of climate change from exclusively a scientific issue to a political one. Since then, global policy has focused on cooperation and the establishment of guidelines with the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#), a largely accepted international agreement. But current trends in policy are shifting from the previous mitigation goal to one centered on adaptation. In the United States, partisan division on policy approaches to address climate change have intensified, with the widest partisan gap seen in 2020. Over climate policy's history, concerns have been raised about the treatment of developing nations and a lack of gender-specific action. Join our experts as we find out what comes after the Paris Agreement and discuss climate policy in the face of polarization, disproportionate impacts, and the new focus on vulnerability-based approaches. [Register.](#)

Conservation and Regeneration: Fostering Resilience in the Farm Bill- 5 to 6pm. [You can register here!](#) Learn how we can reform our farm programs to support the diversified farm operations that contribute to resilient soils and a healthy environment, while holding abusive corporations accountable. Speakers: Julia Barton, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association; Kevin Fulton, Clear Creek Land and Livestock; Amanda Shafer, Office of Rep. Sean Casten; and Chloë Waterman, Friends of the Earth.

FREE public screening Foodways: Stories of Farms, Food, & Resilience- 6 pm at Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Jamestown. ALL are welcome to attend! [Info.](#) A documentary exploring the Southern Tier's growers, food processors and innovators.

Integrating Environmental Justice into Water Resource Management- 3 to 5pm. During this webcast you will hear from states, universities, and non-governmental organizations that are working to integrate environmental justice into watershed and water quality management. Join this webinar to learn more about using data for the prioritization of environmental justice work, collective impact campaigns for watershed health, empowering community members to combat climate change impacts, and the connection between flooding and housing accessibility. For more information on this webinar and to [register](#)

Distinguished Lecture Series: Dr. David Lodge-3 to 4pm at UB North, Student Union 106/201. "Bringing University-Based Knowledge to Impact on Sustainability Challenges". One of the world's leading experts on invasive species, he has extensive research experience in freshwater ecology, invasive species biology and bioeconomics, ecological risk analysis, global changes and biodiversity, and environmental ethics and policy. Dr. Lodge has a long history of collaborating with economists, historians, theologians, and philosophers and has partnered with organizations to bring his scientific work to the public policy arena. [>>Register for the event here](#)

Wednesday, May 3

Bike Breakfast party at Hostel Buffalo-Part of Bike Month (Presented by Independent Health), this is a most excellent pitstop to make on your way to work, or just during your morning ride to anywhere. Coffee, oatmeal, baked goods, new friends and old friends. This is such a fun and relaxed way to get to know other people who like to bike, and talk about Buffalo. [Info.](#)

Group Bike Rides-every other Wed. through Aug. 23. Meet at the shop at 5:30 pm. All riders must [Pre-Register](#) and electronically sign their ride waiver every week. Ride announcements start at 6:00 pm and rides leave directly after. Every week we offer 5 different routes with varying speeds to accommodate every riders interests. All rides are designed to have us all get back at roughly the same time for our post ride social hour! [Info.](#)

Thursday, May 4

Genesee County Master Gardeners Garden Talks- "[Houseplants 101](#)" with Master Gardener Brandie W. Houseplants aren't a new concept, but lately they have enjoyed a massive surge in popularity. Houseplants are a great way to decorate and connect with nature indoors. The class will go over basic houseplant care, including choosing the right plant, light, watering, fertilizer, when to repot and more. Program starts at noon and can be 30 to 60 minutes long, depending on the topic. This free series is open to all, but registration is required. You can attend in person at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office, 420 East Main St., Batavia, or online via Zoom. To attend in person, contact Mandy at 585-343-3040, ext. 101 or amm532@cornell.edu. For a Zoom link, [register here.](#) A Zoom link will be sent to your email with your personal link to the event.

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.*

Bethune Lecture with Alison Brooks: "Context is Everything"-7 pm - 8:30 pm, via Zoom. Alison Brooks is recognized internationally for her multi award-winning work. Her lecture will cover her practice's recent work, with a focus on four ideals: civicness, authenticity, generosity, and beauty. This lecture will be held remotely. Zoom registration is now open on the [Bethune Lecture webpage](#). Register to save your your [virtual seat!](#) The live virtual lecture will also be streamed in 403 Hayes Hall for those who wish to join together to watch the lecture.

Conversations In Science: It Only Takes A Few Bucks: How Deer Are Reshaping Our Natural Habitat-6 to 7:30pm. A chance to see white-tailed deer has become a celebrated and time-honored experience when visiting Tiff Nature Preserve. They are an important native species, but did you know deer populations have grown far beyond what the ecosystem can sustainably support? Come learn about this important topic with an indoor presentation. Free, ages 12+. [Required registration.](#)

Compost Workshop-7pm at the Audubon Library in Amherst. Learn more about how removing our food scraps from our garbage can help our environment and save you money as a taxpayer. We will talk about the **Amherst Organics Initiative** and how your community can start a similar program.

Introduction to Home Gardening at Binksberry Hollow- 6 to 8pm. Brendan Monaco (a sixth-generation 300-acre market vegetable farmer) will be hosting this event with Chef Steven Binks at Binksberry Hollow and in cooperation with Cornell Coop. Ext. of Niagara County. This event is for adults 18+. No kids or pets are allowed. Please [register and pay online](#) : \$50/person. Binksberry Hollow, 4250 Chestnut Road, Wilson, NY 14172.

Friday, May 5

GBNRTC Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting and GBNRTC Policy Meeting- 1pm. The Policy Meeting will immediately follow PCC. Attendees may participate in person or virtually. PCC Meeting: <https://rb.gy/6wqjs>, Policy Meeting: <https://rb.gy/dzr5d>. In person at 438 Main St. Buffalo Suite 503 (Edward H. Small Conference Room).

Cinco de Rhino Keeper Talks-Buffalo Zoo, Black Rhino: 11:30 am, Greater One-orned Rhino: 12:00 pm. Learn something new about these fascinating animals while you partake in these exciting Cinco de Rhino festivities! Secure your tickets now to beat the lines day of. [Tickets.](#)

Sunset And Moonrise Hike-7:30 to 9pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Witness the beauty of both the sun setting and the full moon rising on a casual guided family hike through the Preserve at twilight. Advance registration required. Space is limited. \$8 per person Ages 8+. [Registration.](#)

(Water) Falls Friday -1:00 PM - 03:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Goat Island? More like G.O.A.T. Island! Delight in and discover what makes Niagara Falls so magical on a guided expedition with a naturalist. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Introduction to Birdwatching-12 to 1pm. At the virtual events, participants will have a chance to learn skills and tips for bird identification from Scott Parkhill — an ornithologist with the Audubon Mid-Atlantic — and how to create a bird-friendly backyard with Josh Rittenhouse. [Info and registration.](#)

NYISAW: Invasive Plant Species ID & iMapInvasives Training-9 to 11am. 199 Lincoln Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14222, USA. <https://www.wnyprism.org/calendar/>

Saturday, May 6

Family Native Shrub Planting: Beaver Meadow -1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Buffalo Audubon invites you and your family to plant a native shrub at Beaver Meadow and in your backyard! Naturalist Breton Sloan will talk about the importance of native plants and shrubs in ecosystems. Following the presentation, there will be a group planting in the Beaver Meadow Arboretum. Participants will also receive a shrub to take home! \$15 BAS Members / \$20 General Admission. All tools will be provided. [Register.](#)

Early Morning Birding - Beaver Meadow Audubon 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Spring Migration is picking up! Join Naturalist Tom Kerr on an Intermediate Level Birdwatching Hike at Beaver Meadow in search of the first wave of warblers and other spring migrants to arrive. Binoculars are available. \$12 BAS Members / \$15 General Admission. [Register](#).

Spring into Nature- 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Rd. Basom, NY 14013. ADKNFC will have a table promoting our chapter. Enjoy nature related exhibits, kids activities, nature walks and live wildlife exhibits. Free parking and entrance. Food will be available for purchase on site. course this past winter. They offer a variety of environmental programs for schools, community groups, corporations and the general public. [Info](#).

Search for the Stars-5pm. Buffalo Audubon Society and the Buffalo Astronomical Association for an evening of Astronomy themed fun! Sign up for an *Amazing Race* style scavenger hunt, or just come to enjoy Solar Viewing, Yard Games, and Refreshments! The evening will end with a Star Gazing presentation with the Buffalo Astronomical Association. Refreshments provided by Windy Brew Custom Brew Center (Cash Bar) Scavenger Hunt: Single - \$25 / Team of up to 4 - \$75. BAS Members: Free / General Admission: \$10. Children under 3 are free. <https://buffaloaudubon.salsalabs.org/SearchfortheStars/index.html>

Buffalo Astronomical Association Public Viewing- 7:30 to 10:30pm. Beaver Meadow Observatory, North Java.

