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Raising the Roots

MAP's 7th annual Raising the Roots for Food Equity event on **October 4** is more than a fundraiser: it is a farm-to-fork experience supporting MAP's mission to nurture the growth of a diverse, accessible, and equitable food system right here in Buffalo. This year, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Massachusetts Avenue Project! [Get your tickets here](#)

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on **Thursday, October 9th** at Rosie's (488 W. Utica Street, Buffalo, NY 14213). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

WNY PRISM's 2025 Fall Partner Meeting

Please join us on **Thursday, October 16** for WNY PRISM's 2025 Fall Partner Meeting, followed by Working Group Meetings in the afternoon. The morning (9:30am to noon) will include updates from WNY PRISM's 2025 field season, a presentation and discussion of WNY PRISM's Strategic Plan, and partner updates from across the region. The afternoon (1-3pm) will include Terrestrial and Aquatic Working Group Meetings to review and update regional NYS Invasive Species Tier Rankings and priorities. Meeting will be at Jacqueline Vito LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center, 667 Grant St., Buffalo, NY 14213. For more info to register, visit our website: <https://www.wnyprism.org/2025-fall-partner-meeting/>. Please register by Tuesday, **October 14**.

Brew at the Zoo Fundraiser

Enjoy country-themed fun at the Buffalo Zoo. Saddle up on **Friday, Oct. 16** for Brew at the Zoo: Country Night, featuring local craft drinks, country music, line dancing and more. [Tickets](#).

Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust's Fall Fest

The Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust's annual Fall Fest is an evening to celebrate *you* and the incredible impact our community makes together. The event is **Thursday, October 23** from 6 to 9pm at Duende at Silo City. Because of supporters like you, we're reclaiming and restoring Western New York's waterfronts—transforming brownfields into places where families can gather, neighbors can connect, and nature can thrive. Come raise a glass with us and enjoy seasonal food and drinks, live music, and raffles—all in celebration of the future you're helping create for our region's waterfronts. [Tickets](#).

"Building a Lead-Safe and Healthy Future"

Join the Buffalo & Erie County Lead Safe Task Force and the UB Lead Research Group for our annual meeting and summit "Building a Lead-Safe and Healthy Future" on **Saturday, October 25th 9 - 1 pm** at Hayes Hall on South Campus. Buffalo and Erie County continue to face a crisis of childhood lead poisoning, with over 580 children diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level in 2024. This event will feature a new film, speakers, and discussion about policy, research and community education challenges and opportunities moving forward. The event is free and open to the public though space is limited. Please [register](#) by **October 17th**.

5th Annual Food as Medicine Symposium: Embracing Health, Empowering Communities

The 5th Annual Food as Medicine Symposium will take place on **October 23, 24, and 25, 2025**. Our growing local Food as Medicine community provide an opportunity to meet and hear from national and international leaders in the field. [Register](#). Lectures will be held at University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences with field trip to local farms.

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Erie County residents have the option of using the County's "Voucher Drop-off program" which enables residents to bring up to 50lbs. eligible hazardous waste to the Hazman facility in Tonawanda at no cost. Preregistration is required. For more info go to erie.gov/recycling or Hazman directly at 998-8073 or call 716-858-6800. For more info email us at recycle@erie.gov or call our HHW Hotline at (716) 858-6800. For info on City of Buffalo events, check www.buffalorecycles.org.

Niagara County will accept household hazardous waste on **October 4** at 758 Erie Ave., North Tonawanda. Register [here](#). A continuing voucher program with Hazman is available for county residents-[register](#) for a voucher.

2025 Food Justice Film Festival

The sixth annual virtual [Food Justice Film Festival](#) will take place **Oct. 23-26**. This year we're featuring four feature-length documentaries highlighting Indigenous food sovereignty, land reclamation by people of color, agricultural heritage, community foodways, and food access. Stay tuned for more information on the films and bonus content, including interviews with the film directors, farmers, and activists. In the meantime, join the festival platform so you're all set to watch: [If you're new to the festival, sign up](#).

Annual WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Summit

The Sustainable Business Summit, WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable's annual flagship event and the region's premier platform for sustainable business leadership, returns on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**, at the historic Richardson Hotel in Buffalo, NY. The year's theme, *The Future We Build Today*, invites us to imagine what's possible when bold sustainability goals are matched with practical, actionable strategies. The half-day program will bring together business and community leaders for an inspiring keynote, breakout sessions, and opportunities to connect and collaborate. [Register](#).

Women's Focused – Wilderness First Aid Training (16hr) + AHA BLS Course

A Wilderness First Aid course will be offered from **Friday-Sunday, November 21, 2025** at The Park School of Buffalo (see map upon registering). This course is designed for an individual or small group that travels beyond pavement and into the outdoors and is geared toward empowering women in the wilderness. The course consists of ~16 hours of in-person training and hands-on practice scenarios and ~3 hours of CPR training. The training will be taking place over the course of three days, Friday (6-9pm), Saturday (8am-6pm) and Sunday (9am to 3pm). WFA covers the most critical aspects of providing safety and first-aid in a wilderness setting. The resulting certification is valid for 3 years. Must be 18 or older. [American Heart Association \(AHA\) Basic Life Support](#) training, which includes CPR certification, will also be a component of this course. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a course completion card, valid for 2 years. [REGISTER](#)

Buffalo Sewer Authority to Continue with Improved Infrastructure to Protect our Watershed

A landmark agreement with NYS DEC, NYS Attorney General and the Buffalo Sewer Authority (BSA) directly benefits the region's environmental well-being by addressing longstanding water quality violations, implementing a long-term modernization plan, and upgrading water infrastructure to help significantly reduce the amount of sewage entering the Niagara River watersheds. BSA owns and operates wastewater treatment facilities that include the Bird Island Wastewater Treatment plant and an extensive combined sewer collection system. The system has stringent DEC permits allowing the discharge of treated sanitary wastewater and stormwater from an outfall at Bird Island. During periods of heavy rainfall or snowmelt, the volume of wastewater in a combined sewer system can exceed the capacity of the plant that receives the wastewater for treatment. When this happens, two additional outfalls are used to discharge partially treated combined sewage at Bird Island and 52 permitted combined sewer overflows (CSOs) discharge excess wastewater containing untreated sewage directly into nearby water bodies. It is estimated that Buffalo's combined sewer system contributes more than 1.4 billion gallons of combined sewage overflow to the Niagara River and its tributaries each year.

BSA's failure to implement required sewer system improvements to ensure that combined sewer overflows complied with technology and water quality-based requirements and upgrades required under a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) led to state violations for non-compliance. This new agreement consists of both gray and green infrastructure projects being implemented at an estimated cost of \$1 billion over a 15-year implementation schedule. BSA's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will be revised by DEC to incorporate the requirements of the settlement. In addition to typical upgrades to grey infrastructure, the LTCP also includes significant green infrastructure commitments. Green infrastructure is an environmentally friendly technique to manage stormwater which often includes green roofs, permeable pavement and other surfaces, rain gardens and restored wetlands, mimics nature by soaking up and storing water. The agreement also includes the payment of a \$20,000 civil penalty and an environmental benefit project (EBP) valued at \$100,000, to support the purchase and installation of playground equipment and educational materials about reducing Buffalo waterway pollution to help increase public awareness. A full implementation schedule is available on [BSA's website](#).

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.

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

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

Fall Bird Migration is Underway!

Each fall, migrating birds can be seen flying south to their wintering grounds. It's important for everyone to turn off the lights for birds at night. DEC launched the '[Lights Out](#)' initiative aimed at keeping non-essential outdoor lighting from affecting the ability of birds to migrate successfully. Many species of shorebirds and songbirds rely on constellations to help them navigate to and from their summer breeding grounds through the State. Excessive outdoor lighting, especially in adverse weather conditions, can cause these migrating birds to become disoriented, a phenomenon known as fatal light attraction. **From now through November 15, it's encouraged to turn off all non-essential indoor and outdoor lighting from 11:00 p.m. to dawn.** View the latest [migration forecasts](#) and maps for birds in your area.

New Guide to Reforestation in New York State

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

Free Downloadable Reports on Electricity

[The Future of Electric Power in the United States](#) presents an extensive set of policy and funding recommendations aimed at modernizing the U.S. electric system. The report addresses technology development, operations, grid architectures, and business practices, as well as ways to make the electricity system safe, secure, sustainable, equitable, and resilient.

[“Accelerating Decarbonization in the United States”](#) -Addressing climate change is essential and possible, and it offers a host of benefits - from better public health to new economic opportunities. The United States has a historic opportunity to lead the way in decarbonization by transforming its current energy system to one with net-zero emissions of carbon dioxide. Recent legislation has set the nation on the path to reach its goal of net zero by 2050 in order to avoid the worst consequences of climate change. However, even if implemented, current policy will get the U.S. only part of the way to its net-zero goal.

[Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation's Electricity System](#)-Americans' safety, productivity, comfort, and convenience depend on the reliable supply of electric power. The electric power system is a complex "cyber-physical" system composed of a network of millions of components spread out across the continent. These components are owned, operated, and regulated by thousands of different entities. Power system operators work hard to assure safe and reliable service, but large outages occasionally happen. Given the nature of the system, there is simply no way that outages can be completely avoided, no matter how much time and money is devoted to such an effort. The system's reliability and resilience can be improved but never made perfect. Thus, system owners, operators, and regulators must prioritize their investments based on potential benefits.

Food Waste Costs us Money in Many Ways

In addition to wasting food that we have purchased, the debris is filling our landfills which are maxing out. An average fee for one ton of garbage at a landfill in New York is \$83.67 (varies across state) and these fees climb annually. This cost doesn't include the fuel and environmental impact of the trucks collecting the trash. Food waste being landfilled is also a primary source of greenhouse gas emissions, because landfills are anaerobic environments which result in massive emissions of methane gas. Be mindful of ways to reduce your food waste or compost appropriate materials.

Event Carbon Calculator

Estimate your event's carbon footprint in five minute or less. Our [event carbon calculator](#) provides insights into the main drivers of your meeting's greenhouse gas emissions, offers reduction scenarios to test and provides resources to help you build a sustainable strategy for your event. Our calculator is still in its beta stage, so please explore our tool and send us feedback on how to make it better suited for your needs. Our [calculator](#) is part of The Company of Biologists Sustainable Initiative, [read more about how](#) we can support you.

Updated Organic Resource Locator

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

Last Call for Solar Tax Credits

Residential solar systems must be installed and in service by December 31, 2025 to qualify for the up to 30% federal tax credit. That's a huge savings—on average, about \$6,000 off installation. Without it, homeowners will pay thousands more and face a longer payback period on their investment. Installing solar still makes sense: save money on your electric bills (often paying back the cost within 7–10 years), increase your home's value, cut carbon emissions and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. But beware: as deadlines approach, scams and predatory lenders are on the rise. Take time to choose a reputable installer, compare financing options, and confirm every detail before you sign. Even if rooftop solar isn't an option, you can still benefit by joining a community solar project or making your home more efficient with insulation, draft fixes, and efficient appliances—all of which may qualify for tax credits that also expire at the end of this year. Read [more](#).

