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WNY Lawyers Defending Democracy

Attorneys, law students, and community members will gather in Niagara Square in Buffalo on **Friday, May 1, 2026**, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a public rally, “Stand Up for Justice: Lawyers Defending Democracy.” If you plan to attend, register at [google forms link](#)

I Love My Park Day

Join us for the 15th annual I Love My Park Day event on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**. [Parks & Trails New York](#), in partnership with DEC and [State Parks](#), hosts I Love My Park Day on the first Saturday in May, attracting thousands of volunteers from across the state to participate in stewardship events on New York public lands. Join us for New York’s largest single-day volunteer event and help us prepare for spring by cleaning up campgrounds, parks, and beaches; planting native trees and pollinator gardens; restoring trail and wildlife habitat; removing invasive species; and working on various other site improvement projects.

Pollinator Festival

Join Erie County Parks and BWELL for the 2nd annual Pollinator Festival on **Sunday, May 3** from 11am to 4pm at Emery Park Ski Lodge. This is a free, family-friendly event! Learn about native plants, discover how to make a pollinator-friendly habitat and what you can do to help our native pollinators! Activities include wildflower walks, pollinator workshops, native plant sale, vendor and non-profit/environmental education fair, and more! [Register for walks & workshops \(limited space\)](#).

Spring Spectacular by Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Join Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge for a day of nature, creativity, and community at the Spring Spectacular taking place on **May 9th, 2026**, from 10am to 3pm. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the refuge as you observe a diverse array of wildlife, participate in fun crafts and educational activities, and connect with various community organizations dedicated to conservation, artistic expression, and cultural enrichment. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, an art lover, or simply looking for a fun-filled day with family and friends, the Spring Spectacular promises something for everyone to enjoy. While you're here you can also enjoy what the rest of the wildlife refuge has to offer as well as visit the neighboring Oak Orchard and Tonawanda Wildlife Management Areas and appreciate the importance of the whole landscape coming together to provide vital habitat for wildlife that live and pass through Western New York. This event is being held thanks to The Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013. Event Details [here](#).

Buffalo United Coalition Day of Action Conference

You are cordially invited to join us for the Buffalo United Coalition Day of Action Conference on **May 9**, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event will be held at TriMain Building, located at 2495 Main Street, Suite 610, Buffalo, NY 14214.

The conference is free, but [registration is required](#). We love rallies and marching, but it will take more to move past this national nightmare. The Buffalo United Coalition, the organizing committee behind many of this year's rallies, is hosting a conference where you can learn about and get involved in key campaigns and volunteer opportunities focusing on protecting vulnerable communities, advocating for fair elections, supporting worker protections, and much more. Space is limited.

Botanical Bash- Derby Theme

The Botanical Bash is off to the races on **May 1** from 6 to 10pm! Grab your hats and hold your horses as we celebrate our Botanical Gardens—Kentucky Derby Style! Sip on handcrafted cocktails while you bid on exciting auction items to raise funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. **Tickets include** an open bar, a delicious cocktail party style meal from our amazing catering partners, music and entertainment, games, a digital auction experience, valet parking, and of course, access to the beautiful conservatory.

Riverwatch Water Quality Report and Volunteer Opportunities

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

Volunteer with Providence Farm Collective: Upcoming Orientations

From May through November, Providence Farm Collective (PFC) offers several opportunities to be a hands-on member. Whether you're looking to get your hands in the dirt, use your administrative skills for good, or assist at one of our many events throughout the season, your hands and heart are welcome as together we drive Providence Farm Collective's mission forward. If you are interested in becoming a PFC volunteer this season, sign up here: <https://providencefarmcollective.org/get-involved/volunteer/>. All prospective volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and attend our New Volunteer Orientation & Potluck. Returning volunteers are not required to attend orientation, but doing so is highly encouraged to support information sharing and community building. The new Volunteer Orientation will be **May 11** from 5 to 6:30pm. [Register](#).

Safe Street Training for Municipalities

Erie County and partners are hosting a free Safe Street training for Towns and Villages on **Tuesday May 12, 2026**. The workshop will introduce municipal leaders, planners, engineers, and public work staff to the Safe Systems approach and practical strategies for improving safety across multimodal transportation networks. This free workshop from 1-4:30pm at Appletree Business Park, 2875 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (virtual available) will examine how roadway design, traffic operations, and project coordination influence safety outcomes. It will provide practical tools that municipalities can use to reduce roadway conflicts, improve multimodal accessibility, and advance transportation projects that prioritize the health, safety, and welfare of the public. PDH, CM and LGT credits available to attendees. [Register](#).

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, May 14th** at 5:30pm at **Streetlight Brasserie** (525 Washington St, Buffalo, NY 14203-1711). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Climate Reality Local Training Event

Join us in Warsaw, NY on **May 16** from 1 to 4pm for a fast-paced, half-day leadership training. Connect with fellow advocates in your area and get a crash course on the science, the solutions, and the practical skills to confidently push for high-impact climate action in your state. You'll get the latest on climate science and solutions straight from former Vice President Al Gore, explore issues and opportunities for progress close to home, and start taking action. By completing a local training, you'll also complete the first step to joining the [Climate Reality Leadership Corps](#), with opportunities to complete your training online and at your own pace. Exact address will be provided after you [register](#).

The 2026 Erie/Niagara County Rain Barrel and Composter Sale

Order your rain barrel or Earth Machine composter by **May 27**. Pick up day is June 6. Details and order information at <https://erie.compostersale.com>.

WNY Raptor Fundraiser

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

68th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

Mark your calendar for the annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage on **May 29 - 31, 2026**. This nature weekend is sponsored by Buffalo Audubon, among other regional centers and features hikes, talks and much more. The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities. This weekend of natural history and outdoor education welcomes both the experienced naturalist as well as the inquisitive beginner! Early bird registration through April 24. [Info and registration](#).

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Erie County Paint and Battery Recycling is offered on **May 9th**, 8:30am to 1pm at ECC North Campus. [Register](#). All drop-offs are free and easy drive-thrus. A Niagara County Paint Only Recycling Event will be held on **May 30** at GCC Medina: 11470 Maple Ridge Rd, Medina, NY from 9am to 1pm. [Register](#).

Erie County's first free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event of 2026 will be held in the City of Buffalo on **May 30, 2026**. Registration is required to attend. [Click here to register](#). Niagara County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on **June 6** from 9am to noon at the Town of Wheatfield town hall, 2800 Church Rd. [Registration](#) not open yet.

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

WNY PRISM Trail Survey Training

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

Wine, Wags & Brews

Wine, Wags & Brews is an exciting annual SPCA fundraiser. This year's event will be **Wednesday, June 10, 2026** from 5 to 8pm in the SPCA Parking Lot, 300 Harlem Road, West Seneca. Spend the evening sipping distinctive drink samples from local wineries and breweries and tasting incredible food samples prepared by local restaurants, bakeries, and food trucks. Browse the pet-themed exhibitors, enjoy live music, plus participate in exciting raffles. Event parking across the street thanks to our friends Erie 1 BOCES and Multisorb. Dogs are welcome with their paying owners. *Attendees must be 21 years or older. (Age restriction not applicable to canine attendees!).* Save \$5 and get [your tickets](#) by **May 2**.

Author Talk: Leigh Ann Henion

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

Invasive Species Management and Native Restoration Workshop

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

Dig with the Experts

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

Erie County Survey: What are your Concerns?

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

Join the Last SkyRide Ever

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

Register for Paws in the Park!

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

Tree and Shrub Seedling Program Orders

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

2026 Erie County Fish Stocking Program

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

Spring Bird Migration

As the days start to warm and the daylight extends into the evening, more birds will be on the move. You can stay informed of real-time bird migration and look at future forecasts by utilizing [Cornell Lab of Ornithology's](#) BirdCast migration tools.

I BIRD NY Challenge

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

Solo Sweeps

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

Microplastics Are Micromonsters Challenge

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

Buffalo All Access

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

City of Buffalo Curbside Food Scrap Program Expanding

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

Erie County Extreme Temperature Plan

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

Waterfall Challenge: Hike and Raise Funds

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

Job Training Funding for Businesses

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

10 Big Climate Actions to Reduce Emissions in Buffalo Niagara

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

Buffalo Zoo Volunteer Docents Needed

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

Smartphone Device Used to Detect Water Contamination

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

Solar Option Available for Erie County

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

Snapshot NY

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

Less Lawn More Life Challenge

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

The Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* Returns

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

More Crops Grown for Fuel and Livestock Feed Than for People

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

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

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

DEC Water Use Dashboard

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

Invasive Species Grant Awards

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

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

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

Help Document New York's Weather Impacts

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

Light Pollution: What You Can Do

Bird migration is not an easy task, as birds face numerous challenges, including predation, climate change, and other obstacles. One such obstacle is [light pollution](#), which is the excess of artificial nighttime lighting outdoors. The most noticeable effect of this is the reduced contrast in the night sky, making stars at night more difficult to see. Excess lighting can disorient and attract birds from over three miles away. Birds then circle the lit area, wasting the energy needed to safely migrate and increasing their risk of collisions with buildings. To help protect migrating birds from the effects of light pollution, state agencies are joining the [Lights Out initiative](#). This initiative directs state-owned and -managed buildings to turn off non-essential outdoor lighting from 11:00 pm to dawn during the spring and fall migration windows. State agencies are also encouraged to draw blinds and turn off non-essential indoor lighting as well. Turning off non-essential outdoor and indoor lighting can make a big difference in lowering statewide greenhouse gas levels and energy costs. New Yorkers are encouraged to join the effort by turning off their non-essential outdoor lighting this spring to protect migrating birds and the environment.

