

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Love Canal at 50 - a Panel on Watchdog Press and Corporate Accountability

Love Canal at 50 is the focus for this panel discussion on **Thursday, October 1** starting at 6pm at The Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, 1201 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14301. The event will feature a discussion between veteran journalists who covered the original Love Canal crisis, as well as current journalists who today cover environmental polluters, and we will dig in about the importance of watchdog and beat journalism for corporate accountability, as well as how the field has shifted in the past 50 years, for both the better and the worse. [Register.](#)

Raising the Roots Fundraiser

MAP's 8th annual Raising the Roots for Food Equity event on **October 3** (12-4pm) is more than a fundraiser: It's 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. Join us for MAP's annual farm-to-fork culinary experience in support of Buffalo's local food system & economy — featuring harvest-inspired dishes prepared by local chefs, educational cooking demos, art activities, and beverages on the urban farm located at 387 Massachusetts Ave. Your all-inclusive [ticket](#) allows you to enjoy food & drink from every station available!

Spooky Safari

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center invites you to unleash your Halloween spirit early with our *Spooky Safari* on **October 3 & 10** from 11 am-3 pm. Dress in your best costume (just leave the inflatables at home, our animal friends don't like them!) and step into our Not-So-Spooky Trick-or-Treat Trail, where dragon artifacts, critters, and candy await around every turn. Along the way, you'll meet some not so creepy creatures from around the world - real-life animal ambassadors ready for close-up encounters and unforgettable photos! Catch our thrilling flying bird demo, be amazed at the Super Adaptations Show, meet animal ambassadors from around the world, paint a pumpkin, dive into hands-on activities for all ages, and enjoy delicious refreshments and more! Rain or shine, the wild fun goes on! [Tickets](#) available online or at the gate. Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170.

Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust Annual Fundraiser

Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust will hold their Fall Fest on **Thursday, October 8** from 5:30 to 9pm at Duende (Silo City) is a chance to celebrate the season, enjoy good company, and invest in a healthier, more vibrant waterfront future for our region. The evening will include a special tour (beginning at 5:30pm) led by Josh Smith, whose creative, innovative approach to plants and habitat restoration has made him a pioneer in the field. Josh will share how Silo City is cultivating habitat and supplying plants to organizations including the Buffalo Zoo, Tift Nature Preserve, the WNY Land Conservancy, and BNRLT. [Tickets](#)

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on Thursday **October 8th** at 5:30pm at Chandler Street Breweries, 166 Chandler St., Buffalo. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the NEW [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Buffalo Olmsted Parks x YPOP Happy Hour

Join Park enthusiasts for a fun evening of connection and community on **October 8** at Hartman's Distilling (55 Chicago St., Buffalo) from 5:30-7:30pm! Bring a friend who might like to learn about ways to get involved with the Conservancy, or how to support our upcoming auction. [Tickets](#) are \$12 per person (Includes one premium cocktail, light bites, and a raffle entry to win a pair of tickets to Party for the Parks!

CanAm Ride

Join fellow bicyclists on **Saturday, October 10** for a ride across the Peace Bridge. [Click here](#) to learn more. YOU MUST [REGISTER IN ADVANCE](#) by October 6 because of the border. So do so, and then get your passport in pocket and tires pumped up and let's have another amazing time. Leave from Freedom Park at 10am.

Humboldt W/ Buffalo Corridors: Jefferson Avenue Documentary

Premiering at the Buffalo International Film Festival at North Park Theater on **Monday, October 12** at 5:30pm is "Humboldt W/ Buffalo Corridors: Jefferson Avenue Documentary". Buffalo, NY is at a crossroads: the expressway encircling the city is falling apart, and something needs to be done. Should the city build a tunnel, fortify the existing infrastructure, or replace it with a calmer, tree-lined parkway? This documentary was created as part of a research study investigating how communities learn to address local challenges. Residents worked with learning scientists and transportation planners at the University at Buffalo to tell stories about their neighborhoods. [Tickets](#).