BIOBLITZ: Ellicott Creek Park - Location: [Ellicott Creek](#) . Come and join the Park Rangers while they search for the unique organisms that call Ellicott Creek home. Rangers will head field teams with a focus on a different group of plants or animals. Sign up now for one or more field teams as you would like! Feel free to spend the entire weekend with us exploring every nook and cranny of Ellicott Creek Park. We will be using the app iNaturalist to collect our observations so bring your phone. [Register for BIOBLITZ! - Ellicott Creek Park - 5/6](#)

Earth Day in May/I Love My Park Day-Keep the Earth Day spirit alive by caring for Reinstein Woods' trails on I Love My Park Day. Small groups will venture out to work on projects throughout the day. Scouts and other organizations are welcome, but please note that large groups will be split into multiple parties that may have different start times. Online registration will open in March; check www.reinsteinwoods.org/events for more details.

I Love My Park Day at Multiple State Parks-Look for events at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/109545.html>

Woods Walk: Woods in Spring-11am. The woods are springing back to life after the long winter! Let's see which trees, plants, and wildflowers are bursting open and what the animals are up to as the days begin getting longer and warmer. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

First Saturday Stream Explorers-9am to 11am. Hosted by Cub Scout Pack 591 and WNY Trout Unlimited, this free monthly family-friendly program will explore fishing, stream ecology and conservation. St. John Paul II Church, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View. Some sessions are indoors, but some will include outdoor activities. To register or find info, email outreach@wnytroutunlimited.org. Calendar at <https://wnytu.blogspot.com/p/event-calendar.html>

Family Planting-It is time for kids 3 and up along with their caretakers to celebrate spring and learn about gardening in a workshop offered by the [Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens](#). This is a family Make-It, Take-It workshop where participants will create a small mixed container with annuals and a decorative plant stake while learning all about spring and the beginning of our gardening season. All participants must be ticketed. The cost is \$25/Person, \$22.50/Member, \$8.50 for children 3-12. To register, [click here](#). Registration closes May 3.

Volunteers for North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Cleanup-9am to noon. [Info](#) The cleanup will take place at the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens at 1825 Sweeny Street. Work will include cleaning up beds and common areas and as weather permits, some plantings will be transplanted or divided. Bring gloves and water and dress for the weather. Tools and instruction will be provided. This activity qualifies for Community Service Hours.

Bike Month Blastoff BBQ Party- From 12P-4P, old friends and new neighbors are invited to gather inside and outside of our newshop and offices at 313 Broadway St. Buffalo NY 14204. Food, Beer and other beverages, Half-priced GObike memberships (for sale in-person only) and new bike parts.

Spring into Summer with us at our Derby Day Fundraiser- 5:30 to 8pm at The Terrace at Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway. Your favorite Spring into Summer luncheon is being reimagined into the first ever Derby Day Fundraiser for the Olmsted Parks. Don your hats and bowties as we kick off the park season with some Derby inspired fun. [Tickets](#): Individual \$125 | Pair \$225, Derby Captain \$800 for 8 tickets.

Volunteer for Plantings and Clean up-10am at Bailey-Dartmouth Community Garden Work Day . Info, [Volunteer for plantings and clean up](#) .

African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY Show- will present Meteorological Violets and Gesneriads on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 at the John James Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst. Times are noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. There is plenty of parking. There will be a judged plant show and sales. Admission is free. [Info](#).

Wild Earth- 11am to 4pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, NY 14170. Eagles have captured human imagination for centuries. Admired for their grace, beauty, and strength, they have held our awe and played an important part in the history of our world. [Info and tickets](#).

I Love My Park Day- 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [Joseph Davis State Park](#). Meet at Parking lot. Disc golf course work, trimming and cleaning up. Please bring gloves, any garden hand tools.

I Love My Park Day- 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM [Knox Farm State Park](#). Park at the main entrance at 437 Buffalo Rd and register at the lot between the red barns. Tree Planting; Garden cleanup/mulching; Trail Maintenance; Invasive weeding, Tree Branch cleanup; Bee Yard cleanup. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring your own work gloves. Extra rakes, shovels and loppers are appreciated if you have them. Please mark your name on your tools.

I Love My Park Day-10:00 AM - 02:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Meet at Parking Lot 3. Pick up litter, removing weeds from flower beds, assist with painting Cave of Winds decking.

I Love My Park Day- 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Park in the main parking lot. Meet at the community room near the restrooms. Join us for a beach clean-up!

I Love My Park Day- 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM at [Woodlawn Beach State Park](#). Meet at the Main Parking Lot Woodlawn Beach State Park S-3580 Lakeshore Rd Blasdell, NY 14219. Show your love for Woodlawn Beach State Park for I Love My Park Day by helping cleanup the park! Equipment will be provided. This event is weather dependent. Please call 716-549-1050 to register. Please bring garbage bags and pick sticks are provided. Gloves encouraged.

I Love My Park Day- 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Meet at Fort Niagara Nature Center - when entering the main parking lot, it is to the left. Building blue bird houses, cleaning gardens, trail marking. Please bring comfortable shoes and dress for the weather!

Wildflower Extravaganza-4:30 PM - 06:00 PM at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Enjoy patches of unique and colorful Spring ephemerals along wetlands in 12 mile creek. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Buffalo Ornithological Field Trip - Tift Nature Preserve with Seaghan Coleman ([map](#)). Meet at 7:30am on the bridge just past the Visitor Center. Leader: Seaghan Coleman (716-435-7753 or seaghanc@gmail.com). This trip will focus on newly arrived neotropical migrants as well as lingering waterfowl and sparrows. This will be an easy walk over level ground and boardwalks, possibly muddy trails. The trip will span the morning hours so make sure to bring snacks and something to drink. Remember that the south end of Tift is plagued by red ants, the biting kind, so wear appropriate footwear. Most of today's trip will traverse the north end of the preserve!

MAP's Annual Seedling Sale-10am to 3pm. 387 Massachusetts Ave. Buffalo.

WNY Young Birders Club- 9:30am – 12:00pm at Graycliff. Contact for info wnyyoungbirders@gmail.com

Sunday, May 7

BIOBLITZ: Ellicott Creek Park - Location: [Ellicott Creek](#) . Come and join the Park Rangers while they search for the unique organisms that call Ellicott Creek home. Rangers will head field teams with a focus on a different group of plants or animals. Sign up now for one or more field teams as you would like! Feel free to spend the entire weekend with us exploring every nook and cranny of Ellicott Creek Park. We will be using the app iNaturalist to collect our observations so bring your phone. [Register](#).

Backyard Bird Identification for Kids-1 to 3pm at Bond Lake Park, 2571 Lower Mountain Rd. , Ransomville, NY. Come to the Bond Lake Nature Center to learn to identify some of the local birds living at or visiting Bond Lake. At 2PM, junior volunteers will be hosting a nature walk around Bond Lake in an attempt to see and record sightings. (Parents must accompany their children). Sighting records will be sent to Cornell University as part of their migratory bird count. Presented by Linda Harvey, this FREE event is ideal for kids ages 6-10. We will meet in the Nature Center at Clyde L. Burmaster (Bond Lake) Park. The entrance is in the rear of the building.

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Western New York Iris Society- will meet at 1:30 pm at the Julia B. Reinstein Library, 1030 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga. Wendy Roller from Rochester will give a presentation on Median Irises— small and medium-height bearded irises. For more information, call 716-668-1789.

East Aurora Pedal Party-1pm at *Kickstand Culture 654 Main Street, East Aurora, NY*. Our first weekend Pedal Party of 2023 marks our second annual free and inclusive East Aurora Pedal Party, bringing us back to our favorite business in EA, Kickstand Culture! Cofounded and run by Slow Roll Squad member Renee Tarrant, Kickstand Culture is a full-service bicycle sales, accessories, and repair shop also selling unique bicycle-themed gifts. Renee continues to be an amazing supporter of Slow Roll - through the end of April, mention Slow Roll when making a purchase from Kickstand Culture and they'll donate partial proceeds to our nonprofit organization! Join us for a 10-mile roundtrip ride around East Aurora with two stops, returning to Kickstand Culture on Main Street for food, drinks, giveaways and fellowship - and a 15% off sale storewide except for bikes!

Sun's Up Stroll-08:00 AM - 09:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). An early bird gets the worm! Enjoy an early morning nature walk around Knox Farm State Park. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Buffalo Ornithological Field Trip - Braddock Bay Bird Observatory Banding Station with Alec Humann, 10 Braddocks Ave, Hilton, NY 14468 ([map](#)). Leader - Alec Humann, alechumann@msn.com, (716) 604-2971. This will be a full day trip so bring beverages and a lunch/snacks. The passerine banding station has had a porta-potty in years past as has the hawkwatch. *** NOTE - please email Alec if you plan to attend. Parking is limited at the station so we may have to shuttle from the Owl Woods lot (which is down the road). Because BBBO is a non-profit, I will be collecting a suggested donation of \$5/person to be donated to the Observatory. Thank you! Meet at 730am at the passerine banding station (see link to map above). Bring rubber boots in case of mud, drinks and snacks/lunch, and your camera! We will be in attendance at the banding station from approximately 730-1030 and then the hawkwatch from 11-130.

The Primate Sanctuary 2nd Annual Basket Auction-11am to 5pm at Kellys on the Green 4343 Porter Rd NF. NY 14305. Come see the Primates and Support The Primate Sanctuary 2nd annual Basket Auction with Buffalo Bills autographed memorabilia and more!!