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

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

The WISE Water Stewardship Toolkit Launches

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

Sharing is Caring

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

Funding for Clean Energy Business Interns

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

For Pollinators' Sakes, Don't Spring into Garden Cleanup Too Soon!

Early spring garden cleanup can disrupt critical invertebrate habitat and leave pollinators out in the cold. Our guidelines will help you determine when cleaning up won't bug the pollinators in your space. [Learn more](#)

Local Business Promotes Refilling and Reducing Plastic Waste

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drop Off Your Cans and Help Audubon

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

Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

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

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

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

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

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

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

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

Introducing a Printable Sign: Pollinator Habitat in Progress!

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

Glyphosate Levels Used Correlated with Increased Human Cancers

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

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

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

National Grid Grant Opportunities

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

Free Online Course: Continuous Living Cover 101

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

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

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

New DEC Webpage on Pollution Prevention

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

Free Educational Resources on Electricity in the US

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

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

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

Seed Libraries

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

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

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

From Pasture to Plate: The Life Cycle of Cheddar Cheese

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

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

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

Greenhouse Gas Emission E-Learning Courses

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

Actions Students Can Take at School

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

Free Sustainability Course for Teachers

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

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

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

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

[Climate and Energy Games](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Microplastics lessons](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Biodiversity lesson plan](#) encourages students to explore biodiversity, including what it is, how human activities are putting it at risk, and what we can do to protect it. The lesson integrates STEM, English Language Arts, and Social and Emotional Learning.

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

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

[New York Recycles Calendar Artwork Contest](#)- The NYS Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³) sponsors the annual contest open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade in New York State public and private schools, youth organizations or home schooled are welcome to participate. If a student's school or classroom is not participating, a student may still submit an individual entry. Deadline: **May 15**.

[Grow-NY Applications](#) Open- business competition focused on growing an enduring food and agriculture innovation cluster in the Grow-NY region. Funded by Empire State Development, the competition attracts innovative, high-growth food and agriculture startups from across the globe and engages them in the region's rapidly growing startup ecosystem. Applications are open through **May 15**.

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

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Roadside Pollinator Program](#)- funds will be awarded to all satisfactory applications from State DOTs, Indian Tribes, or FLMAAs that seek to carry out activities that benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way eligible for Federal-aid. Deadline: **May 7**.

[USFWS' North American Wetlands Conservation Act \(NAWCA\) US Standard Grants](#). Supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. The program promotes partnerships projects that must involve a) only long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit a variety of wetland ecosystems and b) maintaining an abundance of waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) and other populations of wetlands-associated migratory birds consistent with the objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, Waterbird Conservation Plan for the Americas, and Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plan. Deadline: **May 7, 2026**

[2026 Jeff Lawrence Innovation Fund Manufacturing Grants](#)- supports collaboration between NYS manufacturers and nonprofits to drive innovation and growth. New for 2026, the program will feature a single, unified application round for both startups and established companies. Deadline: **May 7**.

[NFWF Five Star Grant](#)- The Five Star grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Deadline: **May 15**.

[Green School Grant](#)-NYSAR³ will award projects implemented during the 2026-2027 school year. Multiple projects will be awarded for a maximum of \$1,000 each. The goal is to provide funds to develop new programs or support existing programs related to the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle), composting, and outreach. All public and private, K-12, schools in New York State are eligible to apply for funding. Deadline: **May 15**.

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

[Sustain Our Great Lakes \(SOGL\) program](#) is soliciting proposals to benefit fish, wildlife, habitat, and water quality in the Great Lakes basin. The program will award grants to improve and enhance: 1) stream and riparian habitat to benefit species and improve water quality 2) nature-based infrastructure in the Great Lakes Communities 3) invasive species control to protect restored habitat and 4) activate restored habitats and natural areas. Pre-proposal deadline: **May 28**.

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

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

[Local Food Promotion Grants](#)-from eligible entities that support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products. Eligible applicants include agricultural businesses and cooperatives, food councils, producer networks, and more. Applicants must provide a 25% cost-share match. Deadline: **June 5**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Employment and Internship Opportunities

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

[Executive Director at GBNRTC](#)- Until Filled.

[Seasonal Mobile Market Positions](#)- Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **May 5**.

[Farm Education Coordinator](#)-Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **May 12**.

[Full-time Summer Temporary SNAP Ed Nutrition Educator](#)- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County
Do you want to contribute to making western NY a healthier place to live? Are you passionate about nutrition and community health? We are hiring one full-time (40hr/week) and one part time (20 hr/ week), Summer Temporary SNAP Ed Nutrition Educator based in Buffalo, NY. Using approved lesson plans and food demonstrations, this position will lead nutrition classes in community settings. Deadline: **May 6**.

[Team Leader](#)-Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County has an opening for a Team Lead working on-site from the Jamestown office. Deadline: **May 6**.

[Executive Director](#)-WNY Peace Center

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

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

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

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

[Program Associate](#)-Field and Fork Network

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

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

[Markets Assistant](#)- Providence Farm Collective

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

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

[Climate Justice Planner](#)-Shared Mobility

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

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

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

[Tift Discovery Camp Counselor](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Horticulture Assistant](#)-Botanical Gardens

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

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

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

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

[Animal Keeper 1](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Education Seasonal Assistant](#)-Buffalo Zoo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Friday, May 1

Stand up for Justice-3 to 4pm rally at Niagara Square.

Full Moon Walk-8:30pm. Join us on a springtime full moon walk to learn more about the flower moon and explore what the animals of Reinstein Woods are up to at night! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

“What’s Bugging You” talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Jumping worm management and perennials for friendly bugs. [Register](#)

Twilight at the Museum: Shine On- 8 to 11pm at the Science Museum. Twilight at the Museum returns for 2026! These Friday night evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the roof deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited tickets available! Limited tickets available! All ages, [Tickets](#): \$25 per non-member, \$5 for members.

Friday Field Days-10am to noon at [Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park - Parking Lot](#). Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools. Volunteers Needed: 20, Task: Invasive Species Pull - Garlic Mustard, Thistle, Teasel
Notes: All tools will be provided however we recommend you wear long pants and sleeves to prevent scratches. Rain Date May 8th. [Register for Friday Field Days](#)

A Celebration of Stories and Science from The Spark Bird Project-1:00 pm - 2:00 pm via zoom. [Register](#), Join RTPi and [BWD Magazine](#) (Bird Watcher’s Digest) to learn more about [The Spark Bird Project](#) from founder Jenn Lodi-Smith, Ph.D., the ongoing community science initiative gathering, sharing, and studying the stories of people’s passion for birds! Connect with fellow bird enthusiasts to learn more about the project, enjoy spark bird stories, and get an update on what we are discovering from over 400 spark birders and growing. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/list?ampDeviceId=c0237c3f-077d-4279-8cac-202e74d2321f&SessionId=1773862238996#/upcoming> Webinar ID: 839 4777 4283.

Friday Morning Birding with Buffalo Audubon-8 to 9:30am. [Register](#).

Building University-Community Research Networks: Soil and Water Lessons from Pittsburgh-2pm seminar with Jonathan Burgess. O'brian 210, North Campus, UB. *Can't make it in person? Watch on [ZOOM](#)*. This talk will cover Burgess' background and current role leading the Pittsburgh Water Collaboratory, and lessons learned from mapping and addressing contamination in soil and waterways.

Twilight at the Museum: Shine On-8 to 11pm at the Science Museum. These Friday night evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the roof deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited [tickets](#) available! All ages.

Saturday, May 2

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

Volunteer Cleanup-10am to noon at Houghton Conservation Area, behind Houghton Park on Clinton St in Buffalo. 1675 Clinton St., Buffalo, NY 14206. (The parking lot is on Spann St.). [Register](#).

Better Buffalo Day-Join your neighbors in cleaning up your block, park, or public space. 9am to noon neighborhood cleanups, 1-4pm free cookout in Niagara Square. [Register](#).

Long Trail Birding with Buffalo Audubon- 9 to 11am. Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve, 1610 Welch Rd. North Java, NY 14113. [Register](#).

Earth Day in May/I Love My Park Day-10am. 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. Scouts and other organizations are welcome, but please note that large groups will be split into multiple parties. Online registration will open in March; check www.reinsteinwoods.org/events for more details.