WNY PRISM's Invasive Species Symposium

You're invited to attend WNY PRISM's second Invasive Species Symposium to be held at SUNY Buffalo State University's Alumni and Visitor Center on **October 15**. The event will focus on community engagement and how by improving communication and tailoring programs, we can continue moving the needle from awareness to action. It's geared towards all those whose work involves, and depends on, the efforts of community members. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required and space is limited. Registration deadline: **October 5**. [Learn more and register!](#)

No Kings Rallies

On **Saturday, October 17**, people across the country will come together once again for NO KINGS rallies. Here in Buffalo and Western New York, our message is simple: Democracy belongs to the people. Our Voice. Our Vote. Our Democracy. Check your voter registration. Know where and how you can vote. Make your voting plan. Help your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers make theirs. Register by rally location: [Lockport Pep Rally](#) 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; [Williamsville Pep Rally](#) 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm; [Buffalo Pep Rally](#) 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

National Wildlife Federation Seeks High School Students for Climate Changemaker Program

New York high school students interested in climate solutions, green careers, and civic action have a new way to get involved: by joining the Climate and Resilience Education Task Force's (CRETf) Youth Steering Committee (YSC), a project of the National Wildlife Federation. The YSC is a free virtual-hybrid after-school program where students can learn about climate solutions, explore careers in the growing green economy, and develop skills for taking action in their communities. Participants can also earn community service hours, and stipends may be available upon successful completion of the program. [Applications](#) are open through **October 2, 2026**.

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Free Paint Collection in Erie County will take place on **October 17** at the Erie County Fairgrounds ([Registration](#)), from 9am-1pm on Saturday, Oct. 24 in East Aurora ([Register](#)) and on Saturday, October 31 in West Seneca ([Register](#)). Safely dispose of your leftover paint. The next free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held in southern Erie County on **November 7, 2026**. Check back in October for registration information and location details. Erie County residents have the option of using the County's "Voucher Drop-off program" which enables residents to bring up to 50lbs. eligible hazardous waste to the Hazman facility in Tonawanda at no cost. Preregistration is required, go to erie.gov/recycling or call 716-858-6800. For info on City of Buffalo events, check www.buffalorecycles.org Year-round electronics waste recycling is available at [various locations](#).

Niagara County Paint Collection will be on **October 10** from 9am to 1pm at Newfane Highway Garage, 6176 McKee St., Newfane ([registration](#)). Niagara Household Hazardous Waste will be collected **October 3** from 9am to 12pm at the North Tonawanda Dept. of Public Works (758 Erie Ave., [register](#)).

Electronics recycling is available by SUNN KING on **October 3** in Cheektowaga, Appletree Business Park ([Register](#)).

Sixth Annual Food as Medicine Symposium

This year's Food as Medicine Symposium "Strategies for a Unified Approach to Lifestyle Medicine", will take place on **October 15 & 16, 2026**. [Register](#). The University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 955 Main St. will be the site for the sessions.

Howl at the Ridge: Party for the Park 2026

Help preserve and restore Chestnut Ridge Park through their fundraiser at Chestnut Ridge Park Casino on **Saturday, October 24** from 6-9pm. Join us in celebrating the splendor of Fall and Halloween in Chestnut Ridge Park at the Park Casino with the Black Rock Beatles Cover Band, wines, craft beers and hors d'oeuvres all included. We are also opening our party up for Kids five years and older. There will be a special area with games, prizes and face painting as well as pizza. Kids can wear their best ghoulish attire for best costume. Adults the same... wear your best ghoulish attire or dress as you wish. Prizes for best Adult costume as well. [Tickets](#)

Party for the Parks

Get your tickets for the Party for the Parks fundraiser on **Thursday, October 29** from 6-9pm at The Show at Shea's Seneca (2188 Seneca St). As our major fundraiser of the year, help sustain our mission to care for your historic green spaces. It's time to Party for your favorite Parks! Guests are encouraged to don an eye mask and dress in a color palette inspired by fall foliage. [Tickets](#).

Public Feedback Survey About Downtown Buffalo

Buffalo Place wants to hear from you. The nonprofit that runs the downtown business improvement district has launched a new Downtown Buffalo Survey to get feedback from residents, downtown workers and visitors about their experiences and ideas to improve the city's core. The survey is designed to explore how people connect with downtown Buffalo, helping the nonprofit understand how people spend their time downtown and how to enhance the experience. Five survey respondents will each receive a \$100 gift card to a downtown business of their choice. The survey can be found online through **Nov. 11** at <http://bit.ly/26bpsurvey>.