Monday, May 8

Buffalo Bike Bloc Ride-6:30pm at *Top Guns Motorcycle Club 142 Dutton Ave, Buffalo, NY*. This ride honors the newly formed Buffalo Bike Bloc, whose mission is "to unite local bike organizations and collaborate to promote and advance the culture of cycling in our community. Through advocacy, education, and innovation, we aim to make cycling accessible, safe, and enjoyable for all, while supporting sustainable transportation and a healthy lifestyle in Greater Buffalo." Join us for a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops - first at the site of a disappeared ghost bike honoring Darren Curry, who was killed by a driver while riding on Bailey Avenue in 2020; and second in MLK Park, site of Buffalo Bike Bloc's second annual Solidarity Ride on May 20th. We'll return to Top Guns off Northland for a party with food, drinks, vendors, live music and fellowship.

Invasive Species in Urban Forestry - Tiff Nature Preserve from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. In this workshop, speakers from the Western New York PRISM, NYSDEC, and Schichtel's Nursery will discuss the New York State invasive species regulations; tree and shrub species that have invasive tendencies; and the importance of diversity in urban forests from nonprofit, industry, and statewide perspectives. Attendees will learn about the process for listing an invasive species on the regulated and prohibited species list, how species are evaluated for invasiveness, and species that have shown traits that may point to future invasive tendencies in a changing climate. The afternoon will include a choice of a field tour of Tiff Nature Preserve or South Park, so come dressed for the weather to explore. Cost: \$35 for ReLeaf and Council members, \$25 for general public [Register for Invasive species in urban forestry online](#) at the NYS Urban Forestry Council website

East Aurora Garden Club-Noon at Nativity Lutheran Church, 970 East Main St., East Aurora. Chris Hartmann, club member, will give pointers on creating monochromatic containers. At the end of the demonstration, the planter will be raffled; tickets will cost \$2 each.

Tuesday, May 9

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Meeting-7:30pm at the Harlem Road Community Center. This meeting is free of charge and open to the public. The speaker this evening will be Stephen Tulowiecki, Associate Professor at SUNY-Geneseo. His presentation is entitled "A Letchworth State Park Atlas: Exploring Its Nature, History, and Tourism Through Maps." Mr. Tulowiecki's primary focus is the study of forested ecosystems, particularly prior to European settlement in the northeastern U.S.

ADK May General Meeting - Williamsville Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Amherst. Education Workshop, 6:30 PM. Member Ed Kasperek will conduct another great workshop and this time it will be on How to Use A Map and Compass. This will be a preliminary program. Ed has also agreed to do a field workshop training on this subject, near Chestnut Ridge. Main Program-Dr. Karen Slote, veterinarian and state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, who will present a program entitled, "The Beauty of Bats."

Tuesday Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 8pm. Join Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Olmsted Parks for an evening birding hike at Delaware Park and Rumsey Woods. Binoculars provided, ages 8 and up. \$12 BAS members, \$15 public. [Register.](#)

Septic Smart- Free workshops for the public to learn about how septic systems function and how to maintain them to prevent costly repairs and keep our waterways clean! Attendees will be eligible for door prizes and a \$30 rebate off a septic system pump-out. Pizza and beverages provided. Info and register at www.erie.gov/septicmart. [Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 6-7:45 PM at the Newstead Cultural Center \(33 Main St, Akron, NY 14001\)](#)

Little Tykes on The Trails-9:30 to 11am. Enjoy a morning of early childhood fun with a storytime, guided trail walk, and playful activities to help foster the nature explorer in your child. Bring your own snack to enjoy in the Center or on the Deck. \$8 per child with an adult Ages 3-5. [Register.](#)

Wednesday, May 10

Senior Stroll-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, Depew.

Wild Wednesday-4:30pm. Together, kids and their caregivers can enjoy a fun, hour-long outdoor activity. For children in grades K–5. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Bike Breakfast party at Hostel Buffalo-Part of Bike Month (Presented by Independent Health), this is a most excellent pitstop to make on your way to work, or just during your morning ride to anywhere. Coffee, oatmeal, baked goods, new friends and old friends. This is such a fun and relaxed way to get to know other people who like to bike, and talk about Buffalo. [Info](#).

Conversation with Don Paul- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The veteran television meteorologist will discuss all things weather as he prepares to close in on his 40th year in the Buffalo area. From unforgettable storms to the evolution of weather technology, Paul will share his favorite memories from a career of forecasting Buffalo's weather. Admission: Free For Members, \$5 for Non-Members at Buffalo History Museum.

Scinight: Insect Pinning- 6 to 7:30pm. Hear the inside story behind the Buffalo Science Museum's stunning BUG WORKS sign. Learn how to do it yourself in this workshop on relaxing and pinning moths, butterflies, and more. Each participant will receive their own pinning board, spreading materials, and specimens to take home. \$30 per participant Adults 18+. [Register](#).

Behind-The-Scenes Collections Tours: Geology Rocks- Buffalo Science Museum from 6 to 7:30pm. Holmes! What kind of rock is this? Sedimentary, my dear Watson. Learn why this and other CoRn Y jokes are funny by investigating the Museum's Geology Collection. What you see on display is just the tip of the iceberg. Come behind the scenes and see the rock cycle. [Register and tickets](#).

Wildflower Walk Wednesday-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Evangola State Park](#). Explore Evangola State Park in search of wildflowers. Observe and identify the many different wildflowers the park has to offer. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Offshore Wind Reviews under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act- 1 to 2pm. Webinar will discuss how Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act applies to offshore wind at various stages in the development process, including consultation requirements. [Register](#).

Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting-Buffalo Museum of Science, Meet at 7 pm in the Cummings Room. The meeting topic is to be determined.

Savor del Mar 2023-6 to 9pm. Savor del Mar is the Aquarium's premier wine and food fundraising event benefitting more than 120 species under our care. Your support drives our ongoing mission to inspire people to make a difference for aquatic life. Visit the Aquarium of Niagara for a night of drinks, food, and fun in support of your favorite animal friends! [Tickets](#) \$75.

NYISAW: Volunteer Workday at Como Lake Park- 9:30 am to noon at Como Lake Park, 2220 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster, NY 14086. Celebrate New York Invasive Species Awareness Week by helping remove invasive plants from natural regeneration areas in Como Lake Park. This event is hosted by WNY PRISM and Erie County Parks, Recreation & Forestry. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and sturdy close toe shoes with socks. Registration is required. Please go here: <https://form.jotform.com/wnyprism8/volunteer>.

Thursday, May 11

Stop, Drop, and Toad!-6:30pm. Listen for and get an up-close look at frogs and toads that live at Reinstein Woods. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Green Drinks- 5:30pm at Rusty Nickel Brewing Co., 4350 Seneca St, West Seneca, NY 14224. Join others to network and share a good time. Info at <http://www.greendrinks.org/NY/Buffalo>

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.*

Science in the Pub- @ 7:00 pm EDT -Speaker TBD. Via zoom. [Register](#).

Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution -Join us for a webinar about this draft strategy from 1:00pm – 2:00 pm (Eastern Time). [Register now!](#)

Lights Out for Fireflies and Other Insects-1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST Webinar. Insect populations around the world are declining rapidly. But why? While habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change all have something to do with it, I show in this talk that light pollution is another important — but too often overlooked — bringer of the insect apocalypse. Light pollution interferes with the development, movement, foraging, and reproduction of diverse insect species, including many that we know and love such as fireflies. Fortunately, there are many simple things that we can all do to help reverse this driver of insect declines. Light pollution can be cheaply, easily, and instantly eliminated, and doing so can help ensure that we live in harmony with our insect friends and neighbors for generations to come. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

NY Green Bank's Community Decarbonization Fund: Investing in Equity- 10 to 11am. [Registration and details for webinar.](#)

Making the Case for Hiring School Sustainability & IAQ Staff-3:00 PM Eastern Time. The importance of healthy, green schools is rising as a priority for school systems as they struggle with escalating utility costs, weather emergencies, new viruses, demands from students to act on climate, and more. However, for many school leaders' sustainability is still a new concept and the idea of dedicating resources and staff to this work, with already tight budgets, can be challenging. In this webinar, the Center for Green Schools will help make the case for investing in PK-12 sustainability and environmental health champions by highlighting new national research on the financial costs and benefits of hiring staff to drive better working and learning conditions within schools. Additionally, a panel of school system leaders from Orange County, Fairfax County and Clark County public school systems will share their personal stories of how sustainability operations, curriculum and environmental health staff came to be and the change they have made at their district. Examples from other schools and districts nationally will be shared along with key tips and resources for advocating for sustainability and environmental health staff at your institution. [Register.](#)

Friday, May 12

Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting- 7:30pm at Buffalo State College. [Info and room location.](#)

Walden Warming: Climate Change Comes to Thoreau's Woods- 6:00–7:30 P.M. in 121 Cooke Hall, North Campus, UB. This event is free and open to all university and community members. For the past 21 years, Professor Richard Primack and his team have been using Thoreau's records from the 1850s and other Massachusetts data sources to document the earlier flowering and leafing out times of plants, the earlier flight times of butterflies, and the more variable response of migratory birds. Plants in Concord are also changing in abundance due to a warming climate. This work is now being extended to the neglected autumn season. If you wish to join us on Zoom for the seminar, you can do so using [this link](#).