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

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

New 25 million Trees Initiative ‘Tree Tracker’

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

Nocturnal Invertebrates Suffer from Light Pollution

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

Bitter Nectar, Toxic Pollen: Pollinators and Plant Chemicals

A recent podcast “Bug Banter” takes a deeper dive into plant chemistry to better understand the relationship between pollinators and their floral resources. As many floral visitors are coming to eat, plants need to defend themselves and often turn to chemical arsenals. For more-[Listen to Bug Banter](#)

The 2025 I BIRD NY Challenge is Now Open!

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

Report Suspected Cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds

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

New Forest Health Diagnostic Lab Reporting Form Available!

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

Funding for Clean Energy Business Interns

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

Building Climate Resilience with Land Preservation

View a [recording](#) of a presentation by Kristin Schultheis from Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) about how innovative land preservation programs are protecting communities and natural areas in the Great Lakes region.

WNY Food Systems Map

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

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 for the funds.

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

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

Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

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

Experience Yellowstone National Park Excursions with Earth Spirit in December

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

Papilloma Virus Warts Seen on Deer

Across the U.S., deer are turning up with large, wart-like growths on their bodies, similar to growths seen in rabbits and squirrels. The growths typically fall off once they outgrow their blood supply. In severe cases, large clusters can interfere with eating or block vision, but the disease is rarely fatal. These warts are not known to affect people and their increase is likely due to climate change extending vector seasons. Check out [photos](#).

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.

Pollution Prevention Institute (P2I) Releases Sustainability Reporting eBook

P2I recently released an [eBook](#) for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) as an informational resource to help get them started with sustainability reporting or improve their current efforts. The eBook was broken down into four categories: Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Renewable Energy, Green Building Certifications, and Waste Management. P2I's eBook explains that sustainability reporting is designed to gather information about measurable sustainability factors that can be important to investors, consumers, and other stakeholders. The New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) requires that businesses begin to consider their sustainability impacts and make efforts to significantly reduce GHG emissions across the state. Collecting environmental impact data and tracking metrics through sustainability reporting is critical to this effort.

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

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

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

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

Harmful Algal Blooms: Reporting Season Open

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

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](#).

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

October 1 marks the start of [National Firewood Month](#), an annual campaign to spread awareness about the importance of using local or heat-treated firewood. 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."

NY State Parks Wellness Challenge for 2025

Throughout the year, immerse yourself in all kinds of wellness activities at state parks and historic sites across the Empire State in the NY State Parks Wellness Challenge. From trying your hand at yoga to engaging your senses to packing a picnic, achieve wellness through a variety of ways in the outdoors. Ready to take on the [Wellness Challenge](#)? We've gathered a list of 50 wellness-related missions you can achieve at most state parks and historic sites. Try to complete 25 of the missions by the end of 2025, either as an individual, team, or group!

A Free Cheatsheet for Tricky Fall Warblers

Fall warblers pose a challenge for birders of all experience levels. Whether you're at home or out in the field, [these helpful four-sheet reference guides](#) have full-color photos of warblers of the U.S. and Canada, so you can compare different fall warbler plumages by species and learn what to look for!

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

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

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

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

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[C2C Fellows Sustainability Leadership Training](#)-for undergraduates and recent graduate students. A free one-day workshop on December 11 will teach skills they don't teach at university, skills to change the future. There is no cost to attend. Deadline to Apply: **November 15**.

[Arbor Day Poster Contest](#) – Celebrate the beauty of New York State's trees by participating in DEC's annual Arbor Day Poster Contest! Submit your original photography or artwork to be considered for the 2026 New York State Arbor Day Poster. DEC prints thousands of posters for distribution to schools, the New York State Fair, libraries, and other venues every year. This year's theme is "Trees for the Future," and submissions should express the connections between people and trees, the importance of planting trees for future generations, and the role of trees in providing resilience in a changing climate. Deadline: **November 30, 2025**.

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

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Community Placemaking Grants](#)-Three nonprofits or public agencies will receive \$100,000 each in direct funding, as well as placemaking technical assistance and capacity building, to transform a street or mobility hub into a lively community gathering place that improves street safety and mobility. Communities in the states of Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas are eligible. Deadline: **October 13, 2025**.

[Water for Life Service-Learning Mini-Grants](#)- The H2O for Life Mini-Grants of up to \$500 are for teachers and students to be used as start-up funds for their H2O for Life service-learning project. Deadline: **October 17**.

[DEC MWRR Grants for Recycling Coordination and Education Projects](#)-Funding will reimburse up to 50 percent of costs of eligible projects including costs of salary for a municipal recycling coordinator, recycling education and outreach tools, recycling advertising, recycling websites, and promotional items. Apply before **October 31** at 3pm.

[WFM Foundation Bee Grant](#) - allow for schools and non-profit organizations to receive support for educational beehives and bee programming so students can observe bees up close and learn about the vital role these pollinators play in our food system. The Traditional Bee Grant allows for K-12 schools or nonprofit organizations that serve any grades K-12 to start a new or enhance an existing bee program hosting live bees on their campus. A choice of a monetary (\$1,500) or equipment (indoor observation hive) grant intended to support schools in bringing live bees to their campus or grow their already existing educational hive program. Deadline: **October 31**.

[The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education \(SFE\) Program](#) is now accepting applications for the 2026 planting season. Since 1996, this Wild Ones donor-supported initiative has awarded native plant grants to schools, nature centers, and youth programs across the country. These small grants, ranging from \$100 to \$500, help create pollinator gardens, rain gardens, prairies, monarch waystations, and more, all designed and maintained by youth. Deadline: **November 15**.

[Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program](#)- Grants from \$100,000 to \$500,000 increase the availability of local foods in Child Nutrition Program operations and connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for Child Nutrition Program meals. Grants can be used to launch new programs or expand existing efforts. Applications are due by **December 5, 2025**.

[Green Jobs for Youth Grant Round 2](#) - \$4 Million Available to Support Green Jobs for Youth in Environmental Justice Areas to help youth in environmental justice communities develop skills training and promote job placement in various green industries. Deadline: 3pm on **Jan. 28, 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, such as the LittaTrap™ and the Gutter Bin®. **Rolling until funding allocation.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Fluor Foundation Grants](#)—Nonprofits and academic institutions. Projects promoting responsible stewardship of the environment and supports organizations that protect natural resources and habitats 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

[Outdoor Education Teacher/Coordinator at Stella Niagara](#)- Deadline: **Sept. 30** or when filled.

ECLIPSE (Erie County Low-Income Program for Sustainable Energy) Program seasonal paid internship - Program works to reduce energy burdens for low- to moderate-income (LMI) households by expanding access to renewable energy. Our interns will play a key role in this mission by focusing on **public outreach and community engagement**—helping residents learn about and enroll in energy-saving opportunities. For more details on the internship and application process, please contact Alia Williams at Alia.Williams@erie.gov.

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

[Zoological Manager](#)-Buffalo Zoo.

[Senior Program Manager for Double Up Bucks](#)-Field and Fork Network.

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

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

[Community Education Manager](#)-Erie County SPCA

[Humane Educator](#)-Erie County SPCA

[NY Center for Organics Recycling and Education \(NYCORE\) at Cornell: Extension Associate](#). Deadline: **Oct. 31**.

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

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

[Sustainability Intern: Gibraltar Steel](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Wednesday, October 1

Senior Hiking Club ~Sprague Brook Park -9:30 - 10:30am. 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. * Approximately a 2 mile loop
[Register for Senior Hiking Club ~Sprague Brook Park ~](#)

What are native plants & why are they important?- 7 to 8pm. Unitarian Universalist of East Aurora 94 Buffalo Road, East Aurora. Talk by Lyn Chimera. Learn about native plants that grow in our area and how they help sustain the environment. Lyn will discuss specific natives that do particularly well in WNY and where to get them.

Intro Webinar: Support for Communities for Resilient Great Lakes Coasts- 11am to noon. The Initiative for Resilient Great Lakes Coasts provides scientific expertise, training, and technical assistance to help communities restore coastal habitats and strengthen resilience against changing water levels, flooding, and severe storms. Competitive projects proposed by communities will receive additional engineering and design support (with no local match) to help move projects toward implementation. While the program is newly available to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario communities in the U.S., all U.S. Great Lakes coastal communities are invited to participate. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

Healthy Indoor Air: Briefing on the Global Call to Action- 11am to noon. Join USGBC and global experts on October 1 for a virtual convening on healthy indoor air quality (IAQ). Learn about the Global Pledge for Healthy Indoor Air, IAQ best practices, and opportunities to drive global action toward a healthier indoor environment.
[Register now](#)

NRDC's Fight For Our Climate Future-Noon virtual roundtable discussion on the state of the climate crisis. You'll hear the latest on the dire human health impacts of climate change, how a warming planet is accelerating the extinction crisis and pushing millions of species to the brink, and our efforts to stop the Trump administration's dangerous new attempt to end its own ability to combat climate change. [Register.](#)

Webinar: A Fireside Chat with “We Are Eating the Earth” Author Michael Grunwald- 1pm. Fresh from Climate Week NYC, join ReFED President Dana Gunders as she sits down with New York Times bestselling author Michael Grunwald to discuss his new book, "We Are Eating the Earth: The Race to Fix Our Food System and Save Our Climate." Described by The Washington Post as “a thrilling and provocative survey of inventions, innovations, and wild flights of imagination aimed at feeding more people while using less land,” the book explores the outsized impacts of food production and consumption on our climate, while also illuminating a better path forward through policy, technology, and behavior change. The conversation will discuss the book and what it means for the food waste movement. Following the discussion, there will be an opportunity for audience questions. [Sign Up](#)

Thursday, October 2

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District Town Hall-10:30-11:30 am in the auditorium at the Central Library.

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.*

Gardening for Pollinators-6 to 7pm at Botanical Gardens. Learn how you can design your garden to help our pollinating pals with Erin Masterson Holko. [Tickets.](#)

Orchard Park GC: Annual Auction-11:30am. American Legion Hall 5784 Ellis Rd., Orchard Park, New York “Return, Reuse, Recycle” Our Annual Auction. Members will bring in gently used garden tools, pots, design material that can be bid on by members and guests.