I Love My Park Day- [Parks & Trails New York](#), in partnership with DEC and [State Parks](#), hosts I Love My Park Day on the first Saturday in May, attracting thousands of volunteers from across the state to participate in stewardship events on New York public lands. Join us for New York's largest single-day volunteer event and help us prepare for spring by cleaning up campgrounds, parks, and beaches; planting native trees and pollinator gardens; restoring trail and wildlife habitat; removing invasive species; and working on various other site improvement projects. Look for a site near you.

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

Woods Walk: Nature Guide's Choice-1pm. Join a guided nature walk through the woods. No registration required.. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Birding On Wheels-9am to noon. Meet up with the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge at Cayuga Overlook off Route 77. Participants will embark on a leisurely drive through scenic routes within the refuge, stopping at designated hotspots known for their diverse bird populations. Led by experienced naturalists, participants learn about the different bird species inhabiting the area and receive tips on identification and observation techniques. Pre-registration is recommended. This program is free and open to all! Starts at 9:00am at the Cayuga Overlook, moves to different spots across the refuge until around 12:00pm. You may leave at any point in time during the program. Starts at the Cayuga Overlook on Route 77. Stop by the visitor center (1101 Casey Rd.) if you have any questions or need help finding your way. Registration Information: Registration is required. Send an email to logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

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

Seeds for Thought Book Discussion – “The Book of Hope”- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Concord Public Library 18 Chapel Street, Springville, New York. May’s book is The Book of Hope by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams In this urgent book, Jane Goodall and Douglas Adams explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. Copies may be available at the library or by placing a hold here <https://tinyurl.com/mrx2e4zx> No registration necessary – free and open to all.

History of the Bald Eagle Cam at Cayuga Marsh-1 to 2:30pm. Join Amy Merritt from the Friends of Iroquois NWR for a closer look at the history of the Cayuga Bald Eagle Nest at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, including how long eagles have been nesting in the area and the conservation efforts that have helped them return. The program will also highlight the current nesting pair, their behavior over the past few years, and what we’ve observed during recent nesting seasons. Iroquois NWR Visitor Center - 1101 Casey Rd, Basom. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

Herb Container Workshop-11:00 am at Lockwood's Garden Center 4484 Clark St., Hamburg, NY. Learn the benefits of growing herbs and create your own herb container garden in the workshop led by our own Herb and Vegetable specialist, Suzanne O’Brien. This workshop fee includes: benefits of growing herbs discussion, planting and care instructions, container, soil, and your selection of 5 herbs grown here at Lockwood’s. The cost is \$45.00 To reserve your spot go to: <https://weknowplants.com/events> .

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

Master Your Garden Series: Seeing Flowers in a New Light-10am. Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Class that will help you to see flowers in a new light. Join Orleans CCE Horticulture Educator Katie Oakes to discover the remarkable world hidden within every bloom. Through guided observation and hands-on dissection of various flower types, you’ll explore how different blooms are ingeniously designed. Preregistration required, Call 585 798 4265 ext 125 or email klo54@cornell.edu.

African Violet Society Judged show & sales-Noon - 5:30 pm at John James Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY. The show is open to the public and parking and admission are free

Spring Bird Walk- 8am. Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville. [Register for our programs online](#).

Creator Series: Beekeeping & Candle Making-10am to 2pm at Smith’s Maple Farm, Hamburg. Join Earth Spirit Staff for a Creator Series program where we partner with local organizations and artists who share their incredible knowledge and extraordinary skills! This program is hosted at Smith’s Maple Farm in Hamburg, NY. The owners, Carl & Bridget, will be teaching an introduction to beekeeping and candle making. Participants will make beeswax candles they get to take home, learn how to become a beekeeper, and sample different varieties of honey. In addition, a few individuals will get the chance to suit up and inspect a hive (weather dependent). No prior experience is necessary and all materials will be provided, including light snacks and beverages! The minimum age of participants is 15 years old. [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Seedling Sale-10am to 2pm. Join us for our annual spring seedling extravaganza, with live music, local food and drinks, free soil testing, and MAP-grown seedlings for sale for \$4 and up. 387 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo.

Wild Earth Day at Hawk Creek- Eagles have captured human imagination for centuries. Of course no visit is complete without meeting our Bald Eagle ambassador, Gryphon! In addition to one of the most diverse eagle education teams in the country you’ll also meet hawks, owls, falcons, wild cats, reptiles and more. Make sure you duck at the flying bird show, “Celebration of Eagles” as you get closer than ever to raptors from around the world! With activities for all ages, including animal encounters, crafts & games, Hawk Creek is THE place to experience the WILD and celebrate global eagle conservation! 1963 Mill Road, West Falls, NY 14170. [Tickets](#).

I Love My Park Day-10 to 11:30am. Woodlawn Beach State Park, Show your love for Woodlawn Beach State Park for I Love My Park Day by helping clean up the park! Equipment will be provided. Registration required online at ptny.org.

Mother's Day Watercolor Cards-10 to 11am. Niagara Falls State Park. Join us in the Education Center to create nature themed Mother's Day cards. All materials provided. Registration required at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

I Love My Park Day-11 to 12:30pm. Wilson-Tuscarora State Park, Join NYS Park educators for I Love My Park Day 2026. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and our local parks by helping with some park improvement projects. This program will feature beach cleanup. [Registration...](#)

I Love My Park Day-2:30 to 4pm, Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area. Come volunteer with an educator to help get our park ready for the upcoming season! Please check Parks and Trails NY to register and to view other projects. Registration required online at ptny.org.

Providence Farm Collective Spring Preview Market-11am to 3pm, 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, New York. For gardeners, they will have a selection of dahlia tubers, PFC-made compost, and assorted hanging flower baskets. The farm store will also feature the very first spring harvest of the season, including turnips, radishes, salad mixes and more.

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

The Tool Library's Fourth Tool and Bake Sale- 12pm to 4pm at The Tool Library 2626 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202. We've got a basement full of tools that need a good home. We'll be setting up a parking lot sale of tools ranging from hammers and wrenches, to circular saws, drills, sanders, lawn and garden items, and so much more. Tools will be PAY WHAT YOU CAN! Help us make room and raise funds to add more high cost, high demand tools to our inventory. If tools aren't your thing then come for the baked goods!

Niagara County Master Gardener Plant Sale-10am to 5pm, greenhouse at 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport. There will be a selection of annuals, vegetable plants, and perennials available for purchase.

Sunday, May 3

2nd Annual Pollinator Festival-11am - 4pm at Ski Lodge at Emery Park 2084 Emery Rd South Wales, NY 14139. Join Erie County Parks and BWELL in our 2nd annual Pollinator Festival! This event is geared toward anyone looking to learn about native plants, discover how to make a pollinator friendly habitat and what you can do to help our native pollinators! Come join us for fun nature walks, taste mead, informational workshops and vendors all supporting and encouraging you to start your very own pollinator friendly garden!! This year we are moving to a bigger venue and we will have food trucks! Family Friendly and Free! Register [here](#)

African Violet Society Judged show & sales-10:00 am - 3:30 pm at John James Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY. The show is open to the public and parking and admission are free.

The American Chestnut: A Conversation with Environmental Historian Dr. Donald Davis-2pm virtual. Join author and environmental historian **Donald Edward Davis** for a compelling conversation about this once-dominant tree and the long story of its rise, fall, and possible return. Drawing from *The American Chestnut: An Environmental History*, Davis traces the chestnut's place in Native American life, early American industry, and everyday culture, and examines modern restoration efforts, from breeding programs to genetic research. [Register.](#)

Camp Coffee Ride-9:30 to noon. 313 Broadway on time (9:30A) and we'll ride! People often bring portable coffee brewing supplies or snacks for the destination, and you can too!

Free Walking Tour of Historic Upper Black Rock-11am. Join historic preservation experts Chris Hawley and Kerry Traynor for a 1.3-mile walking tour of Niagara Street. The tour will trace how successive waves of transportation — from canal to rail to highway to cycle track — shaped the Niagara Street corridor, with stops highlighting current projects, developments, and what's ahead for the street. Continue the conversation at [Britesmith](#) afterwards. Meet in front of 1250 Niagara St. [Register.](#)

Niagara County Master Gardener Plant Sale-10am to 3pm, greenhouse at 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport. There will be a selection of annuals, vegetable plants, and perennials available for purchase.

Monday, May 4

Bowmansville Garden Club Meeting-7:00 pm, Bowmansville Fire Hall 36 Main St., Bowmansville, New York
Program: Make a Topiary for Mother's Day Speaker/Instructor: Milissa Jurewicz, Club Member.

Local Power, Global Impact: How Cities and States Are Leading on Climate Solutions-2pm via zoom. Featuring: Mayor Lauren McLean (Boise, ID), Mayor Justin Bibb (Cleveland, OH), and Mayor Eileen Higgins (Miami, FL) [RSVP here](#)

Tuesday, May 5

Frontiers in Forest Health: Hemlock Conservation-8am webinar. Explore the ecological importance of eastern hemlock, the threats it faces from invasive pests, and practical strategies to support conservation and long-term forest health. [Register.](#)

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

Lights out: the need for dark skies-6:30 PM at the Black Rock Harbor Center, 52 Amherst St., 14207. Birds on the Niagara founder and environmentalist Jay Burney discusses the importance of reducing light pollution in supporting healthy bird populations along the Scajaquada corridor. Jay Burney is Founder of Birds on the Niagara, the principle organizer of the Niagara River Important Bird and Biodiversity Area, Chair of the Friends of Times Beach, and Advocacy Chair of the Western New York Environmental Alliance, and Founder of the Pollinator Conservation Association. He is a dedicated conservationist and an expert on biophilic conservation strategies that promote bird friendly initiatives for current and future generations.