Aquarium Fundraiser: Sustainable Seafood Tasting

Oceana: Where Taste Meets Sustainability, the Aquarium of Niagara's sustainable seafood tasting event, returns this year on **November 11th** from 6-9pm. Sample some incredible, sustainable seafood prepared by local chefs, participate in a virtual auction, and enjoy unlimited beer and wine at this special one-night event. [Tickets](#)

WNY Sustainable Business Summit

This year's Summit will take place on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**, at 500 Pearl in Buffalo, NY. The 2026 theme, *Clarity in a Changing World*, is a challenge and an invitation to cut through the noise, confront uncertainty, and discover what sustainable business success can look like. The 2026 Sustainable Business Summit is a chance to step back, find your footing, and leave with the focus and tools to move your business forward with clarity. Expect honest conversations, fresh perspectives from inside and outside WNY, and concrete moves you can make the moment you're back at your desk. [Learn More](#)

I BIRD NY Challenge

The 2026 [I BIRD NY Challenge](#) is taking place **until November 1!** Recent research has shown that bird watching may help the brain fight aging due to reorganization as you learn to recognize new birds (read [more](#)). For the challenge, identify 10 species of birds anywhere in New York State, submit online or by mail, and receive a commemorative patch, sticker, certificate, and be entered to win birding related prizes.

Algonquin Winter Birding Tour

Join Buffalo Audubon on an Algonquin Birding Tour from **January 16-18, 2027**. For more info, visit <https://buffaloaudubon.org/algonquin-birding-tours/>. From seeing Canada Jays and adorable Pine Martens to Spruce Grouse and Algonquin Winter Finches, every trip to Algonquin Provincial Park, Canada is different. Registration due by Friday, **December 4th, 2026**.

New Species Selection Tool Supports Ecological Restoration in New York

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

Future of Extreme and Emerging Wildfire in a Warming U.S. (2020-2060)

Integrating data on population growth and emissions climate scenarios, this study projects a nationwide increase of 56% in wildfire occurrence, 59% in area burned, and 63% in maximum fire size by 2060. Yet the risks differ by region. The projections underscore the need for regionally tailored fire management strategies. [Read more.](#)

Help Collect Seeds for the DEC Tree Nursery

[DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery](#) needs your help collecting tree fruits and cones—and will pay you by the bushel to get out into the forest and harvest them! Help contribute to the more than 1.2 million seedlings grown every year by participating in the Tree Nursery's fruit & cone collection program. The seedlings grown here are planted across New York State for conservation projects and will help us reach our goal of planting [25 million trees by 2033](#)! By collecting seeds from trees grown in New York State, the Tree Nursery can ensure that seedlings are well suited to the growing conditions of our ecoregions. With the help of community members, we can increase the genetic variety within a species by sourcing seeds from different locations across the state. This can improve our forests' resilience against climate change, pests and diseases, and environmental stressors.

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

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

Buffalo All Access

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

Buffalo Zoo Volunteer Docents Needed

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

Solar Option Available for Erie County

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

Snapshot NY

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

DEC Water Use Dashboard

Billions of gallons of water are withdrawn for use each day from the lakes, rivers, streams, estuaries and groundwaters in New York. To help visualize statewide water use, DEC has developed a new [Water Use Dashboard](#), an interactive GIS tool that displays statewide water use data from 2018 to present. Water use data is calculated from water usage reports submitted to DEC by water withdrawers with the capacity to withdraw 100,000 gallons per day or more under the [Water Withdrawal Reporting program](#). Find water usage reports for individual facilities on the [DECinfo Locator](#) under the "Water Withdrawal Annual Reports" layer.