Mapping with Drones- Noon to 1pm, is a segment of the Ecosystem Research webinar series and is being presented by Jhony Benavides Bolanos, a fourth-year Ph.D. Candidate at Penn State. During this webinar, participants will be introduced to using drones to create maps for agriculture and natural resources. Jhony will also discuss some alternative uses of drones, like the potential to measure soil moisture and develop topographical maps. [Info and register.](#)

A Journaling Journey: Spring Scrawls-2:00 PM - 04:00 PM at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#) Spring is an explosion of activity—some birds are migrating, trees are budding, hibernation is over! Take some time to enjoy this busy season while exercising your body and mind on a short walk, sprinkled with guided writing practices. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

An Evening Stroll-6:00 PM - 07:30 PM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the park and along the beach! Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, May 13

Evans Garden Club Annual Plant and Flower Sale-9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Evans Center Volunteer Fire Company, 8298 Erie Road (Rte. 5), Angola.

Educator Workshop: Day in the Life of the Watershed -9am to noon. This water quality field study will model how to lead our annual “Day in the Life” event with students. Participants will be eligible to borrow water quality testing kits from Reinstein Woods throughout the school year. For educators of students in grades 7–12. Register online at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/>.

Dare to Repair Café-10am to 1pm. Bring your broken items (lamps, small appliances, etc.) to the repair cafe and have volunteer “fixers” try to repair the items for free. This event is designed to reduce waste going into landfills and to build community. For more information, call 716-683-5959 or visit <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Intro to Field Journaling-2pm. Learn how to set up your own nature field journal and take a walk around the woods while making observations. For adults and children ages 14 and older. \$5 fee/free for Friends members. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Annual Spring Bird Walk-10am to noon at Bond Lake, 2571 Lower Mountain Rd., Ransomville. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and a camera to get the best view of wildlife in the park. Boots are suggested as the trails may be wet. This event is ideal for beginner birders and families. Visit this [page](#) again closer to the event for details about the exactly meeting place. This FREE event is sponsored by the Bond Lake Environmental and Beautification Committee.

Birding at Eshelman-8am to 10am. Bird watching is a quiet and relaxing way to connect with nature in a meaningful way. Join us for our annual spring bird walk through the wetland and scrub areas of Pfeiffer Nature Center’s Eshelman Property. A well-known location for regional birders, Eshelman hosts a multitude of migratory and resident birds and other wildlife. Mid-May is a great time to see our returning summer birds and catch spring migrants heading north. Visitors may see and/or hear dozens of species that frequent the area as they slowly walk along grassy, gentle trails. The guided walk starts in the parking lot off Yubadam Road and will be led by Tim Baird, President of the Cattaraugus County Bird Study Club. Please bring binoculars if you have them. This activity is free and open to the public. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Location: Pfeiffer Nature Center, Eshelman Preserve, 1420 Yubadam Rd, Portville NY. Registration is not required. Pfeiffer Nature Center is supported by United Way Funding. Pfeiffer Nature Center where science, art & nature come together.

Tree Identification-Draves Arboretum is offering a tree ID course from 10 AM until noon. It is a two-hour program with William Snyder and Thomas Draves that includes classroom and field instruction. This course reviews the basic elements of woody identification including evaluating tree silhouette, leaf shape, and branching structure. Attendees will have hands-on instruction identifying woody tree species using terminal and lateral buds, leaf scars, bark, pith, and other features that can aid in the identification process throughout the seasons. The cost is \$25. Seats are limited for this event. [Registration required.](#)

Volunteer for Plantings and Clean up-10am at Dewey Park Cleanup & Tree Stewardship. For more info, [Volunteer for plantings and clean up](#) .

Buffalo Bonsai Society- 1 p.m. in the first-floor environment lab of the STEM building at Erie County Community College North Campus, 6205 Main St., Amherst. Scott Russo will speak on the topic of Wisteria.

North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Plant Sale- open to the public, from 9:00 AM till noon. The sale will include native plants, shrubs and trees grown by North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization. Planting information will be available. A list of available plants will be at <https://ntbgo.weebly.com/>.

Kin Loch Homestead Open House- 11am to 2pm. Join us when we open our doors in the Spring! Learn about lavender and upcoming workshops. 4299 Ridge Rd., Lockport. [Register.](#)

Youth Fishing Derby-10am to 2pm. Youth ages 15 and under are welcome to participate! Boston Town Park 8500 Boston State Road. Registration begins at 9:30am and join us for lunch and an awards ceremony Vat 12:30pm! Please bring your own bait, barbless hooks, and tackle! There is a limited number of fishing poles for folks to check out if you need one! [Click or tap here to see the flyer!](#)

Wild Earth- 11am to 4pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, NY 14170. Eagles have captured human imagination for centuries. Admired for their grace, beauty, and strength, they have held our awe and played an important part in the history of our world. [Info and tickets.](#)

Volunteers: Brush up Broderick-10am to 1pm. Vision Niagara and Friends of Broderick Park invite you to our annual Brush Up Broderick. Our park is the jewel of Buffalo parks. Let's get it spruced up for the warm weather! We'll be mulching and weeding. We'll have lunch and goodies for our volunteers. And, if the weather obliges, we'll have music to keep you entertained.

Smoke Dance competition-10:00 AM - 04:00 PM at [Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site](#)

Old Fort Niagara will be welcoming local and nationwide competitors to dance throughout the day. Visitors will be able to watch as dancers compete for prizes, learn about traditional and historic Native regalia, and talk to the Fort's interpretive staff about the connection that Fort Niagara has to the Haudenosaunee and other Native communities during the Fort's almost 300-year history. Visitors will also be able to peruse a variety of native craftsmen, artisans, and food vendors! Dance competition runs from Noon until 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to watch and learn about this important piece of regional culture.

Wildflower Extravaganza-4:30 PM - 06:00 PM at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Enjoy patches of unique and colorful Spring ephemerals along wetlands in 12 mile creek. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Bird Walk-9 to 10am at Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown. To celebrate [World Migratory Bird Day](#), RTPI will host a bird walk. Beginning birders are strongly encouraged. The second Saturday in May, typically the height of spring bird migration, is the perfect time to find your "spark bird" — a bird that turns you into a life-long birder. Our guide for the morning will be Craig Thompson — retired from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Craig is now RTPI's favorite volunteer "bird nerd." [Register.](#)

Spring Cleanup at Penn Dixie-10 am to 12 pm. Join our team of volunteers as we perform the annual cleanup of Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve! Helpers are needed for various beautification projects including debris pickup and general maintenance. Waterproof boots are strongly recommended; please dress for the weather as we will be outdoors for several hours. Work gloves are helpful, too. We will have a limited supply of gloves on hand for those who do not bring them. There is no charge for admission and lunch will be provided! All volunteers are invited to stay after the cleanup ends for some free fossil hunting fun. Contact Sydney Mecca at sydney@penndixie.org to register or visit <https://penndixie.org/spring-cleanup/>

Sunday, May 14

Spring Flowers: Como Lake Park - 10am at [Como Lake - Boy Scout Shelter 5](#). As the Winter season comes to an end, Spring nudges nature back to life! Watch the grass grow, trees bud, and flowers bloom along Cayuga Creek at Como Lake Park with Ranger Adam, as we discuss how our parks return to a state of growth and renewal each Spring. This easy hike is a great event for the beginner plant-lovers and bird-watchers alike! [Register for Spring Flowers - Como Lake Park - 5/14](#)

Meadow Bird Meander-10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park \(Niagara\)](#). Discover the feathery friends from the meadows at Knox Farm. Identify and observe meadow birds on a nature walk throughout the park. For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk -2pm at Bentley Nature Preserve, Bentley Ave, Jamestown, NY. Local naturalist Jack Gulvin will lead the walk and seek out flowers, ferns and other natural treasures commonly encountered in the region in springtime. The walk will follow the beautiful Pamela A. Westrom Wildflower Trail, a picturesque loop trail that traverses foot bridges over a stream that weaves through the property. The preserve is located on Bentley Avenue off Fluvanna Avenue Extension/Route 430 in Jamestown. Participants should dress for the weather and possible wet or muddy conditions typical of a wooded wetland. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. To reserve a spot, call 716-664-2166 or email info@chautauquawatershed.org with a number of participants and a contact name and phone number. [RSVP](#)

Field Trip to Floating Fen with Marcus Rosten-8067 Route 380, Brockton, NY 14716, Leader: Marcus Rosten, mrosten11@gmail.com, , 716-713-7651. Come search for Spring migrants at the Western New York Land Conservancy's latest project, the Floating Fen, with Marcus Rosten. Meet at the College Lodge Parking lot (8067 Rte 380, Brocton, NY 14716) at 8:00 AM and we will carpool to the location because parking is scarce. The Floating Fen is an incredible 223-acre property adjacent to the College Lodge Forest in Chautauqua County, that is home to a unique wetland ecosystem, a diverse forest, and extraordinary wildlife. We will be targeting the over 20 warblers that will be migrating through or getting ready to settle in along the Chautauqua Ridge, including Canada, Mourning, Hooded, and Blue-winged Warblers. Once the Floating Fen is protected, it will combine with the College Lodge Forest to form nearly 400-acres of connected forest in Chautauqua County. This field trip will be a sneak preview of the property before it is open to the public! Learn more about the project here: www.wnylc.org/floatingfen

Monday, May 15

Truth and Reconciliation Ride-6:30pm at *Em Tea Coffee Cup Cafe 80 Oakgrove, Buffalo, NY*

Happening one day after the anniversary of the 5/14 white supremacist terror attack on Buffalo, our third of 27 straight free and inclusive Monday night community bike rides bring us back to the host of last year's canceled ride that we turned into a pop-up food distribution site, Em Tea Coffee Cup Cafe in Hamlin Park. Join us for a ten-mile roundtrip ride with two stops - first at Tops on Jefferson, where we'll hear some truth from Dr. Henry Louis Taylor, director of the Center for Urban Studies at the University at Buffalo; second with a focus on reconciliation, or in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "Where do we go from here?" We'll return to Em Tea Coffee Cup for a party with food, drinks, vendors, live music and fellowship. [Info](#).