Away with Fairies: Plants and Folklore-Noon to 1pm. The Genesee County Master Gardeners will be continuing their monthly Garden Talk programs through the end of this year. This free series can be attended in person or via Zoom, but you must register to attend. This month's talk will center on the tales and superstitions surrounding plants and their supposed magical powers. [Register](#)

Dare to Repair Cafes-4:30-7pm at Allen Hall, UB. These are community events where people can bring in broken objects like lamps, vacuums, bicycles, toys, clothing, sewing machines, PCs, laptops, and small electronics to be repaired — free of charge — by volunteer fixers. By following along during repairs, attendees can learn the skills they need to fix things on their own. [Register.](#)

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

The Secret Lives of Bumble Bees: Nesting and Overwintering-1 to 2pm. When creating habitat for bumble bees, we need to provide them with places to nest and overwinter. But where do bumble bees nest? Where do they spend the winter? And how do you figure out best management practices for bumble bees if their nests and overwintering sites are almost impossible to find? Join Genevieve Pugsek, Xerces Endangered Species Conservation Biologist, to discuss bumble bee nesting and overwintering ecology, how land management can impact nesting and overwintering bumble bees, and what you can do to help scientists learn more about bumble bee habitat needs. [Register.](#)

National and Local Impact: Walking, Health and Communities-10:30am to noon. [Register](#)

False Narratives/False Urgency: Unpacking the Links Between AI and Environmental Justice-12:30 to 1:45pm. Across the U.S. and the world, the environmental impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) seem to be falling into a recognizable and unfortunate pattern: the brunt of new development being borne by disadvantaged communities already over-burdened by pollution and high energy prices. Please join Rep. Justin J. Pearson, a leader in the fight to regulate AI, and Dr. Jon Koomey, one of the world's leading experts in the energy and environmental impacts of tech, for a webinar exploring the real environmental and policy challenges posed by the rapid growth of AI. [Register](#).

Friday, October 3

Nature's Supermarket-5:30 PM - 07:00 PM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Walk along the lagoon and learn the unique wetland habitats have to offer. Be greeted by belted-king fishers, great blue herons, and watch as osprey soar in the sky above! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Halloween Myths Unraveled-08:00 PM - 09:00 PM at [Evangola State Park](#). Did you know? Jack-o-Lanterns haven't always been pumpkins. Unravel nightmarish nature myths and discover the truth about your favorite spooky stories. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Green Development Zone Tour-2 to 4PM. In 2008, PUSH Buffalo established the [Green Development Zone \(GDZ\)](#) – a 25-square block area on Buffalo's West Side that is the hub of PUSH's programming and the heart of our community-driven work. Our work in the GDZ encompasses green affordable housing construction, community-based renewable energy projects, housing weatherization, green jobs training, green infrastructure, and vacant land restoration projects, to name a few. Join us for a tour to see for yourself! [Register](#).

What's Bugging You? Winterize your home orchard – Feeding friendly insects: Fall is for planting- 12 to 12:30pm. Each month, experts from Cornell's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will share practical information and answer questions on using integrated pest management (IPM) to avoid pest problems and promote a healthy environment. At the end, there will be an IPM Minute to cover a specific action you can take in the next few days to help you avoid pest problems. [Register](#) to attend.

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

Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability Initiatives-2pm at 212 O'Brian Hall, North Campus UB or *Watch on [ZOOM](#)*. Erie County has been working diligently to reduce climate pollution in our community through climate action programs with goals to create a more sustainable Western New York. In 2015, Erie County convened an interdepartmental Green Team to develop a Climate Action & Sustainability Plan (CASP) to address operational reduction of greenhouse gases. The CASP is used as a roadmap for the Green Team as they look to implement identified action items. Successful programs will be highlighted in this presentation. The success of the internal plan opened doors for the County to create a Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) which identifies ways the County can partner with the community to address climate pollution. Current programs from CCAP and actions individuals can take to reduce climate pollution will be discussed.

Native Culinary Herbs for the Home Garden Class-Audubon Community Nature Center (Jamestown, NY). 11am—noon. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch and stay for more conversation! Native plants are gaining popularity with gardeners for their beauty, support of wildlife, and adaptation to the local environment. However, native species are often absent from herb gardens and nursery herb departments. In this class, we'll explore native plants that enhance our gardens and our cooking: rose mallow, nodding onion, pepperweed, anise hyssop, and more. We'll discuss their preferred growing conditions, where to purchase plants and seeds, and how to use these plants in the kitchen. \$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members, \$6 Children (ages 9 – 15). [~REGISTER HERE~](#)

Saturday, October 4

Keeping it Creepy-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Evangola State Park](#). What was that?! Come and explore the creepier side of nature on this guided walk. For adults and children ages 8 and older. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Fall Foraging-10:00am-12:30pm at JP Nicely Memorial Park, West Falls. Join Earth Spirit staff for a fall foraging hike at JP Nicely Memorial Park in West Falls. Spend some time taking in the changing of seasons while learning about the plants and fungi that can sustain and heal us during this time of year. [Register](#).

Fairy Houses-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Whirlpool State Park](#). Join a Park Naturalist in making fairy houses. These mini homes are made from natural materials found in our forest and are a cute whimsical yard or trail decoration. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Walk in the Woods-2:00 PM - 03:30 PM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). From the river to the lake and everything in between, learn about what makes Fort Niagara special! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

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

Raising the Roots for Food Equity-Noon to 4pm fundraiser. A farm-to-fork experience supporting MAP's mission to nurture the growth of a diverse, accessible, and equitable food system. [Tickets](#). 387 Massachusetts Ave, Buffalo, NY 14213.

Spooky Safari Event-11:00am – 3:00pm at Hawk Creek Nature Center, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. Get in the spirit for Halloween early, come in costume and explore our not-so-spooky trick or treat trail to meet some creepy, but friendly, Halloween critters! Be amazed with a flying bird demo! This family friendly event is one you don't want to miss! Tickets available here -> <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product-category/ticket/events/>

Chores & Chuckles at Pelion-10am to 1pm at 212 Best St, Buffalo, NY, United States, New York 14209. Join us the first Saturday morning of each month for some gardening chores and accidental fun. Tasks vary but may include: weeding, watering, light carpentry, planting, harvesting, collecting seeds, starting seed trays, turning soil/compost, transplanting, raking, deadheading, putting up groundhog deterrent fencing, pruning trees and shrubs. Bring your favorite work gloves and water bottle. Sessions are 2hrs. Individuals do not have to sign up--just show up. Stay for an hour or the whole session. [Info](#).

Master your garden series: Microgreens-10am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. All classes will be held at Orleans County CCE in the Education Center. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required. Suggested donation: \$5 per class. Register by calling 585-798-4265 or emailing klo54@cornell.edu. Presenter: Leonard Bower, Bower Farms. Learn how a local grower turned his quest to enrich his mother's diet with a nutrient-dense powerhouse vegetable into a successful small business, supplying microgreens to consumers across WNY.

Vernon Triangle Bulb Planting-10am to 1pm at The Tool Library 2626 Main St., Buffalo. The Tool Library is continuing their Fall Service Days and are asking for help from the community to clean up Main Street and plant bulbs in the Vernon Triangle. These community service events reconnect neighbors and harness the power of collective action to improve the quality of life in Buffalo. [Register and info](#).

Love Our New York Lands Events: Wildlife Day -Across the state, stewardship activities and educational demonstrations will be held to celebrate wildlife conservation and protect New York wildlife. [Map of sites with events](#)

Wildlife Day: Birds!-Join us for a day full of walks and talks that celebrate birds! People new to birding can learn the basic birding skills like how to use binoculars, while experienced birders can enjoy a walk or talk with knowledgeable folks. All will learn how to help the feathered friends we enjoy at Reinstein Woods and enjoy a free cup of Birds & Beans Coffee! For the schedule and registration information, visit <https://reinsteinwoods.org/events/>.

Birding with Kids - WNYYBC @ Reinstein Wildlife Day from 1:00 – 2:00pm

2025 CanAm Bike Ride-Celebrate American-Canadian Friendship and honor those who sought freedom during the Underground Railroad! 9am - 1:30pm EDT at 1170 Niagara Street Buffalo, NY 14213. [Register](#).

Autumn Sunrise Hike*-Tifft Nature Preserve from 7 - 8:30 a.m. | All ages. Greet the morning Sun as it rises over the marsh and warms the Earth on an invigorating guided trail hike. Afterwards, enjoy delicious refreshments on the back deck overlooking Lake Kirsty! [Register.](#)

Inclusive Owl Prowl in Delaware Park- 7 to 8:30pm. Bring a flashlight and Join Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist and Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Ranger Logan Sauer on a nocturnal walk for everyone who loves birds and the outdoors. We welcome those who identify as LGBTQ, allies, families, and anyone who wants to enjoy an outdoor experience that is inclusive. Binoculars will be provided! Meet at the Park Entrance on Rumsey Rd and Windsor Ave. [Register.](#)

46ers Movie Screening - 11:30am North Park Theatre (map) 1428 Hertel Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216 Join us for a special 10th anniversary screening of the nationally acclaimed documentary, The 46ers Film, celebrating the Adirondack High Peaks and the hikers who climb them. Originally released in 2015, the film returns to theaters in 2025 for a limited 10th anniversary tour. Shot across the rugged wilderness of New York's High Peaks, this cinematic experience captures stories of grit, transformation, and community—set to stunning visuals and a stirring original score. The mountains are still calling. [Tickets.](#)

Main St Cleanup + Seed Saving Workshop-10am to 1pm. *The Tool Library (2626 Main Street).* Join us for a Main St. Cleanup in front of The Tool Library, help us plant bulbs in the Vernon Pocket Park and learn how to collect, sort, and save perennial seeds for our Little Free Seed Library. [Register.](#)

The Big Sit: Bird Watching- 8:00am (8 hours, onsite) at Silver Lake State Park Boat Launch. Founded in 1992, The Big Sit is an annual, international birding event similar to a bird-a-thon. The catch is that all observations must be made from within a circle no more than 17 feet in diameter. Our count circle will overlook the southern portion of Silver Lake. You can stay for as little or long as you'd like to help with the count or to learn more about the birds of Silver Lake. Bring a picnic lunch if staying for the lunch hour. At the very least, you will have Matt's undivided attention for the duration! This is in Wyoming County for those of you looking to beef up your eBird list for Wyoming Co! Info- matthew.nusstein@parks.ny.gov

Buffalo Astronomical Association Public Night-7 to 10:45pm at Beaver Meadow Observatory, North Java.

Dog Hike: Ellicott Creek Park -11:00am - 1:00pm at [Ellicott Creek - Ellicott Creek Park, Casino Parking lot.](#) Come join Ranger Nikki for a nice easy walk from the Ellicott Creek Park Casino to the Ellicott Island Dog Park! Bring your pup to meet other pups, take a stroll, and learn about the importance of our leash law. Then finish off the day at the Dog Park for their Puptoberfest event from 12pm to 4pm!! All are welcome (yes you can come even if you don't have a dog of your own!) [Register.](#)

Green Development Tour with Push Buffalo-2 to 4. Tour the development zone on the west side of Buffalo. Please [register.](#)

Sunday, October 5

Morning Wellness Walk-9:30 AM - 11:00 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park.](#) Start off your week with a wellness walk in one of the most picturesque parks in our region! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com.](#)

SNIFFari Through the Park-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Whirlpool State Park.](#) Join us for a walk focusing on enrichment for our furry friends with many stops along the trail to let the dogs get their fill of new scents found in the park as we discuss some of the natural phenomenon and history surrounding the area. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com.](#)

Skull Identification-12 to 3pm. Bond Lake Park Nature Center, Ransomville. [Info.](#)

Monday, October 6

Slow Roll Buffalo at the Centro Culturale Italiano Di Buffalo-Meet at 5:30, ride at 6 pm, 2351 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216.