Yellowstone Winter Adventure with Earth Spirit

Join Earth Spirit from **December 6-13** for a Yellowstone winter adventure. This trip will be full of wildlife viewing opportunities and Winter activities in this unique and historic location. Guests will be staying in one of two beautiful lodges just outside of the park where two gourmet meals per day will be prepared by our leaders and shared with the group. The focus of the trip is wildlife, and guests will be provided with Swarovski spotting scopes and will be led to viewing hot-spots throughout the Excursion experience in order to locate and view the animals each day. There will be plenty of other adventures as well, including explorations outside of the park and visits with local guest experts in the field. [Info](#)

Help Document New York's Weather Impacts

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

Scientists Create 'Living Plastic' That Can Self-Destruct on Command

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

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

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

Beyond the Bin Video Series — Municipal Solid Waste

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

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.

2027 Erie County Rain Barrel Painting Contest

The 2027 Erie County Rain Barrel Painting Contest is in full swing! Contestants design and paint a plastic rain barrel (provided) focusing on stormwater pollution prevention and/or re-using rainwater. Contest is open to schools and student-based community groups in Erie and Niagara counties. For information on stormwater pollution prevention see www.erie.gov/stormwater. All participants will retain their final painted rain barrels to use, donate or raffle as desired. [Learn more about the rain barrel contest and register.](#)

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.

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

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

Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA

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

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

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

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

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

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

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

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. Save your seat by [registering](#) for our live or self-paced options.

Enjoy Fall and Check out the Colors

New York State boasts some of the best fall colors in the country. Our state tree, the Sugar Maple, brings shades of yellow, orange, and red across much of the upstate landscape. Peak fall foliage changes year to year but is generally best in late September through mid-October. To keep up with fall colors, [I LOVE NY](#) releases the [NY Fall Foliage Report](#) to help you plan for your leaf peeping destinations.

Help Document New York's Weather Impacts

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Weed Identification Tool

Is it a weed or a plant to be nurtured? A weed is any plant that grows in an unwanted location, so up to the discretion of the gardener. [Cornell's online guide](#) can help you identify weeds before you pull them.

DEC Launches Next Phase of Public Safety and Access Improvements at Zoar Valley Unique Area

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced the beginning of the second phase of public safety and visitor experience improvements at Zoar Valley Unique Area in Cattaraugus County. Phase II of the improvement project includes trail upgrades to support emergency services in the area while protecting the natural resources and scenic character that make Zoar Valley a unique destination. Zoar Valley is widely recognized for its spectacular scenery created by a dramatic gorge surrounding Cattaraugus Creek, as well as its sheer cliffs, flowing waterfalls, and dense forests.

DEC [announced completion of Phase I](#) safety and access improvements in July 2024. To help provide more reliable emergency access, reduce erosion, and maintain a sustainable trail for visitors while minimizing disturbance to surrounding vegetation and habitat, DEC is initiating Phase II this fall. Enhanced safety messaging and updated maps and information are available at DEC's [Zoar Valley MUA webpage](#), including important [Tips for Visitors to Zoar Valley MUA and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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

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

New DEC Webpage on Pollution Prevention

DEC has launched a [new webpage](#) that makes finding pollution prevention information easy to find and navigate. Whether you need to know about pollution prevention laws and regulations for your business or you are a consumer looking for educational information about how to reduce waste or you are seeking programs that keep toxic chemicals out of everyday products, you can find it all on this one webpage. Educators will also benefit from exploring the pollution prevention webpage for a plethora of information about school chemical management. From green chemistry to toxic chemical bans to hazardous waste reduction programs this webpage will guide you to the pollution prevention information you are seeking.

Green Chemistry in the Circular Economy

Green Chemistry (GC) is a way of designing chemical products and processes in accordance with the [12 Principles of Green Chemistry](#), which provides a framework for reducing or eliminating the use of toxic chemicals. These principles have already been put into practice by many in industry and academia as they work towards more sustainable practices and to support the transition to the Circular Economy (CE). GC is essential when attempting to mitigate the environmental harms associated with the production and use of certain chemicals. The role that chemistry will play in the shift to a CE is of considerable importance and key to advancing the design of new products and reducing current waste management problems. Since GC focuses on the design of new products and materials, it plays an essential role in establishing a CE in two ways:

- Designing safer, less toxic chemicals and chemical processes
- Using renewable feedstocks instead of virgin, finite raw materials

When new chemicals and products are designed, the potential toxicity, and impacts on human health and the environment throughout the product life cycle, need to be considered. At the very core of GC, chemical expertise and knowledge are used to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous substances along every stage of product development (including the planning, manufacturing, and application of chemicals). In that way, GC serves as a tool in moving toward the CE, by making the manufacturing processes of products more efficient, and by preventing and reducing toxic chemicals and waste throughout those processes.