Wednesday, May 6

Bird-Friendly Buildings: Design Considerations for Architects-5:30 to 7pm, 403 Hayes Hall, UB South. This program will feature two presentations that focus on the importance of protecting wildlife and wild spaces, and the role of architects in designing more bird-friendly buildings. The first presentation will address the overall ecological impact of architecture on birds, with recommendations addressing the potential dangers of extensive glass and night lighting. This will be followed by a complementary presentation by an architect and researcher who will connect the goals of the Bird-Friendly Buffalo program to the work of AIA members. environments.

Black Creek Preserve Tree Planting with WNY Land Conservancy- 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Black Creek Preserve, Birdsall, NY. Join us for a tree planting party at our newly protected Black Creek Preserve. Volunteers will help plant 75 native trees along Black Creek to improve wildlife habitat, stabilize streambanks, and protect water quality. Participants will also help dig holes, install deer fencing and posts, and haul water and mulch to give the young trees the best chance to thrive. [Registration is required](#)

The Spark Bird Project Workshop-6:00pm-8:00pm, The Park School of Buffalo (see map upon registering)
By understanding what hooks and sustains birders, [The Spark Bird Project](#) helps grow the constituency of individuals creatively working to conserve and protect our planet. The Spark Bird Project also helps birders better understand each other by sharing spark bird stories in workshops, online, and through The Spark Bird Podcast. This fun and interactive workshop will be run by The Spark Bird Project Founder Jenn Lodi-Smith Hebrank and will consist of a presentation, introspective writing, open discussion and more. Participants will learn more about The Spark Bird Project and how the stories collected impact the birding community and social science community. This is a FREE family friendly event open to all ages! Registration required. [REGISTER](#)

Checkpoint: New Urgency of Ending our Fossil Fuel Addiction-3pm webinar. Join us for a conversation with Nate Hagens, Kumi Naidoo, and Gaya Herrington where they put the current moment into perspective, explore both near- and longer-term implications of this energy crisis, and discuss efforts, ranging from local to global in scale, to rapidly shift away from fossil fuels. [Register](#).

Greater BN Regional Transportation Council's Policy Committee Meeting-9:30 AM. The meeting will be held in person at 1 Seneca St., Seneca One Room, Buffalo, NY 14203 and [LIVE virtually](#).

Thursday, May 7

Savor del Mer- 6 to 9pm at Aquarium of Niagara. Visit the Aquarium after-hours for an adults-only night out under the sea! Savor del Mar features food, fun, and plenty of opportunities for memorable animal interactions. All proceeds from the event drive the Aquarium's mission and benefit the animals under our care. [Tickets](#).

Listening Session on Restoring Humboldt Parkway- 5 to 7pm at East Community High School, 820 Northampton St., Buffalo. To share your comments-go to queencitycomment.com

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

"Social Media & Science Misinformation: Practical Strategies for Scientists"-1pm virtual. As misinformation increasingly shapes public understanding of science, researchers are no longer just knowledge creators—they are essential communicators. This workshop equips academics to use social media strategically without becoming “influencers.” Participants will learn how platforms function, how to select low-risk, high-impact engagement strategies, and how to respond to misleading claims clearly and responsibly. [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.*

Trail Thursday Kick-Off-6pm. Join the first of our weekly Trail Thursday stewardship programs! Help with a variety of tasks such as trail maintenance, trash clean up, invasive species removal, maintaining compost bins, and weeding herb or flower gardens. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Garden Talk “Native Bees & How You Can Help”- Noon to 1pm. Hybrid event. New York is home to over 400 native bee species. They are important pollinators for our gardens, crops, and natural environments. Join us to learn about some of our native bees, and how you can help them around your home by creating a welcoming habitat. Register in advance for this meeting: Call 585-343-3040 ext. 101 to register to attend in-person at Genesee CCE office, 420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020. Free, for zoom [Register](#)

Orchard Park Garden Club: Sex in the Garden-11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the American Legion Post 567, 5784 Ellis Rd., Orchard Park. Master Gardener Carol Ann Halos will speak on “Sex in the Garden.” It’s not what you think! Guests are welcome.

Sustainable Gardening Container Make and Take-4pm at 12288 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Akron, NY 14001. Join us for sustainable container gardening. I will talk about problems with peat moss, vermiculite and perlite, as well as discuss alternatives. You will make a hanging basket and bring it home for Mothers Day. \$15 for supplies. Email cwnativeplantfarm@gmail.com or call (716) 417-2626 to register. I need an accurate account to purchase supplies.

Spring Migration Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 7:30pm in Japanese Garden. [Register](#).

Friday, May 8

Wildflowers and Wetlands-4:30 to 6pm. Wilson-Tuscarora State Park. Enjoy patches of unique and colorful spring ephemerals along the wetlands of 12-mile creek. Registration required on Eventbrite.com.

Bike Month Blastoff-5pm. Join us at 313 Broadway where we're putting out the free drinks, free food, and a playlist from Teddy that will have you Shazaming every new song you hear.

Orchard Park GC: Nature Walk-10 to 11am at Birdsong Park 4520 California Rd., Orchard Park. Enjoy what's blooming and share a love of the outdoors. Members and guests are welcome.

May Weekly Birdwatching Outings-Join the WNY Land Conservancy from 8:30 to 10am. Celebrate peak spring migration this May with a series of guided bird walks across four of our beloved nature preserves. Participants will enjoy the colorful variety of returning songbirds and learn about bird identification, behavior, and the important habitats we protect. Register [here](#).

Friday Morning Birding with Buffalo Audubon-8 to 9:30am. [Register](#).

Buffalo Astronomical Assoc. Meeting-7pm. For info, <https://www.buffaloastronomy.com/contact/>

Saturday, May 9

World Migratory Bird Day-9:30am. Learn seven simple actions to help birds as we search the woods for all types of feathered friends. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Morning Bird Walk-8am - 9:30am at Swallow Hollow Trail off Knowlesville Road at Iroquois NWR. Join Chris Hollister, Board Member of the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, for an early morning walk during one of the most exciting times of year for birding. Bring Binoculars, walking shoes and appropriate gear. The trail is a 1.3-mile loop that is relatively flat and has crushed gravel and boardwalk for part of the way. To RSVP email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

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

Free Paint and Battery Collection at ECC North Campus - 8:30am to 1pm. Safely dispose of your leftover paint and help keep the community eco-friendly. Easy drop-off and no fees. With Erie County and GreenSheen Paint. [Register](#).

Mother's Day Cards-10 to 11:30am. Knox Farm State Park. Show Mom appreciation by making them a handmade card! Stamps, ink, cards and markers provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Dare to Repair Café-11am to 2pm @ Orchard Park Library (4570 S. Buffalo St., Orchard Park). Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Spring Spectacular-10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge as you observe a diverse array of wildlife, participate in fun crafts and educational activities, and connect with various community organizations dedicated to conservation, artistic expression and cultural enrichment. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, an art lover, or simply looking for a fun-filled day with family and friends, the Spring Spectacular promises something for everyone to enjoy. [Learn more here](#). Rhythms of the Refuge performance will take place 12pm-1pm. Hosted by the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in collaboration with local cultural organizations and performing artists, Rhythms of the Refuge will take place throughout 2026 as a three-part series. that explore how music, dance, and cultural traditions reflect human relationships with nature.

Eagle Watch at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-10am to 2pm. Join our Eagle Watch program for a chance to learn and observe the majestic eagles we have at the wildlife refuge. Led by our knowledgeable guides, you'll witness eagles in action through provided scopes and binoculars as you learn about eagle biology, conservation, and history! This program is free and open to all! Registration is not required. Cayuga Overlook off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by our Visitor Center (1101 Casey Rd.) If you need binoculars or help finding your way!

Wild Earth Day at Hawk Creek- 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. Of course no visit is complete without meeting our Bald Eagle ambassador, Gryphon! In addition to one of the most diverse eagle education teams in the country you'll also meet hawks, owls, falcons, wild cats, reptiles and more. Make sure you duck at the flying bird show, "Celebration of Eagles" as you get closer than ever to raptors from around the world! With activities for all ages, including animal encounters, crafts & games, Hawk Creek is THE place to experience the WILD and celebrate global eagle conservation! 1963 Mill Road, West Falls, NY 14170. [Tickets.](#)

Spring Pond Exploration-10:00 - 11:30am at [Red Jacket Natural Habitat Park - Parking Lot](#). Join Park Ranger Roy at Red Jacket Habitat Park to learn about some of the varieties of organisms that live and visit the water's edge. Spring is a busy reproductive time for many species of plants, animals and other categories of living things. We will use some simple tools to look at small creatures in the water. · [Register for Spring Pond Exploration](#)

Nurdle Patrol Training -10:00 am - 11:00 am at Nurdle Patrol Volunteers help us find and map the location of these nurdles to be included in a Nationwide Nurdle Patrol Project. Attend an in-person training and learn how to contribute data to this project! Nurdles are small plastic pellets, about the size of a lentil, used in plastics manufacturing. This plastic pollution has been found on the shorelines of several waterways within the Niagara River/Lake Erie Watershed. [Register Here](#)

Community Work Day at North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1825 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda. Please bring gloves and dress for the weather.