Full Moon Walk-8pm. Join us for a guided walk through the forest at night under the Harvest Moon. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Fall Gardening Made Easy-10am for Seniors at Orchard Park Senior Center. Tips to reduce fall chores and prepare your garden for winter. [Register.](#)

Clean Mobility Buffalo: EV Repairs and What to Know Before You Spend a Dime- 12:00 PM on Zoom
A free educational session for auto shop owners and technicians to explore whether adding even one EV service could be a smart next step. Learn what a basic EV-ready bay looks like, which upgrades really matter, and hear directly from shop owners already navigating the shift. [Register.](#)

Tuesday, October 7

IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series Virtual- 12:30pm via Zoom for the IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series! [Zoom link.](#) Each weekly program features a local speaker and Q&A. This series is presented by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library in conjunction with C-SAAHN and ImagineLifelongLearning.com. FREE and open to the public.

Bee Safe, Grow Well: Pollinator-Safe Nursery Practices with Full Circle Gardens- 1 to 2pm. Across the country, innovative nursery growers are implementing practices that protect pollinators while still keeping pests at manageable levels. In this webinar, Xerces is proud to feature Sarah Salatino, owner of Full Circle Gardens, a native and perennial nursery located in Essex, Vermont. [Register.](#)

Clothing Swap- 5 to 7:30pm at *The Tool Library (2626 Main Street)*. Fast fashion is one of the leading contributors to landfill waste. Refresh your wardrobe sustainably at our Clothing Swap—bring what you don't wear, find new favorites, and keep clothes out of the landfill. [More info.](#)

Fall Gardening Made Easy-1pm for Seniors at Concord Senior Center. Tips to reduce fall chores and prepare your garden for winter. [Register.](#)

Tree ID Hike-4:30-6pm. Come join us for a fun and educational Tree ID Hike at the end of River Oaks Drive! Here, we will explore a brand NEW trail and learn how to identify different tree species. This in-person event is perfect for nature enthusiasts of all ages. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect with nature and expand your knowledge of trees. See you there! River Oaks Drive, Grand Island, NY 14072. Free.

Wednesday, October 8

Citizens' Climate Lobby Meeting- in the Buffalo Central Library and on Zoom from 6pm - 7pm in the Gallery Conference Room, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203. Join the conversation and meet other volunteers on our discord server: <https://discord.gg/KqVQCekVcF>

Riverline Walking Tour- 5:30 PM and take about an hour. Tours start at the intersection of Hamburg Street and Mackinaw Street and will be led by Executive Director Jeff Lebsack. Afterwards, continue the conversation at Gene McCarthy's. Tours are free and open to the public, but [please register in advance](#) to secure your place for the tour of your choice, as the tours are restricted to 20 people. Please wear comfortable clothing, walking shoes, and bring water. Tours will be held rain or shine, but will be cancelled if there is extreme weather.

Climate Adaptation: Challenges and Opportunities-1 to 5pm. Global temperature averages have already begun to exceed 1.5oC – along with many of the expected impacts such as rising sea levels, record heat waves, changes in species ranges, more extreme flooding events, and enhanced conditions for catastrophic wildfires. Clearly the world needs to be adapting to these climate change impacts and preparing for more to come. [Register.](#)

Beyond the Basics: Real-world Applications and Technical Insights on eDNA- 2 to 3pm. [Register.](#) This webinar will explore how environmental DNA is applied in real-world contexts, including industry-led biodiversity assessments, regulatory compliance, and conservation planning.

Creating pollinator beds-7PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 94 Buffalo Rd (www.uuea.org)
The Unitarian Universalist Church of East Aurora will hold a talk by Bob Colligan on "Creating pollinator beds for minimal effort and maximum enjoyment." All are welcome.

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

Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting – 7pm, Cummings Room, Buffalo Museum of Science..Holly Sweeney: The One and Onlies -an overview of the monotypic bird families of the world.

Thursday, October 9

Basswood Walking Tour of Riverline- 5:30pm. Tours begin at the parking lot at Red Jacket Riverfront Park. Afterward, feel free to rehydrate and continue the conversation at BriarBrothers Brewing in the Silos at Elk Street. The tours take about one hour. Please wear comfortable clothing, walking shoes, and bring water. The Basswoods tour will be on dirt trails near vegetated areas, so long pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended. You may also want to consider using tick repellent. Tours will be held rain or shine, but will be cancelled if there is extreme weather. Cancellations will be posted on our website (theriverline.org) and on Facebook and Instagram. The tours are free, open to the public, and are limited to 20 people. [Please register in advance](#) to secure your place for the tour of your choice.

Green Drinks- 5:30pm at Rosie's (488 W. Utica Street, Buffalo, NY 14213). The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#). Network and connect with other environmental friends.

Toddler Time: The Leaf Thief-10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Join us at Beaver Meadow as we learn what happens to Squirrel's leaves. Can his friend Bird help solve the mystery? Kids will make a craft, make an edible tree for a snack, and hike through the autumn woods. Buffalo Audubon Members - \$10.00, General Admission - \$20.00. [Register](#).

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

"Watt's Up with Your Electric bill?"- 1 to 2pm at Clemmon H. Hodges Community Ctr, 86 Pine St., Buffalo 14204. Join us for a free, easy-to-understand class designed especially for seniors. We'll break down how to read and understand your electric utility bill, your rights as a residential electric customer, community solar is and how it can help you save money (—without installing panels on your home!) and the Erie County ECLIPSE Program which helps residents reduce electricity costs. Please bring a recent electric bill with you! We'll use it as a hands-on example so you can leave feeling informed and confident. *Registration is required for the workshop, but not to visit the ECLIPSE table for enrollment support! Registration will become available here: [Current Classes | University Express](#).

Science in the Virtual Pub- 7:00 pm Eastern. Most sessions are fully virtual. Some special programs will be hybrid events. Live event locations change from month to month. See the Science in the Virtual & Actual Pub events page for live locations and specific talk descriptions. <https://www.priweb.org/event/science-in-the-virtual-pub>

Safety: Designing Walkable Communities for All -10:30 a.m. to noon. [Register](#)

Friday, October 10

Stories of Fright Night Hike-Tifft Nature Preserve, 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ages 18+. Embark into the darkness on a guided tour through the woodlands and marsh to hear short stories of frightful creatures and eerie lore. Hot cider and refreshments served indoors afterwards. [Register](#).

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

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

Saturday, October 11

Audubon Allenburg Bog Hike- 10 to 11:30am. Join Naturalists Breton and Tom in Cattaraugus County for a special hike in our most unique preserve. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Buffalo Audubon Members: \$10, General Admission: \$15. Directions will be provided by email. [Register.](#)

Urban Roots Plant Swap- 9am to 4pm. Bring a plant, take a plant. Dividing plants or changing things up in the garden? This is a wonderful opportunity to share your plants with the gardening community. Please bring plants in containers, labeled with name with no weeds or invasives. 428 Rhode Island St. Buffalo, NY 14213.

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

Honey Harvest Festival-9am to 5pm at Masterson's Garden Center, Inc., 725 Olean Rd., East Aurora NY 14052.

Eighteen Mile Clean Sweep- Join us to clean up Fisherman's Park and Eighteenmile Creek. We will meet at 2066 Lockport Olcott Rd, Burt, NY 14028-9701_ 9:30 and go until noon. Hours count towards school and club volunteer hours! Supplies will be provided. Please call 716-434-4949 ext 4 or email scott.collins@ny.nacdnet.net to sign up.

William Gaiter Cleanup and Bulb Planting-10am to 1pm. The Tool Library is continuing their Fall Service Days with a clean up in the William Gaiter area along with planting bulbs. This and the other Service Days bring together community members, teach new hands-on skills, and help steward public spaces like parks, gardens, and trails. For more information go to: <https://thetoollibrary.org/service/>

Museum Monster Mash-Buffalo Museum, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. ,All ages. Explore the monsters and myths of the museum while enjoying hands-on activities. Every guest who completes all the activities will also receive a spooky goodie bag to take home (while supplies last)! Add on a paint-a-planter activity for only \$5 per participant for even more Halloween fun. [Register.](#)

National Coming Out Day-11am. Come on out to the Woods for a LGBTQ+ community stroll! Let your true colors shine among the colors of autumn. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Spooky Safari Event-11:00am – 3:00pm at Hawk Creek Nature Center, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. Get in the spirit for Halloween early, come in costume and explore our not-so-spooky trick or treat trail to meet some creepy, but friendly, Halloween critters! Be amazed with a flying bird demo! This family friendly event is one you don't want to miss! Tickets available here -> <https://www.hawkcreek.org/product-category/ticket/events/>

Autumn Walk and Craft-1pm. The leaves are changing, and the mushrooms are out! Let's go for a guided walk, gather some inspiration, and recreate the fall colors with an air-dry clay project. For adults only. \$5 fee/free for Friends members. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Migratory Bird Day Walk-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [Whirlpool State Park](#). Go birding with an educator on migratory bird day to learn more about the migratory birds we find along the Niagara River. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Gulls and Falls-01:30 PM - 03:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll through Niagara Falls State Park with a Park Naturalist and explore all the gulls and waterfowl that lay host within. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Fall Fest-11am to 3pm. Buffalo Central Terminal 495 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo. Celebrate autumn with live music, local bands, and Buffalo pride! Enjoy performances by: Pipe Bomb Johnny Hart & The Mess Easy Street Big Band DJ Nasty will keep the vibes going, and ADRI V The Go Getta will host the festivities! Fun for the whole family.

Luminary Walk -Parking is limited. Please sign up only for the number of vehicles you are bringing, not the number of people. This event is happening on both October 11th and 17th from 6pm-8:30pm with several 30-minute arrival windows. After arriving during the window you signed up for you may stay as long as you'd like. Embark on a magical self-guided Luminary Walk, participants will traverse a carefully illuminated trail adorned with glowing luminaries, creating an ethereal pathway through the wilderness. The Visitor Center and Flyway Nature store will be open, hot beverages and snacks provided, and restrooms will be available! This event is free and open to all! Required Sign up [here](#). Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013

Sunday, October 12

Morning Wellness Walk-9:30 AM - 11:00 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Start off your week with a wellness walk in one of the most picturesque parks in our region! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Trash or Treat Trail Cleanup-Tifft Nature Preserve, 2 - 4 p.m., All ages. Drop-by and trade-in a bag of litter for a treat! Start at the Education Center to collect a garbage bag, gloves, and a map. Bring it back with litter collected onsite for a small prize. [Register](#).