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 8pm. Join Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Olmsted Parks for an evening birding hike at Delaware Park and Rumsey Woods. Binoculars provided, ages 8 and up. \$12 BAS members, \$15 public. [Register](#).

African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY- 7 p.m. at Greenfields Continuing Care Community, 5949 Broadway, Lancaster. Go around the side to the Manor Building. The building is under construction and the meeting room may be changed. Program: Guest Speaker: Mel Grice. Meetings include: Show and Tell, Raffle and 50/50 Split, Leaf Exchange, Blossom Board, and Problem Plants (Make sure to seal your problem plant in a container to prevent spreading the problem.) Refreshments will be served. All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend in the hopes that they will join. The group needs to have an idea of who may be coming to a meeting because each meeting may be in a different room at Greenfields in the Manor. Email AVGSWNY@gmail.com.

Scinight: Early Accounts Of Birds On The Niagara-7 to 8:30pm at the Buffalo Science Museum.. What was "birding" like 300 years ago in the Niagara Region? What did "birders" of long ago witness and how did they share their sightings with others? Guest speaker and local birder Andrew Gaerte will share his expertise of the 18th century in a presentation of the written, pictorial, and archeological remains by early naturalists, military officers, and explorers of this region and their amazement of the multitudes of the birds seen here. Afterwards, step back in time, and create an 18th century-style nature notebook of your own. All materials provided. [Register](#).

On Common Ground: Exploring parks and social justice through F.L. Olmsted and Dr. King- 5:30-8pm. [Buffalo Museum of Science](http://BuffaloMuseumofScience.org), 1020 Humboldt Parkway. Featuring Sara Zewde, Founding Principal of Studio Zewde and Assistant Professor in the practice of landscape architecture at Harvard University, and Ashleigh Lawrence-Sanders, Assistant Professor specializing in African American history, University of Colorado Boulder. Complete the [RSVP form](#)

Wednesday, May 17

All Hands on Deck: Working Together to Protect Habitat and Species in Lake Ontario-Noon. Get ready to dive into the world of habitat and species protection in Lake Ontario! Learn about the successes and challenges in protecting habitat and species in Lake Ontario as well as restoration efforts to protect Lake Sturgeon—Lake Ontario's oldest and largest native fish species. This event is free, open to the public and suitable for anyone who is passionate about the Great Lakes! [REGISTER](#)

Bike Breakfast party at Hostel Buffalo-Part of Bike Month (Presented by Independent Health), this is a most excellent pitstop to make on your way to work, or just during your morning ride to anywhere. Coffee, oatmeal, baked goods, new friends and old friends. This is such a fun and relaxed way to get to know other people who like to bike, and talk about Buffalo. [Info](#).

Group Bike Rides-every other Wed. through Aug. 23. Meet at the shop at 5:30 pm. All riders must [Pre-Register](#) and electronically sign their ride waiver every week. Ride announcements start at 6:00 pm and rides leave directly after. Every week we offer 5 different routes with varying speeds to accommodate every riders interests. All rides are designed to have us all get back at roughly the same time for our post ride social hour! [Info](#).

WNY Rose Society - 7pm at St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville. The meeting is free and open to the public and all are welcome! The club is just crazy about roses! Meetings offer tips on growing and enjoying roses here in the Western New York area.

Protecting Public Science: How to Strengthen Scientific Integrity in Government-5:00–6:00 p.m. ET. [Register](#) for the virtual briefing today. People across the United States rely on federal science to ensure our water is drinkable, our air is clean, and our medicines are safe and effective. We must make sure that federal agencies implement the framework to defend science from the political attacks that undermine our public health and environmental protections.

Behind-The-Scenes Collections Tours: Cabinet Of Curiosities-6 to 7:30pm at Buffalo Science Museum. Take a peek into the Vertebrate Zoology Collection's spine-tingling Cabinet of Curiosities to explore the mind bending stories of some of nature's unique freaks, morbid mistakes, and seemingly scientific impossibilities! Marvel at obscure oddities, glimpse the wildly unusual, and satisfy your macabre interests. Feeling enticed yet? [Register](#).

Thursday, May 18

Educator Workshop: Marine Debris Monitoring -4:30 to 6pm. This hands-on experience will prepare you to lead a marine debris survey with your students at any Great Lakes beach. For educators of students in grades 7–12. Register online at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/>.

Clean Air Coalition General Meeting- 5:30pm in person at Trinity Church (371 Delaware Ave) or on Zoom. Be sure to register by [clicking here](#)

Showcasing Local Solutions and Partnerships-2 to 4pm. This webinar will showcase local solutions from different communities across New York State and the people behind those solutions. The webinar will illuminate tangible and positive change advanced by partnerships among community organizations, local governments, and the State. [Register](#).

Intro to Nature Journaling: Inspiring Curiosity and Connection-Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens-6-8pm. \$40/Person, \$36/Member . Join us for this new two-hour exclusive experience after hours at the Botanical Gardens. Participants will discover the basics of how to begin a nature journal, how to create entries, and how to incorporate nature journaling into their lives as a mindful practice. All supplies, including a journal and drawing materials are included. Participants will also spend time exploring our plant collection and journaling in the Botanical Gardens exhibit spaces. No art experience or talent is necessary for this calming and approachable class. [Register](#).

Vernal Pool Trail Tour- 6 to 7:30pm. Venture on an small, intimate tour of the Vernal Pool Trail to investigate the importance of this essential habitat to salamanders, dragonflies, native plants and much more. Advance registration required. \$8 per person Ages 18+. [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.*

Clean Air Coalition General Meeting- 5:30 to 7:30pm. [Click here to register!](#)

Public Webinar Series on Extreme Heat and Climate Change in New York State-2 to 4pm. DEC and (NYSERDA) New York State Energy Research and Development Authority announced an upcoming public webinar series on the ways extreme heat is impacting New York State. Extreme heat is a leading cause of death among hazardous weather events in the United States. Extreme heat affects the health and well-being of communities and individuals across New York State. The impacts of extreme heat are more severe due to climate change, with disproportionately greater impacts experienced by heat-vulnerable populations, urban areas, and [disadvantaged communities](#). Registration: [Via WebEx](#)

Friday, May 19

GObike Buffalo Free Simple Bike Repairs- 10am to 1pm. Reading Park Lawn, Central Library. Gobike will be in the Reading Park performing free simple bike repairs, including brake and derailleur adjustments, flat fixing, and fit adjustment. Repairs are limited to what can be done at the library.

Water and Wood Canoes in NY-6pm at Buffalo Maritime Center | 90 Arthur Street, Buffalo, NY. Join us for an open house and the opening of our first exhibit in the 90 Arthur St. Museum. Water & Wood: Canoes in New York State. The exhibit details the evolution of what has become the most common boat type in the world. It traces the canoe from the early watercraft of North America through a transition to recreational paddling to what is one of the most accessible watercraft today. As you explore, you will see the evolution of canoeing in New York State and the Northeast. Many cultures used their unique tools and resources to fill their need for small multi-use watercraft. The different approaches to these canoes exemplify the role the boats would fill and the materials, knowledge, and inspiration available to the builders.

Saturday, May 20

Warblers on the Wing -9am. Join us as we search for feeding flocks of beautiful warblers on their migration north. Binoculars will be available to use. For adults and children ages 10 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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

Green Thumb Beginner Gardening Class-10am with Master Gardener Phyllis Lobbins and garden columnist Sally Cunningham. Event is free, space is limited. Reservations are required. To make reservations, visit [Green Thumb Beginner Gardening Class](#).

Volunteer for Plantings and Clean up-10am at William Gaiter Cleanup & Tree Stewardship. For more info, [Volunteer for plantings and clean up](#).

The Riverline Community Bike Day-11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. 303 South Park Avenue, Buffalo 14204. Learn about bike safety tips and good places to ride in the city. Bring your bike and get it tuned up by GObike Buffalo for the biking season. Free and open to the public! Refreshments and family-friendly activities! Registration not required but encouraged. [Register](#).

Early Morning Birding at Rose Acres- 8 to 10am. Join Naturalist Tom Kerr on an Advanced Level Birdwatching Hike at Rose Acres in search of the elusive Mourning Warblers and Hooded Warblers that nest at this hidden gem of a preserve. \$12 BAS Members / \$15 General Admission. Binoculars are available. [Register](#).