Beautify Niagara-10am to noon, Niagara Falls citywide cleanup. [Register.](#)

Family Workshop: Owl Pellet Dissection- 2 to 3pm at Buffalo Science Museum. It's amazing what you can learn from an owl's vomit! Investigate the contents of a unique owl pellet! Piece together bones, learn about owl hunting habits, and discover some special pieces of the museum's collecting in this all ages workshop! All ages, [Tickets:](#) \$12 per participant with Museum admission.

Volunteer with North Tonawanda Botanical Garden -9am to noon at 1825 Sweeney St, North Tonawanda.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day Guided Bird Walk & Morning Tea-9:30 to 11:30am at Tiff Nature Preserve. Warblers, Orioles, Hummingbirds, Oh My! We'll search the Preserve for Spring migrants and then relax and enjoy hot herbal teas and pastries while overlooking beautiful Lake Kirsty. Ages 5+, [Advance registration required.](#) \$15 per person.

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

Innovative Parks-12 to 1:30pm Biophilic Cities webinar that will explore how parks are evolving into multifunctional, community-driven, and biodiverse spaces. As cities grow and community needs diversify, parks are no longer just spaces for recreation — they are buffers for climate adaptation, hubs for social connectivity, ecosystems for native plants and animals, and economic catalysts. This session will bring together planners, designers, and park managers to examine the priorities shaping innovative parks today. [Register.](#)

"Cedar, Samphire, and Sassafras: Historic Plant Communities of Central NY." – 7:30pm. Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Meeting with Speaker Catherine Landis who is a Postdoctoral Fellow at SUNY-ESF Restoration Science Center. 7:30 p.m. at the [Harlem Road Community Center, 4225 Harlem Road,](#)

A DeVeaux Stroll-5:30 to 7pm. DeVeaux Woods State Park. Take a slow stroll around DeVeaux Woods State Park and learn more about its namesake, Judge Samuel DeVeaux, on his 237th birthday! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

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

Backyard birdwatching: creating a bird-friendly yard-6:30pm at the Black Rock Harbor Center, 52 Amherst St., 14207. Join BRRAlliance Executive Director Anne McCooey as she shares the benefits of having birds in your neighborhood and gives tips on how to create a haven for birds in your backyard. Anne has been the driving force behind the BRR Habitat Project which is creating the first National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat Community corridor in the county by achieving certification for Erie County, Niagara County, the City of Buffalo, and by inspiring and mentoring Chatauqua County. This grassroots project has helped individuals and municipalities certify thousands of green spaces as NWF Wildlife Habitats and create places along the NY coastline of Lake Erie where birds and other wildlife can find food, water, shelter and places to raise young as they live or migrate through our area. Anne loves birds and enjoys watching them from her back porch during our warmest three seasons.

Wednesday, May 13

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

Senior Hiking Club- 9:30am - 1:30pm. [Sergeant Mark A. Rademacher Memorial Park/Hunters Creek - Meeting Location: Parking Lot](#). Join us as we partner with Erie County Senior Services for their Senior Hiking Club. The Hiking Club is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to stay active and enjoy the beauty of nature in the company of like-minded individuals. [Register for Senior Hiking Club](#)

Ornithological Society Meeting – 7pm. “Phantasms and Fallacies: The Pitfalls in Bird Identification” at Buffalo Museum of Science ([map](#)). Remote Presentation

Native Yardening: UDIG & UPOT-4 to 6pm at Pelion Garden, 212 Best St., Buffalo. Come for the digging; stay for the potting up! Want to add more Native plants to your yard? Want to see what they LOOK LIKE IRL? Want to see what to AVOID? We invite you to GET YOUR MILKWEED, EVENING PRIMROSE & GOLDENROD from Pelion's pollinator buffets. Clumps are \$3 a shovel and we have other natives already potted up for sale too.

Thursday, May 14

Before the Fall: Can Science and AI Predict Ecological Collapse?-7pm. Science in the Virtual Pub, presentation by Ling-Wei Kong, Ph.D. [Register](#).

May Weekly Birdwatching Outings-Join the WNY Land Conservancy from 8:30 to 10am. Celebrate peak spring migration this May with a series of guided bird walks across four of our beloved nature preserves. Participants will enjoy the colorful variety of returning songbirds and learn about bird identification, behavior, and the important habitats we protect. Register [here](#).

Green Drinks- 5:30pm. Join others for networking and fun at Streetlight Brasserie (525 Washington St, Buffalo, NY 14203-1711). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Spring Migration Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 7:30pm in Rumsey Woods. [Register](#).

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

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Less Lawn, More Life: Reimagining Yards as Wildlife Habitat-1 to 2pm ET via Zoom. Lawns are one of the largest managed ecosystems in North America, yet they provide very little for biodiversity. Campaigns like “No Mow May” have helped many people notice the ecological limits of lawns and start thinking about alternatives. In this webinar, Emily May and Stephanie Frischie of the Xerces Society explore how everyday landscapes, including yards, parks, and other managed spaces, can be designed and managed to support pollinators and other wildlife over time. Drawing from conservation science and applied experience, they will talk through practical steps to create wild and wonderful spaces that reduce maintenance and welcome nature home. From selecting native plants to designing for year-round interest, learn about impactful, manageable changes for your own yard. [Learn more and register here](#) today!

The Gift of Seed: Growing Gardens & Cultures of Care Beyond Consumption-6 to 8pm at 5 Loaves Farm at 1172 West Ave in Buffalo, NY. Registration is free, [RSVP](#) is required! All flourishing is mutual, as Robin Wall Kimmerer reminds us, and seeds brilliantly embody this generosity, creativity and care. Together, let’s practice receiving hundreds of varieties of regionally adapted seeds as gifts, cultivating gift culture as well as community, nourishing all generations to come! Come ready to reflect, connect and honor your gifts as well as we all learn to amplify the gifts of community together. Expect puppets! And lots of seeds! And to come alive as we explore living in ways both old and new. Bring a friend and a bag to bring home an abundance of seeds to sow more fruitful futures for your family, friends, neighbors and strangers as we become good ancestors together.

Friday, May 15

Build Your Own Rain Barrel!-Join CCE Cattaraugus and Cattaraugus Soil and Water from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM at *28 Parkside Dr, Ellicottville*. You'll learn essential water conservation and stormwater management tips while building a rain barrel to take home! The cost is \$65 per person and [registration](#) is open now. Space is limited, so grab your spot today!

Goat Island Walk-5:30 to 7:30pm. Niagara Falls State Park. Join an educator on a walk around Goat Island to experience all the beauty of Niagara Falls. Dogs are welcome. All dogs must be up to date on immunizations and leashed. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Friday Morning Birding with Buffalo Audubon-8 to 9:30am. [Register](#).

Saturday, May 16

Central Terminal Volunteer Cleanup-10am to 1pm. 495 Paderewski Dr, Buffalo, NY 14212.

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

Native Plant Sale-Join the Grand Island Nature Alliance (GINA) and the Citizen Coalition for Wildlife and Environment (CCWE) from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM for a Native Plant Sale and Education Event at the Alt Nature Center (2489 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island). This collaborative event brings together regional native plant nurseries, educational resources, and presentations focused on ecological gardening and supporting local wildlife. Shop for native plants, learn how to garden sustainably, and connect with local conservation groups.

Amphibians: Masters of Two Worlds -2pm. Learn about the role that amphibians play in our ecosystem, how to identify them by sight and sound, and how to explore in search of these remarkable animals. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Spring Birding-10:00am-12:30pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Spend your morning birding with Earth Spirit staff at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Basom, NY! During this program, we will stop and visit different overlooks and trails to view the extensive diversity of birds found at this refuge. Many species are returning from their migratory journey and this location is a hotspot loved by many birders. Binoculars will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own pair! This program is for birders of all skill levels.

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Feeder Road Hike-9:45am to noon. Join us for a moderate spring hike along Feeder Road at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge with local naturalists John Sanders and Pam Sanders. This guided walk will explore the diverse habitats found along the refuge's historic feeder canal corridor and the many plants and animals that call it home. As we hike, John and Pam will explore the seasonal changes happening across the landscape, from spring wildflowers and to the birds and other wildlife active during this vibrant time of year. This casual walk is perfect for nature lovers of all experience levels who want to observe the natural world, and enjoy the beauty of spring at the refuge. Meet at Kanyoo parking area off Route 77 at 9:45am. Shuttle cars to Dunlop Rd parking area. The hike will begin at 10:15am from the Kanyoo Trail parking area. Easy paced hike. 3.5 miles distance. Wear comfortable footwear. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair at the Iroquois NWR Visitor Center. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

Spring Bird Walk- 8am. Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville. [Register for our programs online.](#)

Climate Reality Local Training Event- 1 to 4pm at Warsaw, NY. [Register](#) and exact address will be provided. Join us for a fast-paced, half-day leadership training. Connect with fellow advocates in your area and get a crash course on science, the solutions, and the practical skills to confidently push for high-impact climate action in your state. You'll get the latest on climate science and solutions straight from former Vice President Al Gore, explore issues and opportunities for progress close to home, and start taking action. Give us three hours and we'll give you the tools, network, and know-how to make a difference.