Gorgeous Views Foliage Hike-10:00 AM - 01:00 PM at [Whirlpool State Park](#). Join us on a hike down to the Whirlpool Flats and immerse yourself with the stunning fall foliage contrasted with the blue/green water of the lower Niagara River and subsequent rapids. Ages 8+ Skill level: Difficult. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Monster Mash Soap Making-1:00 PM - 02:00 PM at [Evangola State Park](#). Unleash your inner artisan at the Evangola Nature Center! Make your own soap using a glycerin soap base and fun molds. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Bioblitz: Sprague Brook Park – 10am to noon. [Sprague Brook - Meeting Location: Sprague Brook Park – Shelter 5 Lot](#). Join Park Ranger Adam for a Fall Bioblitz as we explore the diverse habitats of Sprague Brook Park—including creeks, ponds, forests, and meadows—in search of plants, insects, fungi, and wildlife. Participants will use the Seek by iNaturalist app to identify and log observations, contributing to community science while learning about local biodiversity. All ages and experience levels welcome! · Meeting Location: Sprague Brook Park – Shelter 5 Lot, [Register for Bioblitz ~ Sprague Brook Park ~](#)

Monday, October 13

Slow Roll Buffalo at Resurgence Brewing-Meet at 5:30, ride at 6 pm, 55 Chicago St., Buffalo, NY 14204.

Tuesday, October 14

Material Health Open Innovation Symposium VI-Noon to 5pm online, free. [Register](#).

“Native American Land Use and Paleoecological Restoration.” - Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m. on the at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4225 Harlem Road. Speaker Niyat Berhe has been researching a Native American site in West Seneca. She is currently a graduate student in Sustainability Leadership at U.B. In 2022 She completed her undergraduate degree at U.B. in Environmental Studies and has completed internships at Tifft Nature Preserve, Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, and at the Buffalo Museum of Science in the botany section.

IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series Virtual- 12:30pm via Zoom for the IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series! [Zoom link](#), FREE and open to the public

DIY Workshop: Foraged Ink- 6 to 7:30pm at *The Tool Library (2626 Main Street)*. Learn how to create fun and vibrant art work with invasive species! At this workshop, artist Tatiana Ryckman will use invasive species to demonstrate how you can create ink! [Tickets](#) are \$20 for TL members and \$30 for general admission.

Fossils of Western New York- 1pm at Concord Senior Center. Uncover the past and explore the ancient history of Western New York with Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve, ranked the #1 fossil park in the US in a 2011 independent study. Learn what animals lived in this region 380 million years ago, how the Earth has changed since, and what those fossils look like today. [Register](#).

Growing a Chocolate-Scented Garden-2pm at Eden Library. Design a garden featuring plants with chocolate-like aromas. [Register](#).

ADK Monthly Meeting- Amherst Community Church (Our old meeting place!) 77 Washington Hwy., Amherst, NY 14226. Education Program: **BOOTS!** at 6:15 p.m. Boots on the Ground or How to Have Happy Feet at the End of the Day. 7pm. Ken Slaughenhoupt will present a program of the historically significant Lower (i.e., Lewiston) Landing. The Lower Landing is one of the original terms used to describe the “end of navigation” on the lower Niagara River.

Wednesday, October 15

National Mushroom Day Walk-1:30pm. Come marvel at mushrooms on this walk through the woods. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Seed Collection: Out-planting and Native Plant Resources-1pm webinar. Learn best practices for out-planting native plants grown from wild-collected seed and strategies for establishing herbaceous and woody plants. Free. [Register.](#)

Beekeeping Class: Winterizing Hives-5:30pm at Masterson’s Garden Center, East Aurora. [Register and Info.](#)

Intro to Backyard Astronomy-10:30am at Hamburg Senior Center. This program is an introductory course featuring the many night-sky wonders you can observe from your own backyard. Topics will include background and terms useful for understanding the night skies, types of equipment generally available for viewing, and how, what, and why objects can be observed. [Register.](#)

Virtual Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) Work Group Kickoff Meeting- 3:00pm-4:30pm
Meeting Objectives: Review DEC, Great Lakes Program and Work Group member progress updates, Present on the Baseline Conditions Characterization. Share Sub-Basin Work Planning Progress and Next Steps for Work Planning. [Register.](#)

Homemade to Money Made: Agriculture Business Workshop- 6 to 8pm at Niagara County Cooperative Ext. in Lockport. Have a recipe, farm product, or kitchen creation you think could grow into a business? This free workshop will help you take that idea from dream to reality. Join Heather Nedroscik, CCE Niagara’s Beginner Farmer Educator, Bree Bacon, Certified Business Advisor with the Niagara SBDC, and Jen Regan, Program Manager for the WNY Food Incubator and Commercial Kitchen, for an evening exploring the essentials of launching a value-added venture. Free. Register : <https://form.jotform.com/252573716473059>

Thursday, October 16

WNY PRISM Fall Partner Meeting – 9:30am to noon partner meeting, 1-3pm working groups. SUNY Buffalo State University’s Jacqueline Vito LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center, 667 Grant St., Buffalo. The morning will include updates from WNY PRISM’s 2025 field season, a presentation and discussion of WNY PRISM’s Strategic Plan, and partner updates from across the region. The afternoon will include Terrestrial and Aquatic Working Group Meetings to review and update regional NYS Invasive Species Tier Rankings and priorities. Whether you are a plant person, fish person, someone with knowledge about invertebrates, pathogens, pathways of invasion, agricultural impacts of invasive species, or about any other aspects of invasive species and management, your input will be very valuable! For more info and to register, visit <https://www.wnyprism.org/2025-fall-partner-meeting/>. **Please register by Tuesday, October 14.**

Intro to Backyard Astronomy-10am at Cheektowaga Senior Center. This program is an introductory course featuring the many night-sky wonders you can observe from your own backyard. Topics will include background and terms useful for understanding the night skies, types of equipment generally available for viewing, and how, what, and why objects can be observed. [Register.](#)

Ride Reels-5:30 to 8:15pm at the Buffalo History Museum for a mixer in their beautiful lobby before heading into the auditorium for a presentation on Buffalo’s intricate cycling history and a screening of *The Street Project* from PBS. You can purchase your tickets [HERE.](#)

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.*

Accessibility: How Transportation Trails Improve Community Access -10:30 a.m. to noon. [Register](#)

"Next Steps for Nature" with Doug Tallamy-7pm. Doug Tallamy, entomologist, ecologist and author, will speak on "Next Steps for Nature" in a free webinar hosted by the national organization Wild Ones. Tallamy addresses common concerns on biodiversity, invasive species, native plants, and conservation strategies, providing practical guidance and motivation to restore nature in everyday spaces. [Register.](#)

Memory Cafe: Tree ID- Tifft Nature Preserve, 9:30 - 11 a.m. | Ages 18+. Join us at Tifft this month for Memory Cafe. This month the focus is on trees and seasonal color changes in the landscape. Learn how to identify common species. 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. [Register.](#)

SciNight: Harvest Wreath Making-Tifft Nature Preserve, 7 - 9 p.m. | Ages 18+. Use the bounty of materials that nature provides in the fall to create a beautiful make-and-take 14-inch wreath. All materials will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring items of their own to add. [Register.](#)

Friday, October 17

Halloween Myths Unraveled-08:00 PM - 09:30 PM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Did you know? Jack-o-Lanterns haven't always been pumpkins. Unravel nightmarish nature myths and discover the truth about your favorite spooky stories. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Friday Morning Birding-8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Rose Acres Nature Preserve, located at the intersection of Torrey Hill Rd and Java Lake Rd. Join us for weekly birding with Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr. Binoculars are available. Buffalo Audubon Members – Free, General Admission - \$10.00. [Register Here](#)

Next Steps for Nature-7pm webinar with Doug Tallamy. Register: <https://wildones.org/next-steps-for-nature/>. This webinar builds on Tallamy's newest book, [How Can I Help?: Saving Nature with Your Yard](#), offering real-world solutions to the challenges people face when turning their landscapes into functional ecosystems. He addresses 500 of the most frequently asked questions about ecological landscaping. Topics include biodiversity, invasive species control, native vs. non-native plants, oak biology, monarch butterflies, urban habitat restoration, and more.

Brew at the Zoo- 5:30pm. Saddle up for a wild evening at the Buffalo Zoo! Country Night, featuring local craft drinks, live country music, line dancing and so much more! [Tickets.](#)

Fall Lytle Nature Preserve Day-5 to 7pm. All ages are welcome. Activities for kids and families, 4-H, take a walk or hike and check out the preserve and the new bridge, Snacks & Fun! Free event. The 111-acre Lytle Nature Preserve is located on the north side of North Canal Road and was donated to the Town of Lockport by William F. Lytle in 2008 and is protected by the Land Conservancy with a conservation easement. No RSVP necessary. Come and take a walk, check out the trails, and visit with our guests or partake in the activities and other offerings. Please park across the street in the parking lot along the water/canal. 6637 North Canal Road Lockport, NY 14094.

Luminary Walk -Parking is limited. Please sign up only for the number of vehicles you are bringing, not the number of people. This event is happening on both October 11th and 17th from 6pm-8:30pm with several 30-minute arrival windows. Embark on a magical self-guided Luminary Walk, participants will traverse a carefully illuminated trail adorned with glowing luminaries, creating an ethereal pathway through the wilderness. The Visitor Center and Flyway Nature store will be open, hot beverages and snacks provided, and restrooms will be available! This event is free and open to all! Required Sign up [here](#). Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013

Saturday, October 18

Basic Tree ID-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Devil's Hole State Park](#). Short talk about how to identify trees and then take a short walk on the rim trail towards Whirlpool State Park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

BWELL Annual Fundraising Event: Sip and Sow-12 to 3pm at Mint Mojito Bar. Create your own take-home plant, enjoy food and signature cocktails. [Tickets](#).

Fall Foliage Walk-2:00 PM - 04:00 PM at [Devil's Hole State Park](#). Take a walk along the gorge to learn more about the fall foliage with a park educator! Binoculars and cameras encouraged! Registration available on [Eventbrite.com](#) but not required.

Autumn Colors-10am. Fall foliage is a blaze of color, from vibrant oranges and reds to subtle yellows. Enjoy the beauty of autumn on this guided walk as we identify trees in the fall. For adults and children ages 10 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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

Beaver Meadow Owl Prowl-7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Join Senior Naturalists Tom and Breton on a nocturnal hike through Beaver Meadow in search of the owls that make their home in our preserve. \$15.00 Buffalo Audubon Members, \$20.00 General Admission. [Register](#).