Survey of Nature-Based Stormwater Projects in Great Lakes Basin

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

Prohibition on PFAS in Carpet

Effective December 31, 2026, no carpet sold or offered for sale in New York State shall contain or be treated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for any purpose. Under the law, "PFAS" are defined as a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom. Additionally, the term "carpet" includes, but is not limited to, a commercial or residential broadloom carpet, modular carpet tiles, artificial turf, a pad or underlayment used in conjunction with a carpet. "Carpet" does not include handmade rugs, area rugs, or mats. Removing purposely added PFAS from these products can have a large impact on bringing safer alternatives to the marketplace given the widespread use of carpet. These PFAS restrictions are an important step toward protecting public health and the environment by reducing exposure to these harmful chemicals in everyday products.

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

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

Mandatory Composting in New York City

New York City officially launched enforcement of its mandatory composting program, making compost separation a requirement for all residents as of April. The city's goal: [reduce landfill waste](#) and curb greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic matter into a separate compost stream. [Curbside composting](#) is now expected across the city and is collected on the same day as recycling. Residents must place food scraps, yard waste, and other compostable materials in brown bins provided by the city or in properly labeled and secure containers no larger than 55 gallons.

Seed Libraries

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

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

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

Greenhouse Gas Emission E-Learning Courses

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

Actions Students Can Take at School

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

Free Sustainability Course for Teachers

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

Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[NEW literacy resource: Storybooks](#)-Wildlife stories for pre-K through 3rd grade.

[World Wildlife Fund's Food Waste Warriors](#) is a K–12 program that empowers students to understand, measure, and reduce food waste in their schools. Through hands-on audits, data collection, and action planning, students identify waste patterns and implement solutions to improve efficiency and sustainability. The program builds awareness of the environmental and social impacts of food waste while fostering student leadership and real-world problem solving.

[Off-shore wind hands-on activity](#)- This lesson collection includes a teacher guide and student handout for a hands-on offshore wind engineering challenge. Student teams design and build a floating, moored platform for a model wind turbine, run four tests under simulated wind and wave conditions, then redesign and test again.

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

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

[Climate and Energy Games](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Microplastics lessons](#)

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

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

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

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

[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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Additional resources](#)

Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[2027 Waterwise Garden Grant](#): U.S. public and charter K–12 schools can apply for \$1,000 in funding plus a \$500 irrigation kit to create or improve youth gardens that teach water conservation and stewardship, with select schools eligible for additional funding. Applications are due **October 2, 2026**.

[Project Green Challenge](#) is a 30-day climate action challenge that invites young people to explore issues that affect daily life and take meaningful local and global action. 350,000 students have taken the transformative journey over 16 years. PGC runs from October 1 until October 30. Every day, a unique challenge is unveiled at 8am PDT. Each challenge is live for 24 hours, inviting participants to complete actions and upload content to acquire points. Deliverables include photos, videos, creative and written pieces that are uploaded on the PGC site, as well as shared across social platforms. Ends: **October 30.**

[Arbor Day Poster Contest!](#)- Submit original photography or artwork for a chance to have your work featured on the next Arbor Day Poster. This year's theme is "Trees for Vibrant Communities", and submissions should express the importance of trees in building resilient, healthy, and livable communities. Submit through **November 10, 2026.**

[WWF Greenprints for the Future](#) -Students design and lead projects that address real environmental challenges in their schools and communities. Through Wild Classroom, up to 15 educators will receive \$1,200 to help students put their solutions into action. Applications are due by **November 16th.**

[Tree City USA Applications](#) -The Tree City USA program is a great way to grow support for trees in your community and recognize the commitment your community has made to trees. To be recognized as a Tree City USA, a village, town, or city must apply every year. Applications for Tree City USA recognition will be accepted through **December 2, 2026.** Email arborday@dec.ny.gov with questions about your application.