Bergen Swamp Spring Hike - 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, Gillam Grant Community Center, 6966 W Bergen Road Bergen, NY 14416. Register with bsps@bergenswamp.org.

Plant Native-10am. Location: [Chestnut Ridge - Shelter #21 \(Near Chestnut Ridge Trailhead, Newton Rd Entrance\)](#). As plants are blooming and we head into the warmer months, let's explore why planting native is so important for the health of the environment around us. Join Ranger Nikki for a walk discussing how native plants can make your life in the garden easier and see how the Parks Department is working to ensure native plants flourish in our parks! [Register for Plant Native](#)

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Plant Sale- 9:00 AM until noon. The sale will be held at the Harlem Road Community Center.

The North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Plant Sale- open to the public, from 9:00 AM till noon. The sale will include native plants, shrubs and trees grown by North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization. Planting information will be available. A list of available plants will be at <https://ntbgo.weebly.com/>.

Garden Friends of Clarence Perennial Plant Sale- 9 a.m. to noon in the large pavilion at Clarence Town Park, 10405 Main St., Clarence.

Fossil Hunting for Beginners-10am to noon at Penn Dixie. New to fossil hunting? Learn the tricks of the trade while touring the site with one of our trained educators! During this two hour tour, we'll teach you how to find, dig, and preserve all the fossil treasures you find. Bring your own tools or rent from our limited supply. No experience is necessary. All ages welcome — this program will run rain or shine, dress for the weather. [Register](#).

Sunday, May 21

Birdie Big Year: Elevating Women Birders -4pm. Tiffany Kersten didn't set out to do a big year, but after a series of unanticipated and serendipitous events, she suddenly found herself amidst one. Her goal was to see 700 species, and to raise awareness of women's safety in the outdoors. She ended up surpassing her goal and setting a new Lower 48 Big Year record of 726. In her presentation, Tiffany will lead us through the fear, empowerment, struggles and healing that all played vital roles in the personal growth she experienced on this wild adventure. Birdie Big Year: Elevating Women Birders with Tiffany Kersten - \$25.00, Birdwatching at Beaver Meadow with Tiffany Kersten (includes Birdie Big Year: Elevating Women Birders) - \$75.00. www.buffaloudubon.org

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Field Trip- trip to the Lake Ontario shore at 10:00 AM. At Four Mile Creek State Park, the excursion will include a search for flowering Dogwood trees while admiring the huge trees along the way. The guide on site is tentatively Mark Hittle. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance. Call Joanne Schlegel for directions or if you wish to carpool, 716- 835-6042.

Monday, May 22

Scajaquada Corridor Ride-6:30pm Slow Roll. Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY. Join us for a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops along the corridor, returning to the Martin House for a party with food, drinks, vendors, live music and fellowship. [Info](#).

Misty Monday-11am to 1pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Celebrate the wonders of Niagara on gentle guided walk. This walk can't be mist! For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Tuesday, May 23

Community Science Tool: First Investigation of Stream Health-10 to 11:30am, an introduction to the fun and easy-to-use mobile app and online reporting tools, free for anyone! We will show you how to access the reporting tools on your phone or computer and walk you through your first FISH visit to a stream. [Register](#).

Septic Smart- Free workshops for the public to learn about how septic systems function and how to maintain them to prevent costly repairs and keep our waterways clean! Learn more and register at www.erie.gov/septicmart. Attendees will be eligible for door prizes and a \$30 rebate off a septic system pump-out. Pizza and beverages provided. Register today! [Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 6-7:45 PM at the Cornell Lake Erie Research Lab \(6592 W Main Rd, Portland, NY 14769\)](#)

Tuesday Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 8pm. Join Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Olmsted Parks for an evening birding hike at Delaware Park and Rumsey Woods. Binoculars provided, ages 8 and up. \$12 BAS members, \$15 public. [Register](#).

Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance Meeting- 1:00pm - 3:00pm open to the public. virtual on Webex. Contact Joanna.Panasiewicz@erie.gov for information.

Sierra Club Niagara Group Monthly Meeting-7:00-9:00 PM. Our meetings are packed with discussion of current environmental issues. We have continued to meet online with members and invited guests. If you are interested in joining us please email at niagarasierra@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 24

Bike Breakfast party at Hostel Buffalo-Part of Bike Month (Presented by Independent Health), this is a most excellent pitstop to make on your way to work, or just during your morning ride to anywhere. Coffee, oatmeal, baked goods, new friends and old friends. This is such a fun and relaxed way to get to know other people who like to bike, and talk about Buffalo. [Info](#).

NYSERDA's Clean Green Campuses Annual Workshop- 11am to 1:30pm is a **free** virtual event for New York State higher education institutions and stakeholders. The workshop is a great opportunity to learn more about NYSERDA resources and financial support, offer feedback directly to NYSERDA program staff, and learn about higher education clean energy efforts and decarbonization strategies.

Sustainability coordinators, energy and facility managers, faculty, students, service providers, and the like are encouraged to attend this event! [Register](#).

Thursday, May 25

Rescuing the Planet: Protecting Half the Land to Heal the Earth- 7pm. Montante Cultural Center on the campus of Canisius College* for this unique opportunity to hear from one of the most important conservation writers working today. Register [to attend in person](#) or to [view the Livestream](#). We are thrilled to host world-renowned author Tony Hiss, one of the strongest advocates for land protection in the United States, to discuss his seminal book *Rescuing the Planet: Protecting Half the Land to Heal the Earth*. This event is part of our community's efforts to save the [Floating Fen](#) in Chautauqua County and create the [Western New York Wildway](#). This event is free and open to the public. [Purchase the book](#) from our partners, Talking Leaves Books in Buffalo.

Science in the Pub- @ 7:00 pm EDT -Speaker TBD. Via zoom. [Register](#).

Beers, Bikes and Barges Buffalo 2023-6pm at *Canalside 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY*. Experience Erie Canal history by bike, then enjoy a pint in this statewide summer series along New York's historic canals! Join us Thursday May 25 2023 for Beers, Bikes, and Barges Buffalo. Your ticket includes a SQUAD-led 15-mile ride highlighting our region's unique canal history, a stop for a refreshing pint of beer and another refreshing pint of beer at our afterparty (because you're not having *BEERS* at Beers, Bikes and Barges if you just have one!) and more. Part of Slow Roll Buffalo's Ticket To Roll series, this limited-capacity, ticketed ride is a fundraiser in support of Slow Roll's nonprofit mission to provide inclusive community experiences that connect people, places, and causes by bicycle. Your support helps keep our Monday community rides free for all. [Info](#). [Get Tickets](#) \$25.00 – \$35.00

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.*

Friday, May 26

Campfire Chat! – 6 to 8pm. Location: [Sprague Brook - Cross Country Ski Warming Hut \(near lower camping loop\)](#). Come hangout with Ranger Greg at Sprague Brook Park and learn how to start a fire! We'll roast marshmallows, talk about your favorite camping gear, learn about camping etiquette, and safety. As well as fire starting demonstrations. [Register for Campfire Chat! - Sprague Brook - 5/26](#)

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center Perennial Sale- 9am-3pm Friday through Sunday, May 26, 27, 28 at the Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls (just outside of East Aurora). Take advantage of the great selection of beautiful perennials for sale at affordable prices. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit mission and animals of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Guests can take self-guided tours of the center to view animal residents & speak with the naturalists for \$8 donation per adult and \$5 per child from 10 am – 3pm. Don't miss this chance to see live owls, hawks, falcons, and wildcats up-close and in-person.

Fungi and Ferns on Friday-5:30 PM - 07:30 PM at [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). Take a hike through the woods and discover the curious world of fungi and ferns! For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Art of Science-12 to 12:30pm. Create your own science craft and learn how it relates to one of our interactive science studios. All materials provided. Registration required. \$5 per child with museum admission Ages 3-5. [Register.](#)

Grant Writing Forum: Tips for Writing Clear and Concise Proposals-1 to 2:15pm informal virtual meeting opportunity where elected officials, community leaders, and grant writers can discuss issues and share best practices to enhance grant success. [Info and register.](#)

Saturday, May 27

Summer Forest Foray-10am. Enjoy a guided walk through Reinstein Woods' forest to celebrate Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of the summer season. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

East Aurora Garden Club Perennial Sale -8 a.m. to noon in the Aurora Village Plaza (between TJ Maxx and Pet Smart), 123 Grey St., East Aurora.

Beekeeping Class: Hive Inspection MAY- 2:00 PM 3:00 PM at Masterson's Garden Center, Inc. [\(map\)](#). We all know that we're supposed to inspect our hives. But what the heck are we looking for in there? Join us in the apiary for a hand-on experience. We'll open up a hive together and see what the bees can teach us. From suiting up and lighting a smoker to proper hive etiquette to locating the queen, we'll share what we've picked up over the years. [Register and info.](#)

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center Perennial Sale- 9am-3pm Friday through Sunday, May 26, 27, 28 at the Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls (just outside of East Aurora). Take advantage of the great selection of beautiful perennials for sale at affordable prices. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit mission and animals of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Guests can take self-guided tours of the center to view animal residents & speak with the naturalists for \$8 donation per adult and \$5 per child from 10 am – 3pm. Don't miss this chance to see live owls, hawks, falcons, and wildcats up-close and in-person.