Open Buffalo's Eco Justice Block Party-11 AM to 4 PM. ECLIPSE staff will also be available to answer questions about how you can save \$ on your electric bills and improve energy efficiency in your home through NYSEDA-funded programs. Bring an email address and electric utility bill! **Location:** Jefferson Ave btwn E. Utica and Woodlawn Ave.

Halloween Bash Fundraiser at Chestnut Ridge- Casino at Chestnut Ridge Park from 6-9pm. Only \$50.00 per person (adult) and \$20 per person (child 5 Yrs and older) – advance sales. At Door \$65/\$25 [Individual Tickets](#)

Dare to Repair Cafes-11am to 2pm, Newstead Public Library, 33 Main St., Akron. These are community events where people can bring in broken objects like lamps, vacuums, bicycles, toys, clothing, sewing machines, PCs, laptops, and small electronics to be repaired — free of charge — by volunteer fixers. By following along during repairs, attendees can learn the skills they need to fix things on their own. [Register](#).

No Kings Rally-11am to 1pm in Niagara Square. Public demonstration for democracy.

Intense Hike Fall Hike: Franklin Gulf County Park -10:00am - 1:00pm at [Franklin Gulf - Larkin Road Parking Area](#). Join Ranger Austin on an intense fall trek! Franklin Gulf Park was formerly known as Larkin Woods. It is a 631-acre undeveloped park that is bounded by Sandrock Road to the north, Larkin Road to the east and School Street to the south. The park is primarily a wooded area with creeks, ravines, waterfalls and ledge outcroppings. There is a parking area on Larkin Road, just before the North Collins Town Line. Franklin Gulf Park is the winner of Buffalo Spree Magazine's The Best of WNY 2015: Most Beautiful Under-The-Radar Park award. [Register for Intense Hike Fall Hike ~ Franklin Gulf County Park ~](#)

Party for the Park Halloween Bash- 6 to 9pm at Chestnut Ridge Park Casino. [Info and Tickets](#).

Creatures Of the Night-4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Cornell Cooperative Extension Cattaraugus County is thrilled to announce its first fundraising event, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY. A unique opportunity for families to explore the fascinating world of nocturnal animals and learn about the science behind them. Attendees will enjoy a host of themed activities, including speakers, educational exhibits, games, photo opportunity and seasonal crafts. All proceeds from the event will support CCE's local Master Gardener programs in key areas, such as Seed to Supper, Gardening classes, Environmental Education, and Community agriculture. Register to pick up your tickets at the door: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/CreaturesOftheNight_258. Tickets are \$15/ person or \$30 for family of 4. Cost includes hot dog, chips and beverage. Desserts table is being hosted by the Nannan Arboretum volunteers and will be sold separately.

Community Work Days- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens, 1825 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda. All volunteers welcome.

Sunday, October 19

Birds of a Feather-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Discover our feathery friends at Knox Farm. Identify and observe birds on a nature walk throughout the park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Schenck House Public Open House-10:00am - 2:00pm at [Grover Cleveland Golf Course](#) - Schenck House. The Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry is excited to announce plans for a public open house at the newly rehabilitated Schenck House. Be one of the first to see the new Erie County Parks history museum, housed in one of the oldest extant stone structures in the City of Buffalo, built in 1822. County Historian Doug Kohler and Erie County Park Rangers and staff will be on hand to provide information about the historic site and the \$2 million restoration project. 3781 Main Street. No food or drink allowed inside the house.

Fall Yoga & Hiking-10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cost: \$35*. [Kenneglenn Scenic & Nature Preserve](#). Join us for a beautiful fall morning at Kenneglenn Scenic and Nature Preserve in East Aurora. Megan from One Yoga will guide you through a relaxing, slow-flow, outdoor yoga class designed to calm the nervous system and connect with nature. After that, Andrew Gaerte of the Land Conservancy will lead you on a nature hike at the Preserve. *Proceeds will support the Land Conservancy and their conservation efforts. [REGISTER at One Yoga's WEBSITE](#).

Monday, October 20

Slow Roll Buffalo at the Dnipro Ukrainian Center-Meet at 5:30, ride at 6 pm, 562 Genesee St Buffalo, NY.

What's Going on With Composting-1:30 at Amherst Senior Center. [Register](#).

Tuesday, October 21

IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series: Melissa Parker Leonard Virtual- 12:30pm via Zoom for the IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series! Melissa Parker Leonard (Founder, 7th Gen Cultural Resources; DEAI Committee Chair, Erie County Historical Commission) presenting "Two Sides of the Waterway: Reflecting on the Erie Canal through an Indigenous Lens". [Zoom link](#)

Backyard Wildlife-2pm at Elma Library. Learn tricks to encourage wildlife into your backyard! Do's and don'ts, best species to attract, and why they matter. [Register](#).

Ralph Wilson Park Bird Trip-Join Andrew Gaerte and the Buffalo Ornithological Society for a special behind-the-scenes birding trip to Ralph Wilson Park (previously La Salle Park)! Learn about the park's innovative design features that promote biodiversity and enjoy birding in an evolving green space that's becoming a haven for wildlife and people alike. The Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy, in partnership with Gilbane Construction, is offering small hard hat tours when possible, depending on the conditions at the park, which is an active construction site. We can tour groups of up to 25 people. We will cover up to 2 miles of uneven terrain without stopping to sit down. Please be advised of these conditions and only choose to join if you are able to walk 2 miles of uneven terrain in under 90 minutes. All attendees must wear close toed shoes and pants. To join the tour, you must be over 18. The Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy will provide a construction helmet and high visibility vest, which must be worn while on site. Parking is available at the construction trailers. Take Porter Ave., enter the park on DAR Drive, go past the pool & football field, through the 'road closed' signs and enter through the gate. You can park in front of the construction trailers. Anyone who prefers not to drive/bike into the site can park in the football field parking lot and walk in. We will meet there to get hard hats and vests on and review the safety protocol. Must RSVP to Andrew Gaerte (585) 610-6842, Andrew.gaerte@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 22

AI in Action: Practical Tools for Corporate Sustainability Impact-11am to noon webinar. Join us to learn how AI is being used to streamline sustainability processes such as ESG reporting, enhance materiality assessments, optimize decarbonization strategies, and uncover sustainability risks and opportunities at scale. We'll cut through the buzzwords and focus on practical, ethical, and mission-aligned applications of AI that can help accelerate your sustainability goals.

Webinar: U.S. Food Waste Pact Town Hall- 1pm. Join ReFED and WWF for their annual U.S. Food Waste Pact town hall—and come prepared to ask questions! The team will be giving an overview of projects and milestones that have been accomplished since last year's event, and then speakers will give a preview of what's to come for all programmatic pillars of the Pact (data reporting, precompetitive convenings, and pilot projects). [Register Now](#)

UB Architecture Talk- 6 to 7:30pm. Award-winning designer James Corner will deliver this year's Dean's Lecture. For the past 30 years, he has shaped landscape architecture and urbanism through major public projects such as Manhattan's High Line, Chicago's Navy Pier, and Seattle's Waterfront. [RSVP for in-person at 403 Hayes Hall, UB South.](#) [RSVP for Zoom.](#)

Grand Island Habitat Certification Celebration-5:30 to 7:30pm, Join us at the Grand Island Memorial Library for a fun-filled event celebrating our community's dedication to habitat preservation. This gathering allows you to interact with our neighbors who have went through the process of certifying their garden as a Grand Island wildlife habitat! Come listen to their triumphs and tribulations as they worked on their certification and see how the gardens have progressed. Additionally, you will hear about many of the great events that the Grand Island Nature Alliance continues to offer. Let's celebrate our shared commitment to creating a greener, healthier environment for all!

Thursday, October 23

PUSH Buffalo Building Blocks Breakfast-8 to 9am at Kleinhans Music Hall. Seating is assigned so registration is required. Celebrate 20 years of wins for housing, jobs and justice. [Register.](#)

Seed Lenders' Lecture Series-6 to 7pm at Orchard Park Library S-4570 South Buffalo St, Orchard Park. CCE Erie Master Gardener Volunteers is offering a series of lectures featuring an array of topics to take you into ideas and solutions for gardening through the summer and into the fall. Lawns Love the Fall - Should you take away your leaves at the start of Fall, or should you leave them? Find out more about garden prepping for the season. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information, please call the Orchard Park Library at (716) 662-9851.

Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust Fall Fest-6 to 9pm at Duende at Silo City, Buffalo. Your presence helps fuel our work transforming brownfields into healthy, vibrant spaces for all. Together, we can ensure that our waterfronts remain places to gather, explore, and enjoy for generations to come. [Tickets.](#)

Bugs Up Close: What Good Are Insects?- 10am at Cheektowaga Senior Center. [Register.](#) Or virtual [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.*

Education: Teaching Walking Safety from a Young Age – 10:30am to noon. [Register](#)

Toddler Time:- Squeakey and Owiee the Halloween Haunt-10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Join Squeakey and Owiee on a light-hearted adventure through the woods. We will have a snack and craft our own mummies, and have an adventure through the nature center. Whooo knows what Tricks or treats we will find? [Register Here](#)

Co-Digestion of Food Waste at Wastewater Treatment Facilities: Leveraging Existing Infrastructure for Organics Diversion Webinar-1:30 - 3:00 PM ET | [Register Now](#) (Free). This webinar will explore how wastewater treatment plants are tapping into existing infrastructure to co-digest food waste, creating a cost-effective, sustainable pathway for organics diversion.

The Resilience Advantage: A Blueprint for Small Business Survival and Success in a Changing Climate- 1:15 to 2:15pm. [Register.](#)

Science in the Virtual & Actual Pub - 7:00 pm Eastern. See the Science in the Virtual & Actual Pub events page for live locations and specific talk descriptions. <https://www.priweb.org/event/science-in-the-virtual-pub>

Pasture Walk-5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Feor Farms is experienced at grazing beef, handling up to 36 animals on pasture. The landowner has had issues with animals damaging pasture during the sometimes wet and muddy fall season. Feor Farms is currently working with Niagara County SWCD on an AEM BMP grant project to construct a heavy use feeding area for round bales, along with a manure management system, and fencing to keep the cows away from Twelvemile Creek. Come watch as Feors put their animals on the system for the first time and discuss the how and whys of the project. Also learn more about possible AEM BMP grant opportunities. For more information or to sign up please contact the Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 716-434-4949 ext 4. Free.

CCE Niagara Annual Meeting-6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. 4-H Training Center Auditorium in Lockport. Reception begins at 6:00 PM, Formal program starts at 6:30 PM. Join us for an evening of celebration and connection at the 2025 CCE Niagara Annual Meeting. Enjoy complimentary beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts as we gather to share updates, recognize outstanding service, present awards, and announce our new board members. RSVP to Elizabeth Kaufman at 716-433-8839 ext. 224 or email emk268@cornell.edu to confirm your attendance.