[The Earth Prize](#) is a \$100,000 environmental sustainability competition for teenage students across the globe. Each year, The Earth Prize recognizes students and schools with the best solutions to accelerate positive change towards environmental sustainability. Through The Earth Prize competition, students are inspired, educated, mentored and empowered to solve environmental sustainability problems. Students and schools around the world are invited to participate. Could the next big environmental solution come from your students? Deadline: **January 10, 2027.**

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[2027 Waterwise Garden Grant](#)-U.S. public and charter K–12 schools can apply for \$1,000 in funding plus a \$500 irrigation kit to create or improve youth gardens that teach water conservation and stewardship, with select schools eligible for additional funding. Applications are due **October 2, 2026.**

[EPA's Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Grant.](#)-The four program areas include: Targeted internships and apprenticeships for skilled water utility trades, Education programs designed for elementary, secondary, and higher education students, Regional industry and workforce development collaborations to hire qualified candidates and Education and training programs designed for decentralized (septic) water workers to support public health for communities that rely on private wells for drinking water or septic systems. Deadline: **October 5, 2026.**

[The Business Food Waste Mitigation Grant Program](#)-designed to reduce business-generated food waste in New York State. Successful projects are those that will expand food waste recycling infrastructure to reduce commercially generated food waste sent to landfill and combustion facilities. Program provides grants to cover costs of equipment purchased for the purpose of building new, or expanding existing, organics recycling facilities to accept food waste from businesses and expanding fleet services to collect commercial food waste destined for recycling. Deadline: **October 9.**

[Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program](#)- USDA Forest Service, State, Private & Tribal Forestry, is requesting applications for a competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to Indian Tribes, local governments, and qualified conservation nonprofit organizations to establish community forests through the fee simple acquisition of private forest land. Deadline: **October 13.**

[Community Greening RFA](#)-Provides funding to support projects that improve environmental health and climate resilience in disadvantaged communities across New York State, with a direct connection to NYPA operations. Many of these communities face disproportionate environmental burdens, limited access to green spaces, and heightened climate risks. Deadline: **October 16.**

[USFWS' Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund: Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grants-](#) Matching grants to state agencies for land acquisition projects that conserve species habitat in perpetuity through fee simple acquisition or permanent conservation easements on parcels associated with approved and permitted habitat conservation plans; \$26 million, approximately 10 awards, cost share required. Apply by **October 30, 2026**.

[New York Farm Viability Institute Grant](#) - more than \$3 million available for projects bringing new practices, tools, research, and market opportunities to New York producers. Grant awards range from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Applications are due **Friday, October 30, 2026**.

[Kid Kindness Grant-](#) support projects where children are directly involved in spreading kindness to people in their community. For applicant kids 5-18 as individuals or groups. Deadline: **November 1**.

[Round 2 of Community Reforestation \(CoRe\)-](#) to support tree planting projects that create or restore forested natural areas in urban communities across the state. Eligible projects include planting trees, preparing sites for planting, removing competing or invasive vegetation that would interfere with seedling growth and installing tree protection to prevent deer browse. Deadline: **November 4 @ 2pm**.

[Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education \(SFE\) Program](#) is now accepting applications for the 2027 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**.

[Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Farmer Grant Program-](#) A total of \$750,000 is available to farmers through this program, with grants of up to \$50,000 available in this second offering. Subsequent offerings of funding to be announced in the coming weeks will offer awards of up to \$250,000. Deadline: **November 30, 2026**.

[Growing the Clean Energy Workforce-](#)The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) [Office of Just Energy Transition \(OJET\)](#) will fund up to \$7 million in awards to support programs that prepare workers for employment in the electric vehicle repair and maintenance field. Proposals accepted now through **December 3, 2026 by 4:00pm EST**

[Agriculture Innovation Center Program-](#)Grant and matching funds may be used to operate an agriculture innovation center, and to provide services to agricultural producers. **Deadline: January 31, 2027**.