Fort Niagara Exploration-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). From the river to the lake and everything in between, learn about what makes Fort Niagara special! For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Natures Beauties-02:00 PM - 03:00 PM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). As the summer wildflowers begin to bloom, search the park in pursuit of these natural beauties. Stroll along the lake and through the woods searching for colorful blooms! For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Early Morning Birding at Beaver Meadow-8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Spring Migration is winding down and birds are getting ready to start nesting Join Naturalist Tom Kerr on an Intermediate Level Birdwatching Hike at Beaver Meadow in search of the birds that will make their summer home at Beaver Meadow. \$12 BAS Members / \$15 General Admission. Binoculars are available. [Register.](#)

Sunday, May 28

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center Perennial Sale- 9am-3pm Friday through Sunday, May 26, 27, 28 at the Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls (just outside of East Aurora). Take advantage of the great selection of beautiful perennials for sale at affordable prices. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit mission and animals of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Guests can take self-guided tours of the center to view animal residents & speak with the naturalists for \$8 donation per adult and \$5 per child from 10 am – 3pm. Don't miss this chance to see live owls, hawks, falcons, and wildcats up-close and in-person.

Forest Bathing - Connecting with Nature-9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Awaken your senses, be in the present, slow down and reconnect with nature. The walk will conclude with tea under the trees. (tea not provided) For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Trail Trek- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Trek along a trail in search of signs of Summer - leaves on trees and petals on flowers are sure to greet us as we meander through nature. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Ride-6:30pm Slow Ride Buffalo at Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park 1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, NY. Our fifth of 27 straight free and inclusive Monday night community bike rides brings us back to the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park, a fitting place for our free and inclusive Memorial Day Ride. Join us for a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops including Jesse Clipper Square, named after the first Black Buffalonian to make the ultimate sacrifice in World War I. We'll return to the Naval Park for a party onboard the USS Sullivans with food, drinks, vendors, live music and fellowship. [Info](#).

Memorial Day Bald Eagle Walk- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Evangola State Park](#). Happy Memorial Day! Enjoy a leisurely walk exploring the park and looking for bald eagles. For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.

Scenic Overlook Hike-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). We will hike to four scenic overlook areas of the Niagara Gorge. Topics include geology, flora and fauna, local history, and other fun facts. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Tuesday, May 30

Listening Tour to Advance Environmental Bond Act-1pm at the University at Buffalo Center for Tomorrow - North Campus, 125 Service Center Road, Buffalo. [Register to attend](#). The tour will provide an opportunity for the public and potential funding applicants to learn more about the [Bond Act](#), and for the community to weigh in on the draft criteria developed to identify potential projects. Sessions will feature a presentation on the Bond Act and an opportunity for one-on-one discussion with State experts. Meetings will be open to the public.

Tuesday Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 8pm. Join Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Olmsted Parks for an evening birding hike at Delaware Park and Rumsey Woods. Binoculars provided, ages 8 and up. \$12 BAS members, \$15 public. [Register](#).

Wednesday, May 31

Food Policy Council Meeting- 4 to 6pm virtual. Call 716-858-6014 or email fpc@erie.gov for more info.

Group Bike Rides-every other Wed. through Aug. 23. Meet at the shop at 5:30 pm. All riders must [Pre-Register](#) and electronically sign their ride waiver every week. Ride announcements start at 6:00 pm and rides leave directly after. Every week we offer 5 different routes with varying speeds to accommodate every riders interests. All rides are designed to have us all get back at roughly the same time for our post ride social hour! [Info](#).

Thursday, June 1

Genesee County Master Gardeners Garden Talks- [“A Summer Palette of Native Plants for Monarch Butterflies”](#) is the third Garden Talk with Master Gardener Pam M. that discusses ways you can help the monarch butterfly. Adult monarchs feed on flower nectar and need a tasty buffet as they travel north from their wintering grounds in Mexico. Learn what plants will help provide much needed nectar corridors for monarchs to travel safely and produce their next generation. Garden Talk programs start at noon and can be 30 to 60 minutes long, depending on the topic. This free series is open to all, but registration is required. You can attend in person at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office, 420 East Main St., Batavia, or online via Zoom. To attend in person, contact Mandy at 585-343-3040, ext. 101 or amm532@cornell.edu. For a Zoom link, [register here](#). A Zoom link will be sent to your email with your personal link to the event.

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.*

Friday, June 2

Honey Bee Lunch and Learn-12 to 1:30pm. Join apiary inspectors to learn what they are seeing in the field. [Register](#).

Saturday, June 3

Dare to Repair Café- [Register and info.](#)

Backyard Gardening: A Horticulture Series-Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, in the Administration Building. Saturdays, 10:30am-12:30pm. \$25 per class/ \$22.50 per class for Members. [Register.](#)

First Saturday Stream Explorers-9am to 11am. Hosted by Cub Scout Pack 591 and WNY Trout Unlimited, this free monthly family-friendly program will explore fishing, stream ecology and conservation. St. John Paul II Church, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View. Some sessions are indoors, but some will include outdoor activities. To register or find info, email outreach@wnytroutunlimited.org. Calendar at <https://wnytu.blogspot.com/p/event-calendar.html>

WNY PRISM Walk and Talks- 10am to noon at Eshelman Property. Join a walk with WNY PRISM in one of our region's natural areas and learn about invasive species, ecology, spread prevention, native plants and more. Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/wnyprism8/2023-walk-and-talks>.

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.**

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

[Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act](#) (often referred to as Extended Producer Responsibility or EPR) would require manufacturers to take responsibility for their products throughout their entire product life cycle, by bearing the cost of properly recycling their packaging and printed paper. Not only does this provide relief to taxpayers, but it also drives producers to minimize packaging materials, improve recyclability, and reduce the toxicity of their products.

[NY HEAT Act](#)-The purpose of the bill is to give the Public Service Commission the authority and direction needed to align gas utility regulation and gas system planning with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) mandates. Overall, the bill removes the legal basis and subsidies driving the expansion of gas systems and requires the commission to adopt rules and develop a statewide gas service transition plan that is consistent with decreasing gas reliance and, where appropriate, decommissioning gas systems.

[Better Bottle Bill](#)-Seeks to expand the returnable container deposit scheme to include more beverage containers. The expansion would include bottled noncarbonated beverages, noncarbonated juices that are less than 100% fruit or vegetable juice, coffee, tea, carbonated fruit beverages, wine, liquor, distilled spirit coolers, and cider. This bill also increases the bottle deposit to 10 cents per container.

[Skin Products Disclosure](#)-would require transparency in labeling and banning of some restricted substances.

[Birds and Bees Protection Act](#)-ban and prohibit certain uses of neonicotinoids, including on certain seed coatings by 2026 and for turf and ornamental uses by 2025.

Tips for the Environment:

- **Improve your discussions on climate change with others**-Review the free how-to guide with tips on how to talk about climate change with friends, family, and your community. [Download your copy today.](#)
- **Plan to use sustainable landscaping in your gardening**- Minimize your use of chemicals and opt for biocontrols or minimum risk pesticides. Weeds can be suppressed by mulch, pouring boiling water on them or applying vinegar. Leave your grass clippings to return nutrients. Test your soil before fertilizing. DEC provides additional [information on sustainable landscaping](#) and [home composting](#)

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

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

Buffalo Central Terminal-Many different opportunities for people interested in helping to preserve this unique building-people with basic carpentry and repair skills, and those with plumbing or electrical skills, to work inside the building, as well as those interested in staffing events, assisting with fundraising, marketing, operating our gift shop, and other tasks. 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. For info, contact khammer@buffalogardens.com

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

Buffalo Museum of Science has volunteer and internship opportunities available for teens, college students and adults. For information, contact Monika McFoy, 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 at bfloparks.org/volunteer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Avenue Project needs volunteers from the 1st week in April through October on Saturdays from 10-1 PM. <http://mass-ave.org/>

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.citybration.com>

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

<http://www.metrowny.com/events.php>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

<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](#)

[Recycle Coach](#)-Erie County resident app for info on trash and recycling in their towns

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

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County/New York State Resources

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

Green Jobs, Internships and Opportunities

E-Magazine-<http://greenjobs.net/>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com>
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>
Additional jobs- <https://www2.erie.gov/index.php?q=job-openings-community>
Green Guardian Environmental Volunteers of Niagara Region- <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians>

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

www.aquariumofniagara.org
www.buffaloaudubon.org
www.buffalogardens.com
www.buffscience.org
www.tifft.org
www.buffalozoo.org
www.penndixie.org
www.yourspca.org

Grant Opportunities /Tools

<https://trust.guidestar.org/grant-writing-101-resources-for-grant-writers>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/gan/>

www.grantstation.com
www.grantwatch.com
www.grantsalert.com
<https://attra.ncat.org/index.php>
<https://grantsreform.ny.gov/>