CCE Erie Annual Meeting-6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Roycroft Campus Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora, NY. Social time starts at 6:30pm and the business meeting begins at 7:00pm. Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Russo, Cornell Viticulture Extension Specialist. Light food and drinks will be provided. See our website for Constitution update. Call (716) 652-5400 x176 to request a paper copy mailed to you. Please [register](#) by **October 20, 2025!**

Friday, October 24

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

"Watt's Up with Your Electric bill?"-1 to 2pm at Orchard Park Senior Center. Curious about how your electric bill works—and how to reduce it? Join us for a free, easy-to-understand class designed especially for seniors. We'll break down how to read and understand your electric utility bill, your rights as a residential electric customer, community solar is and how it can help you save money (—without installing panels on your home!) and the Erie County ECLIPSE Program which helps residents reduce electricity costs. Please bring a recent electric bill with you! We'll use it as a hands-on example so you can leave feeling informed and confident. Whether you want to save money, protect your rights, or better understand your energy use, this class is for you. Visit erie.gov/eclipse to learn more about the program ahead of time! *Registration is required for the workshop, but not to visit the ECLIPSE table for enrollment support! Registration will become available here: [Current Classes | University Express](#)

Science After Hours: Frankenscience- 6 to 9pm at Science Museum (adults only). Dare to enter a world where science gets spooky with monsters and myths! At the museum's adults-only Frankenscience, the lines between myth and reality blur in a thrilling night of monstrous discoveries, electrifying experiments, and eerie entertainment. Upgrade your night with a facilitated one-hour squid dissection at 6:30 or 7:45 p.m. for just \$20. Up to two guests can work together on one squid—perfect for curious couples or brave besties! [Info and Tickets.](#)

Saturday, October 25

Knot-So-Fast-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Practice tying knots that are useful for camping and other outdoor activities. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Birding on the Beach-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Woodlawn Beach State Park](#). Enjoy a guided bird walk down to the beach to see gulls, songbirds, and other birds. Discover what makes Woodlawn Beach State Park special. Registration available on [Eventbrite.com](#) but not required.

Fall Foliage Walk-01:00 PM - 02:30 PM at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Take a scenic stroll through the Niagara Gorge at Artpark State Park and enjoy the beautiful views of fall. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Fall Foliage Family Fun-10:30am. Bring the family for a stroll to enjoy autumn colors and seasonal activities! Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Halloween Headlamp Hike-6 to 8pm for all ages at Clarence Nature Center, 9030 Sheridan Dr. Trick or treating on the trails with nature-themed educational stations. Kids younger than 14 must have an adult.

North Tonawanda Owl Prowl- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Meet at the Corner of Raymond Ave and Birch St. Join Buffalo Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr for a nocturnal search for the Eastern Screech-owls that live in north Tonawanda's Klydell Wetlands. Waterproof Footwear is Recommended! \$15.00 Buffalo Audubon Members, \$20.00 General Admission. [Register Here](#)

Fall Tool + Bake Sale- Noon to 4pm at *The Tool Library (2626 Main Street)*. Join us for a sidewalk sale where we'll be slinging delicious baked good and hundreds of tools ranging from hammers and wrenches, to circular saws, drills, woodworking tools, garden tools, lawnmowers, and more! [Info](#).

"Building a Lead-Safe and Healthy Future"-Join the Buffalo & Erie County Lead Safe Task Force and the UB Lead Research Group for our annual meeting and summit from 9am to 1 pm at Hayes Hall on South Campus. This event will feature a new film, speakers, and discussion about policy, research and community education challenges and opportunities moving forward. The event is free and open to the public though space is limited. Please [register](#) by October 17th.

Leaf Lab: Exploring Fall Colors through Chromatography-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Emery Park - Meeting Location: Emery Park - Field House Lot](#). Join Park Ranger Adam for an educational program exploring the science behind fall foliage. Participants will learn to identify common tree species, examine why leaves change color, and conduct a hands-on chromatography experiment using various solutions to separate and observe leaf pigments. This program includes a short hike and is ideal for learners of all ages with an interest in nature, science, and the changing seasons. [Register](#).

BWELL Camping- 10am thru Sunday at noon. Join us for an overnight camping adventure for women. Whether you're an experienced camper or brand new to sleeping outdoors, this is a welcoming space to build community, learn new skills, and soak in the beauty of the wild. Location to be shared. [Tickets](#).

Free Tree Planting Seminar-Join Re-Tree WNY from 8:30AM – Coffee/donuts, Workshop: 9AM – 12Noon at The Chapel at Forest Lawn – 1990 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208. [Register](#). Must attend workshop to help with Nov. 1 tree plantings.

Sunday, October 26

Art in the Park: Fall Watercolor-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Create your very own watercolor landscape. Use water from Knox Farm to create art inspired by the park! Paints, brushes, and paper will be provided. For adults 18+. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Monday, October 27

Slow Roll Buffalo at BriarBrothers Brewing Company-meet at 5:30, ride at 6 pm, 50 Elk St. Buffalo, NY 14210.

Lake Erie Work Group Meeting (Reservoir State Park) - 1:00pm-3:00pm (optional group hike of the park from 3:00pm-4:00pm). [Register](#). Discussing Great Lakes Action Agenda.

Tuesday, October 28

IMAGINE Buffalo Speaker Series: Mason Winfield Virtual- 12:30pm via Zoom, features Mason Winfield (author and supernatural historian) presenting "Buffalo's Occult Architecture". [Zoom link](#). FREE and open to the public.

Knowledge for the Public Good Workshop-12:30 to 2pm at Roswell Park Community Outreach and Engagement Center , 907 Michigan Ave, Buffalo, NY 14204. Social Media Campaign-how can you use tools to help your community. [Register](#).

Inside GreenForce-4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Join us for an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at Viridi and the GreenForce workforce development program. Discover how Viridi is powering a cleaner future and discover

how GreenForce is preparing skilled talent to meet the region's growing demand for sustainable energy and advanced manufacturing jobs. This guided tour will showcase innovative technology, training opportunities, and real-world career pathways driving Western New York's green economy. After the tour, stay for networking and an opportunity to discuss workforce development challenges and solutions with fellow attendees. Viridi requests that everyone wear safety glasses on the tour. Please bring your own if you have them! 1001 East Delavan Avenue, Buffalo. [Register Now!](#)

Wednesday, October 29

Backyard Beekeeping-10am. Grand Island Golden Age Center. Backyard Beekeepers is a class designed for anyone interested in starting their own hive and learning the basics of beekeeping. Participants will explore fundamental topics such as bee biology, hive structure, and the importance of honeybees in pollination. The course covers essential equipment - like hives, protective clothing, smokers, and basic tools - along with guidance on choosing a hive location. Students will also be introduced to valuable resources to support their beekeeping journey. [Register.](#)

Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

Dark Side of the Falls-5:30 PM - 07:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). It's not always rainbows and sunshine at Niagara Falls... Take a walk around the park to learn about the Dark Side of the Falls. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Saturday, November 1

Crafting Cordage -10am. Learn how to identify and harvest dogbane for cordage in this hands-on workshop celebrating Haudenosaunee ethnobotany—the study of how plants have been traditionally used for food, medicine, and other purposes. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Master your garden series: Art of Growing Hydrangeas-10am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. All classes will be held at Orleans County CCE in the Education Center. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required. Suggested donation: \$5 per class. Register by calling 585-798-4265 or emailing klo54@cornell.edu. The Art of Growing Hydrangeas November 1 Presenters: MG Noelle Wiedemer & MG Sue Starkweather Miller. The Art of Growing Hydrangeas - 7 Ps for Success: Planting, Pampering, Preventing Pests, Propagating, Pruning and Preserving Your Hydrangea Plant.

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

Chores & Chuckles at Pelion-10am to 1pm at 212 Best St, Buffalo, NY, United States, New York 14209. Join us the first Saturday morning of each month for some gardening chores and accidental fun. Tasks vary but may include: weeding, watering, light carpentry, planting, harvesting, collecting seeds, starting seed trays, turning soil/compost, transplanting, raking, deadheading, putting up groundhog deterrent fencing, pruning trees and shrubs. Bring your favorite work gloves and water bottle. Sessions are 2hrs. Individuals do not have to sign up-- just show up. Stay for an hour or the whole session. [Info.](#)

Tree Planting with Re-Tree- Community wide effort. Volunteers must attend tree planting seminar on Oct. 25 and registration info will be available after that date at <https://www.buffalogreenfund.org/tree-planting-workshop>

Leaf Litter Exploration: Chestnut Ridge Park -10:00am - 12:00pm at [Chestnut Ridge](#) - Chestnut Ridge Park, Deputy Commissioners Cabin/ XC Ski Trailhead. Join Ranger Nikki for a walk in the woods getting our hands dirty digging through some leaf litter! Come prepared for log flipping and hands on interactions with bugs and worms of all kinds! Let's explore what is below our feet that goes unseen! [Register.](#)

Monday, November 3

Intro to Backyard Astronomy-1pm at Grand Island Golden Age Center. This program is an introductory course featuring the many night-sky wonders you can observe from your own backyard. Topics will include background and terms useful for understanding the night skies, types of equipment generally available for viewing, and how, what, and why objects can be observed. [Register.](#)

Tuesday, November 4

“Botanical Outlaws: Thieves, Parasites, and Carnivores.” - Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m. on the at the [Harlem Road Community Center, 4225 Harlem Road](#), Speaker will be **Wayne Gall**, current NFBS president. Wayne has previously been Curator of Entomology at the Buffalo Museum of Science and Regional Entomologist for NYS Dept. of Health. He is also an avid botanist and has been a leader at Allegany Pilgrimage for many years.

Adoption of Reuse in Federal and State Food Code Guidance-1 to 2:30pm. Have you ever asked yourself while at a restaurant: Can I refill my own drink or food container? Can a restaurant refill a container? Can a third-party organization handle the washing of a refillable container? We will answer these questions and more, as speakers discuss the permissivity of reusable containers in foodservice as noted in federal and state level food codes. Learn about the new U.S. Food and Drug Administration's federal food code supplemental guidance addressing reuse and why it is critical that all states adopt it. [Register.](#)

Urban Wildlife: Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park-10am to noon at [Seneca Bluffs Park on Seneca St at the Buffalo River \(park in main parking lot\)](#). Join Ranger Roy for a chance to learn about and possibly see some urban wildlife. Believe it or not, Seneca Bluffs usually has several deer hanging around a few hundred feet from Bailey Avenue and I-190. Some years there are elusive and beautiful wild turkeys. We will discuss and compare urban and rural habitat and how species adapt. [Register.](#)

Public Comments, Civic Engagement and Activism

****This section will share ways to engage and follow policy at the federal and state level. Voting is one action, but civic engagement requires us to share our views and desires with our elected officials.**

Public Comments for State Energy Plan Draft

New Yorkers are encouraged to provide oral comments on the [Draft State Energy Plan](#) Public comments are being accepted through **Oct. 6.**

Eligibility Guidelines for Habitat Enhancement and Restoration

DEC and the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (State Parks) have announced [new eligibility guidelines for biodiversity conservation and enhancement projects](#). DEC and State Parks are responsible for managing millions of acres of public lands across the state and will use Bond Act funds to undertake and/or support ecosystem restoration and enhancement projects to conserve and protect these lands. Projects will include, but are not limited to: floodplain, wetland, and stream restoration; and expansion, restoration, and conservation of grasslands, shrublands, and forests. Public comments on the draft guidelines will be accepted until **Friday, October 3, 2025**, at 5 p.m.