Orchard Park Garden Club Plant Sale- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Orchard Park Historic Train Depot 395 South Lincoln Avenue, Orchard Park. A wide variety of flowers, herbs, perennials, and hanging baskets will be available. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. Go early for the best selection.

Vernal Pool and Wetlands Hike-1 to 3pm at Tiffit Nature Preserve. Venture on an intimate guided tour of the Vernal Pool Trail and beyond to investigate the importance of this essential habitat to salamanders, dragonflies, native plants and much more. Ages 12+, [Advance registration required](#). \$11 per person.

Tennessee Ave Community Garden Workday-10am to noon. [Register](#). 2039 Tennessee Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Come out and enjoy a full day of gardening and making new friends. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and snacks will be served, Bring your gloves and gardening tools. Contact Ms. Jackson-Doss, niagaraunitedvision@gmail.com

Spring Migration Birding at Rose Acres-9 to 11am with Buffalo Audubon. [Register](#).

Spring Open Gardens-Most open 10am to 4pm. Visit gardens as found in the guide. Purchase and use throughout the summer. [Order Online](#) or purchase at Badding Farm Market, Lavocat's or Mischler's Florist.

Genesee County Master Gardener Spring Garden Gala-10:00 am - 1:00 pm on the grounds of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Genesee County, 420 East Main St., Batavia. It will take place rain or shine. The plant sale starts promptly at 10 a.m.; no early birds please. The plant sale features a variety of perennials, many of which are from the gardens of Master Gardeners.

Capen Garden Walk Plant and Seed Exchange- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at University Presbyterian Church, 3330 Main St., Buffalo.

Lecture: Garden Design for Beginners- 2 to 3pm. Join Nora Saintz at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village for a lecture on beginner garden design. Great gardens aren't accidents. They're the result of a handful of principles anyone can learn. In this class, you'll get the foundational design concepts professionals use, translated for the DIY gardener. We'll cover how to read your site, choose plants that will thrive in the conditions you have, and apply the design fundamentals (scale, repetition, layering, and seasonal interest) that separate a collection of plants from a cohesive garden. We'll also talk through common beginner mistakes and the myths that cost gardeners time and money. Free but [registration required](#).

Tift Birding Field Trip-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. Tift holds the distinctive honor of having the highest number of species recorded on premises in our region - 270!

Stargazing Night at The Ridge-6:30 - 10:30pm at [Chestnut Ridge - Chestnut Ridge Park - Casino](#)
Join us as we admire the view from Chestnut Ridge with the Buffalo Astronomical Association Science Fair, Presentations, Stargazing, House of Munch food truck.

Sunday, May 17

Niagara Gorge Industries-12 to 1:30pm. Niagara Falls State Park. Join a park naturalist on a short, but challenging loop hike through one of the Niagara Gorge's lesser traveled trails going through what used to be old industry! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Spring Open Gardens-Most open 10am to 4pm. Visit gardens as found in the guide. Purchase and use throughout the summer. [Order Online](#) or purchase at Badding Farm Market, Lavocat's or Mischler's Florist.

Monday, May 18

Slow Roll Buffalo at Wheels For Workers 716-6pm at 4007 Main St., 14226. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship. This event is free and open to the public! Meet at 6pm! Ride at 6:30pm!

Tuesday, May 19

African Violet Society: Dawg Show!- 7:00 pm at GreenFields Assisted Living Facility 5951 Broadway, Lancaster, New York. Parking is free. For this meeting take in your "Not so Pretty African Violet". Meetings are open to the public and there is no admission. If you have questions, contact Holly Pohl at hollylou51@gmail.com

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

Dare to Repair Café-4:30-7:30pm @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church (4007 Main St., Buffalo 14226). Info and register at <https://thetoolibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Birds and the Islands in the Niagara-6:30pm at the Black Rock Harbor Center, 52 Amherst St., 14207. NYS DEC Wildlife Biologist Connie Adams shares her knowledge of the birds of the Niagara River including eagles, herons, egrets, terns and more, along with their habitats on the various islands in the Niagara region. Connie Adams has worked in the field of Ornithology since graduating from Cornell in 1983 where she did her bachelors and masters in Natural Resources. She studied the diet of the Double-Crested Cormorant on Oneida Lake, NY for her masters in 1993. She worked at temporary jobs for federal, state, and university agencies with birds, seals, and fish for 15 years, and has been a wildlife biologist for the DEC in Buffalo since 2005. She is from North Tonawanda and loves to garden with perennials, native trees and shrubs and flowers.

Nutrients and Algae in Lake Ontario-Noon webinar. Join the Lake Ontario Partnership as we explore the effects of nutrients and algae on Lake Ontario. Learn how nutrients influence algae growth and overall ecosystem health across the Lake Ontario basin. Hear about efforts to better understand and manage harmful algal blooms in New York State using the *Harmful Algal Blooms Research Guide*, and explore how nutrient mapping in the Lake St. Francis watershed is helping to identify nutrient sources and their impacts on the ecosystem. [Register](#).

Wednesday, May 20

May Weekly Birdwatching Outings-Join the WNY Land Conservancy from 8:30 to 10am. Celebrate peak spring migration this May with a series of guided bird walks across four of our beloved nature preserves. Participants will enjoy the colorful variety of returning songbirds and learn about bird identification, behavior, and the important habitats we protect. Register [here](#).

Wildlife Photography Seminar-6 to 8pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Come for an expert-led, wildlife photography hands-on training with guest speaker and professional photographer, Gary Wiefert. We will cover camera settings, composition, and the skillset to help you understand and anticipate local wildlife behavior using ethical strategies and reverence for the natural environment. Seminar will include an indoor workshop and guided outdoor practice. Ages 18+, [Advance registration required](#). \$40 per person.

Clean Air Coalition May General Meeting – 5:30 to 7pm. SPECIAL MEETING Data Center Campaign Launch, [register by clicking here](#)

Thursday, May 21

Nurdle Patrol Training -5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Nurdle Patrol Volunteers help us find and map the location of these nurdles to be included in a Nationwide Nurdle Patrol Project. Attend an in-person training and learn how to contribute data to this project! Please join us at Gratwick Waterfront Park in North Tonawanda for an in person training. Nurdles are small plastic pellets, about the size of a lentil, used in plastics manufacturing. This plastic pollution has been found on the shorelines of several waterways within the Niagara River/Lake Erie Watershed. [Register Here](#)

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

Community CarShare Launch Event-5:30-7:30pm. 368 Sycamore St., Buffalo. Test drives, prizes.

Spring Migration Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 7:30pm in Japanese Garden. [Register](#).

Immigration by Water in Western New York | Buffalo Maritime Speaker Series -6pm at Tri-Main Building | 2495 Main St. Suite #530 Buffalo, NY 14214. Canisius College Professor Shyam Sriram will talk about the history and some eras of Immigration to Buffalo via the Erie Canal and by various watercraft.

Memory Cafe: May Bird Migration-9:30 to 11am at Tiff Nature Preserve. Learn beginner birding skills and how to identify birds. This program provides an opportunity for adults with memory challenges and their loved ones to explore science and nature through the Museum’s collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Each session will have a presentation on unique collections items aligned with the Museum theme months and an interactive science and nature activity. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided. Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York. Ages 18+, [Advance registration](#) encouraged, FREE

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

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

Friday, May 22

Ranger Meet and Greet w/ S’mores!-7:00 - 8:30pm at [Sprague Brook - Meeting Location: Upper camping loop between loops A and B](#). Come hangout with Ranger Austin at Sprague Brook Park and learn about the Ranger Program! Bring your camping or ecological questions and pick the brain of your Erie County Park Ranger - Roast marshmallows, talk about your favorite outdoor activities, parks, trails, and more. This is a meet and greet style event so come and go as you please! No registration is required.

Friday Birding with Buffalo Audubon-8 to 9:30am. Ghost Pond, 1639 Welch Rd., Java Center, NY 14082. [Register](#).

Kids-Only Night Out!- 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tifft Nature Preserve. Drop-off the kids (ages 6-8) at Tifft for a spring-themed night of fun with our staff! We'll enjoy a pizza dinner, go for a twilight hike, make crafts, play games, and end with a nature-themed movie and fresh popcorn! Limited space. [Register](#) by May 17.