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

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>
Buffalo Organics/Foodscaping Project-<http://www.buffalofoodscaping.com/>
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Common Roots Urban Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/CommonRootsUrbanFarm/>
Cool Greens Vertical Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/Cool-Greens-Vertical-Farms-2261876070712461/>
Crown Hill Farms-<https://www.crownhillfarm.com/>
Dirt Rich Farm- <http://www.localharvest.org/dirt-rich-farm-M66269>
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>
Farmthisway CSA - <http://www.farmthisway.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.com
First Light Farm and Creamery- <http://www.firstlightfarmer.com/>
Five Loaves Farm- <https://5loavesfarm.org/>
Fleckenstein Farms-<https://www.fleckensteinfarms.com/>
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>
Happy Shacks Oils-free seed library <https://happyshackoils.com/>
Healthy Living Farm- <https://www.healthylivingfarm.com>
Kindred Kreek Farms- <https://www.kindredkreek.com/>
Kubed Root-<http://www.kubedroot.com/>
Little Bear Farm- <http://www.littlebearfarm.harvesthand.com/>
Little Woods Farm-<https://www.littlewoodsfarmalden.com/>
McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com/>
Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com
Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org/>
Produce Peddlers-<https://producepeddlers.com/>
The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandcsa.com/>
Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>
Roots & Wings Family Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/rootsandwingsfarm/>
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>
Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com
Teacup Farm- <http://www.teacupfarm.com/>
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Utley Acres- <http://utleyacres.com/>
Westside Tilth Farm- <http://westsidetilth.com/>

Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/
Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>
Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>
NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>
WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

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

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)

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373
Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot
Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>
Books- www.booksforafrica.org, www.operationpaperback.org
Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,
Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org
Cars- <http://www.donateacar.com/>
Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities
Clothing, general-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill, Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>
Clothing, formal/business- www.donatemyweddingdress.org/, www.careergear.org, www.dressforsuccess.org
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>
Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking drop-offs
Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore
Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices
Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,
Electronics- www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html, most electronics stores, www.sunnking.com
City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.
Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.
Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)
Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities
Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>
Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>
Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>
Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,
Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers
Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)
Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource
Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>
Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)

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

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

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

Recycling A to Z - [realsimple](http://realsimple.com)

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

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

Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.

Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>

Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation

Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>

Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>

Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling

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

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

<http://www.globalteer.org>

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

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

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

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

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

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

Coursera- www.coursera.org

[Green Education Foundation](http://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](http://BasicsOfOrganicFarming.org) is a self-directed online course for beginning orchard and vegetable-crop farmers

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

On Demand Webinars:

[Extended Producer Responsibility](http://ExtendedProducerResponsibility.org) (other videos on same youtube channel).

[Plan-It GEO](http://Plan-ItGEO.org)

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

EarthEcho [Youtube channel](http://Youtubechannel.com) Water Challenge [playlist](http://playlist.com).

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

Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:

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

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

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

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

USDA Tool Kit for Local Food [toolkit](http://toolkit.com)

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

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

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

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

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info](http://ArchivedEPAClimateChangeInfo.org).

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 Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://adk-nfc.org/
AIA Buffalo Western NY	https://www.aiabuffalowny.org/
Air and Waste Management Association	https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/
Allegany Nature Pilgrimage	http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/
Alliance for the Great Lakes	www.greatlakes.org
American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate	http://nyupstateplanning.org/www.wnyapa.com
American Meteorological Society-WNY Chapter	www.facebook.com/amswnychapter
Amherst State Park Arboretum	http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
Asha Sanctuary for Rescued Farm Animals	http://www.ashasanctuary.com/
Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense	https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	http://www.awarewildlife.com/
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Birds on the Niagara	http://www.birdniagara.org/

Black Rock Riverside Alliance	https://brralliance.org/
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Architecture Foundation	http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center	www.buffaloudubon.org
Buffalo Blueway	https://buffaloblueway.com/
Buffalo Central Terminal	https://buffalocentralterminal.org/
Buffalo Go Green	https://buffalogogreen.org/
Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition	https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/
Buffalo Niagara Gardening	https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Farm to School Program	https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/
Buffalo Geological Society	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	http://bnhv.org/
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	https://bnwaterkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	https://buffalo-orienteeing.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/
Buffalo Recycles	http://buffalorecycles.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/

Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	http://www.burchfieldnac.org/
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	https://bwell.community/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/
Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	https://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.ccofwny.org/
Coalition of Positively Charged People	https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cooperation Buffalo	https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://cceniagaracounty.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/
Crossroads Collective	https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsBuffalo/
Daemen University Center for Sustainability	www.daemen.edu/enviro-news
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Designing to Live Sustainably	https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/

Drave's Arboretum	https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
EforAll	https://eforall.org/ny/buffalo/
Environmental Advocates NY	www.eany.org
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency	https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2
Erie Canal Harbor Development	https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	https://www.ecfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Excalibur Leisure Skills	https://www.facebook.com/excaliburleisureskills/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.org
Farm2Curb	https://www.facebook.com/farmtocurb
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/
Food Policy Council of Buffalo & Erie County	http://www2.erie.gov/fpc/
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.finwr.org/
Friends of Reinstein Woods	http://reinsteinwoods.org

Friends of Sinking Ponds	https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/
Garden Clubs of WNY	www.gardenclubsofwny.com
Genesee County Nature Center	http://co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/inc.php
Genesee County Village & Museum	https://www.gcv.org/
Global Justice Ecology Project	http://globaljusticeecology.org/
Go Bike Buffalo	http://gobikebuffalo.org/
Go Buffalo Niagara	http://gobuffaloniagara.org
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/
Great Lakes Research Consortium	https://www.esf.edu/glrc/
Habitat for Humanity	https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	https://www.hawkcreek.org
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	https://www.heartforanimals.org/
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Hope Rising Together	https://ltlcl.com/
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/
Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
Leadership Buffalo	https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	https://www.lisc.org/wny/
Lyceum at Silo City	https://www.lyceumsilo.city/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	http://mass-ave.org/
Matt Urban Human Services Center	http://urbanctr.org/
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	http://www.nannenarboretum.org/
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/
New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylcv.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/
New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/

New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Soil and Water	http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://nesawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	https://www.nyuasla.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org/index.html
Niagara County Farm Bureau	http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Fishing Expo	http://niagarafishingexpo.com/
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	Niagara Frontier Botanical Society
Niagara Outfitters	https://niagaraoutfitters.com/
Niagara River Anglers Association	www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/
Niagara University Sustainability	http://www.niagara.edu/green/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
One Region Forward	http://www.oneregionforward.org/
Open Buffalo	http://www.openbuffalo.org/
Our Outer Harbor	http://www.ourouterharbor.org/
Partners for a Livable WNY	https://www.facebook.com/livablewny/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com

Pelion Garden	https://peliongarden.org
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Plant WNY	http://www.plantwny.com/
Pollinator Conservation Association	http://www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
Primate Sanctuary	https://www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary
Providence Farm Collective	http://providencefarmcollective.org/
PUSH Blue	https://www.facebook.com/PUSHBlueWNY/
Regional Councils NYS	http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Restore our Community Coalition	http://rocbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	https://re-treewny.org/
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Rise Up for Climate Justice	https://www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Science Demands Action	www.sciencedemandsaction.org
Secret Places of WNY	https://www.insiders-outside.com/events
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://niagarasierraclub.com/
Slow Roll Buffalo	https://www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/
South Buffalo Alive	www.facebook.com/South-Bufferalo-Alive-174141769403626/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org

Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/
Sustainability at Buffalo State	http://sustainability.buffalostate.edu/
Tifft Nature Preserve	http://www.tifft.org/tifft/
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	https://www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://www.tuscaroraenvironment.com
21 st Century Park on the Outer Harbor	www.facebook.com/21stCenturyParkOnTheOuterHarbor/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://www.eswub.com/
UB Environmental Network	https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/
UB Office of Sustainability	http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html
UB Regional Institute	http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/
Urban Land Institute	http://newyork.uli.org
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast	https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast
Vision Niagara	http://visionniagara.org/
Voice-Buffalo	https://voicebuffalo.org/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	http://nywea.org/
WNY Native Plants Collaborative	https://www.wnynativeplants.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	http://www.tscwny.org/
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.wnyea.org
Western New York Family Nature Club	http://lthibault.wixsite.com/wnyfamilynatureclub

Western New York Herpetological Society	https://www.facebook.com/wnyherpsociety
Western New York Land Conservancy	https://www.wnylc.org/
WNY Mountain Bike Association	http://www.wnymba.org
WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY)	http://www.plantwny.com/
WNY Partnership for Invasive Species Mgmt (PRISM)	www.wnyprism.org
WNY Permaculture	www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/
WNY Raptor Center	Wnyraptor.com
Western New York Science Teachers	http://www.westernstanys.com/
WNY Seed Library	https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/
Western New York Soil Health Alliance	www.wnysoilhealth.com
WNY STEM	http://wnystem.org/
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable	http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	https://www.facebook.com/WNYSEA
WNY Peace Center Renewable Energy Task Force	http://wnypeace.org/wp/
WNY Young Birders Club	https://www.wnyybc.org/events
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Kritters	http://www.wildkritters.com/
Wild Spirit Education	http://www.wildspirit.org/
World on your Plate	https://www.facebook.com/worldonyourplate/