Buffalo Niagara's draft Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

In 2023, the U.S. EPA awarded GBNRTC a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to develop a [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan \(CCAP\) for Erie and Niagara Counties](#). Building on the 2024 Priority Climate Action Plan, the draft CCAP—*“10 Big Actions to Reduce Emissions in Buffalo Niagara”*—outlines long-term strategies for cutting greenhouse gas

emissions, informed by over 18 months of research, analysis, and community engagement. We invite you to review the draft plan and share your feedback. [Public comments](#) will be received until **October 6, 2025**.

Proposed REUSE Act

A bipartisan, commonsense bill called the [Research for Environmental Uses and Sustainable Economies \(REUSE\) Act of 2025](#) takes an important step toward tackling the plastic pollution crisis. It directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to study how reuse and refill systems can be expanded across the country. Reusable packaging is a proven solution in the fight against the plastic problem, and it has the [lowest carbon footprint of any packaging option](#). By reducing reliance on single-use plastics, reuse and refill infrastructure can cut waste, lower emissions, and create jobs in a truly circular economy. [Contact your Senators to cosponsor the REUSE Act of 2025](#).

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

- https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/subjects/environmental_protection/6038 provides a listing of federal environmental legislation that is pending.
- <https://legiscan.com/NY/pending/assembly-environmental-conservation-committee/id/365> provides a list of environmental legislation pending for the NY Environmental Conservation Committee.
- <https://eany.org/our-work/2024-bill-memos/> provides a list on NY environmental legislation with comments from Environmental Advocates of NY.

Tips for the Environment:

- **Compost your Halloween pumpkins and corn stalks** – Look for dropoff spots or compost yourself.
- **Leave the leaves-** Mentioned before, but help promote to others using the [Leave the Leaves Promo Kit](#)
- **Save Milkweed Seed-**Populations of milkweed are dwindling with land use and herbicide practices. Collect seed to share or spread using these [methods](#).
- **Recycled paper should not be in plastic bags (not recyclable and clog recycling machinery)-** If you use a plastic bag for storing household or office recyclables, open it and dump contents into your recycling bin so all items are loose. Save your plastic bag for reuse, or [recycle it](#) at a separate drop-off point where plastic bags are accepted.

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-ctr/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. [716-825-6397](tel:7168256397) and tiftreservations@sciencebuff.org.

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

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

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

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

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

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

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

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

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

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)

[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)

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

[Dynamic World](#) Land cover dataset

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

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

[CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#)

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.ecattrail.org/>

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

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

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

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

Guide to Urban Farming- <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/>

Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkchcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

Heirloom Soul Florals: Regenerative Flower Farming- <https://www.heirloomssoul.com/blog-archive>

Natural and Working Lands-<https://blogs.cornell.edu/workinglands/> Farming and Climate Change resources

Nourishing Harvest- <https://www.patreon.com/anourishingharvest>

Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>

Recycle Right NY- <https://recyclerightny.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org

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

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

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

Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)

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

County/New York State Resources

Erie County GIS Mapping- <http://gis2.erie.gov/HTML5/ErieCountyNY/>

Geographic Information Gateway <http://opdgig.dos.ny.gov/#/home>

[NY Greenways interactive map](#)

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

E-Magazine-<http://greenjobs.net/>

EPA-<https://www.epa.gov/careers>

Green Jobs- <http://www.greengreencareers.com>

Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs

Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>

Green Guardian Environmental Volunteers of Niagara Region- <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians>

NOAA Internships- [NOAA Student Opportunities Website](http://www.noaa.gov/students/opportunities)

Access hundreds of research internships, fellowships, and scholarships funded by the government and private sector organizations: <https://www.zintellect.com/>

Learn more about the variety of opportunities with NOAA: <https://www.noaa.gov/work-with-us>

EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/careers>

American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: <https://aaees.mcjobboard.net/jobs>

AGU Career Center: <https://findajob.agu.org/>

ESA Career Center: <https://www.esacareercenter.org/>

American Fisheries Society: <https://jobs.fisheries.org/>

NYSDEC Employment: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/jobs.html>

NY State Parks: <https://parks.ny.gov/employment/>

National Association for Interpretation: https://nai-us.org/interp/nai/_membership/Career_Center/Career_Center.aspx

North American Association for Environmental Education: <https://jobs.naaee.org/>

Marine Biology Education Resources: <https://www.marinebio.org/careers/>

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

www.aquariumofniagara.org

www.buffaloudubon.org

www.buffalogardens.com

www.buffscience.org

www.tifft.org

www.buffalozoo.org

www.penndixie.org

www.yourspca.org

Grant Opportunities /Tools

[Database of Federal Grants to Support Food Waste Initiatives](http://www.grantstation.com)

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

www.grantstation.com

www.grantwatch.com

www.grantsalert.com

Find your farmer - [Erie Grown website](http://eriegrown.com)

Farmers' Markets 2025 map- [farmer's market map](http://eriegrown.com/farmers-market-map)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

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

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

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

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

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

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

Bras- www.donateyourbra.com,
 Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org
 Cars- <http://www.donateacar.com/>
 Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities, Walmart, Lowes, Wegmans
 Cigarette Butts- <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/cigarette-waste-recycling>
 Clothing, general-Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill,
 Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>
 Clothing, formal/business- www.donatemyweddingdress.org/, www.careergear.org, www.dressforsuccess.org
 Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
 Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>
 Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, Sunnking drop-offs
 Construction Materials-Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore
 Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices
 Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,
 Electronics- www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html, most electronics stores, www.sunnking.com
 City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.
 Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.
 Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
 Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.
 Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)
 Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities
 Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>
 Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>
 Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>
 Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>
 Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent
 DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,
 Ink cartridges-RecyclePlace.com and most manufacturers
 Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)
 Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource
 Medicines, expired or unused- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
 Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>
 Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
 Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 Pens- Dropoff at Staples stores
 Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)
 Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery, Lowes stores, Home Depot
 Plastic shopping bags, cereal liners, packing pillows-groceries, many retailers, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
 Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448
 Recycling A to Z - realsimple
 Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com
 Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com
 Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.
 Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
 Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation
 Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>
 Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
 Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling
 Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>
 Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/>, <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

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

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

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

Coursera- www.coursera.org

[Green Education Foundation](#)

[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 Center	www.buffaloaudubon.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-orienteering.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	https://www.buffaloomithologicalsociety.org/
Buffalo Recycles	http://buffalorecycles.org/
Buffalo River Land Trust	https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	http://www.burchfieldnac.org/
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	https://bwell.community/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/

Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	https://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.ccofwny.org/
Coalition of Positively Charged People	https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cooperation Buffalo	https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://cceniagaracounty.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/
Daemen University Center for Sustainability	www.daemen.edu/enviro-news
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Designing to Live Sustainably	https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/
Drave's Arboretum	https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
East Side Stewards	https://www.eastsidestewards.com/
Environmental Advocates NY	www.eany.org
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency	https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2
Erie Canal Harbor Development	https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	https://www.ecfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.org
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/
Food Future WNY	www.foodfuturewny.org
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.finwr.org/
Friends of Reinstein Woods	http://reinsteinwoods.org
Friends of Sinking Ponds	https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/
Garden Clubs of WNY	www.gardenclubsofwny.com
Genesee County Village & Museum	https://www.gcv.org/
Global Justice Ecology Project	http://globaljusticeecology.org/
Go Bike Buffalo	http://gobikebuffalo.org/
Go Buffalo Niagara	http://gobuffaloniagara.org
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
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.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
Leadership Buffalo	https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	https://www.lisc.org/wny/
Lyceum at Silo City	https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	http://mass-ave.org/

Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	https://www.nannenarboretum.com/
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/
New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylcv.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/
New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/
New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
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	http://nesawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	https://www.nyuasla.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Farm Bureau	http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/

Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Fishing Expo	http://niagarafishingexpo.com/
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	Niagara Frontier Botanical Society
Niagara Outfitters	https://niagaraoutfitters.com/
Niagara River Anglers Association	www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens	https://ntbgo.weebly.com/
One Region Forward	https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/one-region-forward/
Open Buffalo	http://www.openbuffalo.org/
Our Outer Harbor	http://www.ourouterharbor.org/
Partners for a Livable WNY	https://www.facebook.com/livablewny/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Pelion Garden	https://peliongarden.org
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Plant WNY	http://www.plantwny.com/
Pollinator Conservation Association	www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
Primate Sanctuary	www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary
Providence Farm Collective	http://providencefarmcollective.org/
PUSH Blue	www.facebook.com/PUSHBlueWNY/

Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy	https://rwparkbuffalo.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Restore our Community Coalition	http://roccbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	https://re-treewny.org/
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Rise Up for Climate Justice	www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/
Riverline	https://www.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
Sustainability at Buffalo State	http://sustainability.buffalostate.edu/
Tifft Nature Preserve	http://www.tifft.org/tifft/
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/
21 st Century Park on the Outer Harbor	www.facebook.com/21stCenturyParkOnTheOuterHarbor/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	https://www.facebook.com/groups/esw.ub/
UB Environmental Network	https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/
UB Office of Sustainability	http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html

UB Regional Institute	http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/
Urban Land Institute	http://newyork.uli.org
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/buffalo/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-co
US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast	https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast
Vision Niagara	http://visionniagara.org/
Voice-Buffalo	https://voicebuffalo.org/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	http://nywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	http://www.tscwny.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.wnyea.org
Western New York Herpetological Society	https://www.facebook.com/wnyherpsociety
Western New York Land Conservancy	https://www.wnylc.org/
WNY Mountain Bike Association	http://www.wnymba.org
WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY)	http://www.plantwny.com/
WNY Partnership for Invasive Species Mgmt (PRISM)	www.wnyprism.org
WNY Permaculture	www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/
WNY Raptor Center	Wnyraptor.com
Western New York Science Teachers	https://westernstanys.org/
WNY Seed Library	https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/
Western New York Soil Health Alliance	www.wnysoilhealth.com
WNY STEM	http://wnystem.org/
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/
Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable	http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/

WNY Peace Center Renewable Energy Task Force	https://www.wnypeace.org/
WNY Weather Society	www.facebook.com/amswnychapter
WNY Young Birders Club	https://www.wnyybc.org/events
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Kritters	http://www.wildkритters.com/
Wild Ones-WNY Chapter	https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/
Wild Spirit Education	https://wildspirit.org/
Zoar Valley Coalition	https://zoarvalley.org/