Evening Hike Through History-5:30 to 7:30pm. At Niagara Falls State Park. Join educators on a walk throughout the park to discuss the history of Niagara Falls and notable events that have taken place around the area. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Erie County Master Gardeners Plant Sale-8:30am to 3pm at First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo. The sale includes a choice selection of sun and shade perennials, natives, pollinator-friendly plants, herbs, annuals, shrubs, houseplants, and vegetables from the gardens of, or raised by CCE Erie Master Gardener volunteers.

Saturday, May 23

Trees Please-10:30am. As trees are leafing out, join a walk to identify the trees along the trail. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Warblers on the Wing-10 to 11:30am at Evangola State Park. Join us as we search for feeding flocks of beautiful warblers on the migration north. Binoculars will be available to use. For adults and children ages 10 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Scenic Overlook Hike-10 to 11:30am at Niagara Falls State Park. Take a walk with an educator into the Niagara Gorge to take in the beautiful views and learn a little about the natural and local history of the area. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Co-Op Bike Tour- Meet at 10:30am to leave at 11am. Kicking off at Lexington Co-op Markets on Elmwood, join us for a family friendly ride through the Elmwood Village and West Side of Buffalo to get an up close and personal look at several of the cooperatives in our network. The ride is open to folx of all ages and abilities, with several stops over the two hours. Helmets are strongly encouraged. We will conclude the ride at Extra Extra Pizza, and you are welcome to grab a slice and hang out with us afterwards! [Register](#).

Birding at Allenberg Bog with Buffalo Audubon-9am to 11am. Directions will be shared. [Register](#).

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Sunday, May 24

Whirlpool-Devil's Hole Gorge Loop-10am to noon at Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area
Join a park naturalist and hike from gorge rim to river level on a challenging loop from Whirlpool to Devil's Hole and back. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Monday, May 25

A Gorge-ous Hike-9:30 to 11:30am at Niagara Falls State Park. Join a park naturalist for a guided hike along the Niagara River, patrons will walk along the upper and lower trail to experience the beautiful Niagara gorge. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Memorial Day Bald Eagle Walk-10:15-11:15am at Evangola State Park. Enjoy a leisurely walk exploring the park and looking for bald eagles on Memorial Day! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Slow Roll Buffalo at Johnnie B. Wiley Pavilion-6pm at 1100 Jefferson Ave., 14208. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Tuesday, May 26

Biting Pests: The History of Lyme Disease-12 to 1pm webinar. Exploring the history of Lyme disease and how our understanding of this illness has evolved over time. Participants will learn how Lyme disease was first identified, examine its history around the world, and discover how decades of medical research have shaped today's approaches to prevention and treatment. This session will provide valuable historical insight into Lyme disease and highlight how past discoveries continue to influence public health knowledge and response today. [Register.](#)

Hamburg House and Garden Club Meeting- Noon at the Hamburg Community Center, 107 Prospect Ave., Hamburg This month's topic is "What is an Iris" with Marilee Farry. Take this opportunity to learn more about how to care and grow irises. Visitors welcome, contact calmflower45@gmail.com

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

PUSH Community Meeting-5:30pm at School 77 (429 Plymouth Ave.). Come through for a night of dinner, connection, and important updates on climate and housing, plus ways to get involved and build power in our community. [Reserve your seat.](#)

Wednesday, May 27

May Weekly Birdwatching Outings-Join the WNY Land Conservancy from 8:30 to 10am. Celebrate peak spring migration this May with a series of guided bird walks across four of our beloved nature preserves. Participants will enjoy the colorful variety of returning songbirds and learn about bird identification, behavior, and the important habitats we protect. Register [here.](#)

Thursday, May 28

Spring Migration Birding in Delaware Park-6 to 7:30pm in Rumsey Woods. [Register.](#)

Adults-Only Sunset & Moonrise Hike-6:30 to 8pm at Tiffitt Nature Preserve. Witness the beauty of both the Sun setting and the (almost) full Moon rising on a casual guided adults-only hike through the Preserve at twilight. Ages 18+, [Advance registration required.](#) \$11 per person.

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Inside Look at Modern's Recycling Facility-4:30 to 6pm. Join SBR and Modern Disposal Services for an in-depth look at the recycling process and discover what happens after your recyclables leave your home or workplace. Tour Modern's single-stream recycling facility, Buffalo Recycling Enterprises, and see firsthand how advanced sorting technology works to separate and recover valuable materials efficiently. [Register.](#) Review safety guidelines. 667 Tiffitt Street, Buffalo, New York 14220.

Friday, May 29

Friday Morning Birding with Buffalo Audubon-8 to 9:30am. [Register.](#)

Saturday, May 30

Erie County free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event- City of Buffalo on May 30, 2026. Registration is required to attend. [Click here to register.](#)

Meadow Bird Meander-10 to 11:30am at Knox Farm State Park. Discover the feathery friends from the meadow at Knox Farm. Identify and observe meadow birds on a nature walk throughout the park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com.](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Wild Brews- From 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm (last call is 6pm!) at Hawk Creek Wildlife, 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, NY 14170. Experience the WILD with this one-of-a-kind VIP event. Beer, food, live music and special animal encounters await you. This exciting evening lets YOU feel like the VIP as you mingle with Hawk Creek's incredible raptors and other animal inhabitants. This fundraiser will be an afternoon you don't want to miss! Event is for guests 21+ only. RAIN OR SHINE. [Tickets](#) include drink ticket, Hawk Creek drink koozie, photo experience with a resident non-native raptor, the opportunity to feed a porcupine, flying bird demo, cat chat, up-close animal encounters & a chance to win a raffle. All proceeds support the not for profit mission of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc., a local 501 (c) 3 organization!

WNY PRISM 2026 Walk & Talk Series: Darien Lakes State Park-10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Lace up your shoes and join us outside! WNY PRISM's Walk & Talk Series is a fun and easy way to explore nature, learn about invasive species, and discover how we can all help protect the natural spaces around us. Drop in for one or come along for the full series! More information including directions, parking, meeting location and what to bring will be emailed to participants after they are registered. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/2026WalkAndTalkSeries>.

Sunrise Guided Bird Walk-6 to 7:30am at Tiff Nature Preserve. Greet the morning Sun as it rises over the marsh and warms the Earth on an invigorating guided bird walk surrounded by morning bird song. Afterwards, enjoy hot tea or hot chocolate and good conversation together. Ages 18+, [Advance registration required](#). \$12 per person. BMS Members save 10%.

Planetarium Show: Queen City Skies-10:30 to 11:15am at the Science Museum. Join us on a tour of the skies over Western New York and beyond! We'll identify this season's stargazing targets and share some real-world tips to get the best skywatching experience our region has to offer. This live, interactive program gives people of all ages the chance to ask questions and guide our topics for a unique experience each time. Ages 5+, [Tickets](#): \$15 per participant with Museum admission.

Spruce Up at Houghton Conservation Area: Volunteers Needed- 10am to noon at Houghton Park, 1675 Clinton St, Buffalo. [Register](#).

Sunday, May 31

Art in the Park – Pressed Flower Art (62+)-1 to 2pm. Knox Farm State Park, Create your very own coaster using pressed flowers! Materials provided. Seniors 62+ only. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

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

Wednesday, June 3

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

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.**

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

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

Amended 6 NYCRR Part 350 Open for Public Comment

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

Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPR for Mattresses-S. 1463

EPR for Tires- S.7553

Excess Food Act Extender-S.9452

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

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

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

Tips for the Environment:

- **Plant a tree this spring-** Trees beautify our environment, provide habitat, food and shade, as well as store carbon. The following are resources that will help you choose and plant correctly: [DEC's How to Plant a Tree](#), [The 25 Million Trees Toolkit and Tree Planting and Care Fact Sheet](#) , [SLELO PRISM's Tree Species Selection guide](#).
- **Check your Kitchen Utensils-**Some kitchen tools are made with plastic which leaches chemicals and fragment into microplastics. Consider changing to food-grade silicone, wood or metal. Food-grade silicone is heat resistant to 450-600°, won't scratch surfaces, is dishwasher safe and won't react with acidic sauces.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

<https://emagazine.com/green-jobs/> Green jobs
[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)
[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)
[Working With Nature: A Guide to Native Plants for New York's Great Lakes Shorelines](#)
[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)
<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>
[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)
[#OnesToWatch interactive map](#)-NY invasive species map
[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)
[Pollution Prevention Institute Tools for businesses, households, others](#)
[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)
[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)
[Model Municipal Zoning Ordinance on Community Composting \(PDF\).](#)
[Dynamic World](#) Land cover dataset
[Target Organics Resource Hub](#) – resource for small scale and large scale composting
[Accessible Recreation Destinations Map](#) for New York
[CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#)
[event carbon calculator](#)
[Organic Resource Mapping Tool](#)
[WNY Food Systems Map](#)
[TreeCanopy.us](#)

Additional local blogs and websites-

Birds on the Niagara- <http://www.birdsontheniagarafontier.org/>
Breaking Green Podcast- <https://globaljusticeecology.org/breakinggreen/>
Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.com/>
Buffalo Niagara Nature Almanac- <http://bnnatureblog.com/>
Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>
Buffalo Promise Neighborhoods- <http://buffalopromiseneighborhood.org/>
Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>
Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>
Canning Tips for Food Preservation- <http://www.motherearthnews.com>
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>
Chirps and Cheeps Bird Blog- <http://www.chirpsandcheeps.com/>
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecatrail.org/>
Farmer Resource Network- <https://farmerresourcenetwork.force.com/FRN/s/>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Gardening Speakers Bureau <http://gardentalkbuffalo.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>
GBNRTC-<http://www.gbnrtc.org/blog/>
Guide to Urban Farming- <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/>
Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkhcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Heirloom Soul Florals: Regenerative Flower Farming- <https://www.heirloomsoul.com/blog-archive>
Natural and Working Lands-<https://blogs.cornell.edu/workinglands/> Farming and Climate Change resources
Nourishing Harvest- <https://www.patreon.com/anourishingharvest>
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
Recycle Right NY- <https://recyclerightny.org/>
Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>
Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>

Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>
Times Beach Nature Preserve- www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029
Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- <https://www.grandislandschools.org/domain/49>
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>
We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>
WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>
Fishing Outdoors- <http://www.huntfishnyoutdoors.com/events.php>
Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)
Sustainability SmartPod- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2127930>

County/New York State Resources

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

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

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

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

[DEC summer camps](#)
www.aquariumofniagara.org
www.buffaloaudubon.org
www.buffalogardens.com
www.buffscience.org
www.buffalozoo.org
www.penndixie.org
www.yourspca.org
https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdec.ny.gov%2Fthings-to-do%2Fsummer-camps/1/0101019bdce4ac66-693d49a3-23fb-4450-ba03-1303165648e0-000000/emn2BJaT0rjWtc1xB_pL9STO_xq01qanQvAmsBcxKpY=441

Grant Opportunities /Tools

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

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

www.grantstation.com

www.grantwatch.com

www.grantsalert.com

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

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

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

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

[NYS Woodchip Sources Map](#)

[NYS Compost Facilities Map](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com

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

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

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

The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandcsa.com/>

Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>

Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com

Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>

Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com

Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com

Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>

Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>

WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/

Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>

Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>

NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>

WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

Badding Brothers-<https://baddingbrosfarm.com/index.html>

Lockwood's Greenhouses-<https://weknowplants.com/>

Masterson's Nursery-<https://mastersons.net/>

Sweet Flag Herbs-<http://sweetflagherbs.com/>

CW Native Plants- <https://www.cwnativeplantfarm.com/>

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

Buffalo Tours- <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/buffalo-tours/>

Niagara Wine Trail - <http://www.niagarawinetrail.org/>

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

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

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

Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot

Batteries (high energy for mowers, power tools)-Lowe's, Bison Turf; Batteries for e-bikes- Tom Pro Bikes

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

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

Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,

Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org

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

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

Cigarette Butts- <https://www.terracecycle.com/en-US/brigades/cigarette-waste-recycling>

Clothing, general-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill,

Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>

Clothing, formal/business- www.donatemyweddingdress.org/, www.careergear.org, www.dressforsuccess.org

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's

Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>

Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking drop-offs

Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore

Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices

Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,

Electronics- www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html, most electronics stores, www.sunnking.com

City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.

Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.

Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations

Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)

Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities

Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>

Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>

Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>

Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>

Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,

Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers

Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)

Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource

Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf

Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>

Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store

Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>
Pens- Dropoff at Staples stores
Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)
Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery, Lowes stores, Home Depot
Plastic shopping bags, cereal liners, packing pillows-groceries, many retailers, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448
Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com
Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com
Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.
Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation
Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling
Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>
Xray film (contains silver)- [X-Ray Film Recyclers](#), [Electronic Recycling Guys](#),
Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/> , <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> [realsimple](#)

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

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

On Demand Webinars:

[Extended Producer Responsibility](#) (other videos on same youtube channel).
[Plan-It GEO](#)
<https://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020-> CERES from NYC program in Climate Week
EarthEcho [Youtube channel](#) Water Challenge [playlist](#).
STEMExplore Virtual Career Connections [Virtual Events](#) page

Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:

Green America's guide to Socially Responsible Investing- <http://pubs.greenamerica.org/i/116105>
Buffalo Relocation and Self-Promotion <http://www.wherelifeworks.com/>
Community Food Waste Guide- Access the free resource [here](#).
Change Food Library <http://www.changefood.org/changefoodlibrary/>
USDA Tool Kit for Local Food [toolkit](#)

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

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

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

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

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](#)

www.epa.gov/climate-indicators.

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

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](#)

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

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](#)

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

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

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

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

[2018 Fuel Economy Guide](#)

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

[NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Webinar series](#)

[NOAA One Science Seminar Series](#)

[Green Restaurant sustainability tool](#)

[Mapping Climate Change.](#)

[Socially Responsible Investing and Banking](#)

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

[Promise of Biomimicry](#)

[Pollinators under Pressure](#)

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter

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

AIA Buffalo Western NY

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

Air and Waste Management Association

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

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

<http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/>

Alliance for the Great Lakes

www.greatlakes.org

American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate

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

Amherst State Park Arboretum

<http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html>

Aquarium of Niagara

www.aquariumofniagara.org

Asha Sanctuary for Rescued Farm Animals

<http://www.ashasanctuary.com/>

Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense

<https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora>

AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education

<http://www.awarewildlife.com/>

Bergen Swamp Preservation Society

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

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

Buffalo River Land Trust	https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	http://www.burchfieldnac.org/
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	https://bwell.community/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Climate Lobby	https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-cccl/chapters/
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/
Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	https://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.ccofwny.org/
Coalition of Positively Charged People	https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cooperation Buffalo	https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://cceniagaracounty.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/
Council of the Great Lakes Region	https://councilgreatlakesregion.org/

Daemen University Center for Sustainability	www.daemen.edu/enviro-news
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Designing to Live Sustainably	https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/
Drave's Arboretum	https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
East Side Stewards	https://www.eastsidestewards.com/
Environmental Advocates NY	www.eany.org
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency	https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2
Erie Canal Harbor Development	https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://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/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.org
Feminist Bird Club Buffalo	https://feministbirdclubbuf.org/
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/
Food Future WNY	www.foodfuturewny.org
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/

Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.finwr.org/
Friends of Reinstein Woods	http://reinsteinwoods.org
Friends of Sinking Ponds	https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/
Garden Clubs of WNY	www.gardenclubsofwny.com
Genesee County Village & Museum	https://www.gcv.org/
Global Justice Ecology Project	http://globaljusticeecology.org/
Go Bike Buffalo	http://gobikebuffalo.org/
Go Buffalo Niagara	http://gobuffaloniagara.org
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grand Island Nature Alliance	https://gi-naturealliance.org/
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers Network	www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/
Great Lakes Research Consortium	https://www.esf.edu/glrc/
Green Together WNY	https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/
Habitat for Humanity	https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	https://www.hawkcreek.org
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	https://www.heartforanimals.org/
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Hope Rising Together	https://ltlol.com/

Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/
Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyccc.edu/sustainability
Keep Western New York Beautiful	https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
Leadership Buffalo	https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	https://www.lisc.org/wny/
Lyceum at Silo City	https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	http://mass-ave.org/
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	https://www.nannenarboretum.com/
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
NY Center for Organics & Recycling Education	https://cals.cornell.edu/ny-center-organics-recycling-education
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/

New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylev.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/
New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/
New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	https://www.nysar3.org/
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	https://www.facebook.com/NESAWG/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	https://www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-new-york-upstate
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	https://www.nyuasla.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara Beautification Commission	https://www.keepniagarabeautiful.org/
Niagara County Farm Bureau	http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Fishing Expo	http://niagarafishingexpo.com/
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	Niagara Frontier Botanical Society
Niagara Outfitters	https://niagaraoutfitters.com/
Niagara River Anglers Association	www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org

North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens	https://ntbgo.weebly.com/
One Region Forward	https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/
Open Buffalo	http://www.openbuffalo.org/
Our Outer Harbor	http://www.ourouterharbor.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Pelion Garden	https://peliongarden.org
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Plant WNY	http://www.plantwny.com/
Pollinator Conservation Association	www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
Primate Sanctuary	www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary
Providence Farm Collective	http://providencefarmcollective.org/
Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy	https://rwparkbuffalo.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Restore our Community Coalition	http://rocbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	https://re-treewny.org/
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Riverline	https://www.theriverline.org/
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
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)	https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara

Slow Roll Buffalo	www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/
South Buffalo Alive	www.facebook.com/South-Buffalo-Alive-174141769403626/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/sustainability
Tiff Nature Preserve	http://www.tiff.org/tiff/
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/
Tool Library	https://thetoollibrary.org/
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	https://www.facebook.com/groups/esw.ub/
UB Environmental Network	https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/
UB Office of Sustainability	http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html
UB Regional Institute	http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/
Urban Land Institute	http://newyork.uli.org
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/buffalo/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-co
US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast	https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast
Vision Niagara	http://visionniagara.org/
Voice-Buffalo	https://voicebuffalo.org/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	https://nywea.org/western/
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	http://www.tscwny.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.wnyea.org
Western New York Herpetological Society	https://wnyherpsociety.org/

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