[USFWS' National Fish Passage Program-](#)Technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic connectivity, including obsolete and dangerous infrastructure removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration, and installation of fishways; \$15 million, approximately 100 awards ranging from \$1 to \$1,000,000, no cost share. Eligibility is unrestricted, and the program develops projects collaboratively with state and local agencies, Tribes, nonprofits, other federal agencies, and private landowners. The program describes these projects as reducing flood risk and improving roads alongside the fish benefits — an undersized culvert that washes out your road is exactly the kind of barrier this pays to replace. Apply by **April 30, 2027**.

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

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

[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**

[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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovation Grant Program](#) funds projects and programs related to research and development for new and emerging clean technologies by working with universities, colleges, research institutes and laboratories as well as entrepreneur incubator, accelerator and business plan competitions. **Rolling**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Field Ecologist: CC Environment & Planning](#)- This position requires a combination of ecological fieldwork and office-based data management and report writing. Application deadline: **October 2**.

[4-H Youth Development Educator](#)-Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County working from the Jamestown office. Deadline: **October 8**.

[Program Aide: NY HELPS](#)-Buffalo, DEC. Deadline: **October 14**.

[Biologist 2 \(Ecology\)](#)- Buffalo, DEC. Deadline: **October 14**.

[Project Manager](#)- for GoBike Buffalo to support our complete streets, active mobility, and trail and greenway initiatives in Western New York.

[Educator/Program Assistant](#)- Buffalo Botanical Gardens

[Communications Manager](#)- RENEW Institute, UB North Campus

[Program Manager](#)- RENEW Institute, UB North Campus

[Part-time Facilitator of Learning](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Groundskeeper](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

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

[Chief of Staff](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Membership and Database Coordinator](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science

[Tifft Groundskeeper](#)-Tifft Nature Preserve

[Tifft STEM Learning Specialist](#)-Tifft Nature Preserve

[Program Coordinator](#)-Penn Dixie Fossil Park

[Conservation Advocate](#) - Environment New York

[Senior Environmental Planner](#) - The Wetland Trust

[Administration and Finance Manager](#)-Field and Fork Network

[Development Manager](#)-Field and Fork Network

[Director of Communications and Marketing](#)-Aquarium of Niagara

[Stewardship Intern](#): Western New York Land Conservancy, part-time, unpaid. The position is primarily field-based and offers hands-on experience in conservation land management, ecological restoration, conservation easement monitoring and preserve stewardship.

[NYPIRG full-time Internship Program in Albany](#)- for the months January through May, provides highly motivated students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in New York State politics while learning important public speaking, media, writing and research skills. Deadline: **October 30**.

[Climate Justice Planner](#)-Shared Mobility

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

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

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

[Education Program Specialist](#)- Buffalo Zoo

[Carnivore Animal Keeper](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Hoofstock Animal Keeper 1](#)-Buffalo Zoo

[Ambassador Animal Care Specialist](#)- Part-time, Buffalo Zoo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Science

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Thursday, October 1

Seed Saving Workshop-6:30-8:30pm at Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library. Learn how to properly dry, harvest and store seeds. 350 John James Audubon Pkwy, Amherst.

Carbon Pricing Education Series-8pm. This second session will cover some recent research from series partner Resources for the Future on the carbon pricing/affordability nexus, including research that shows how carbon price revenues can actually improve affordability. Attendance is free and the event is open to the public. [Catch up on part 1](#), then [RSVP for part 2](#).

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tifft Nature Preserve. Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. *Please call 716.825.6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.*

Hive Winterizing Class- sponsored by the WNYHPA (Western NY Honey Producers Assoc). 6pm at Knox Farm State Park. Free for WNYHPA members! For those of you in your first year this is an important class. Winter is the toughest time for your bees, you need to be prepared!

Food Is Medicine at Providence Farm Collective-1 to 2:15pm at Providence Farm, Orchard Park. The Food Is Medicine Tour begins with a "taste" of our farmers' cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi. After enjoying some food and conversation, you will spend 45 minutes walking the farm and learning about how the work of PFC intersects with the Food Is Medicine movement. [Tickets.](#)

Wednesday Morning Volunteering at Buffalo Audubon-9:00 am – 12:00 pm. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113, (585) 457.3228. <https://buffaloaudubon.org/volunteer/>

Love Canal at 50: a Panel on Watchdog Press and Corporate Accountability-06:00 PM at The Niagara Arts and Cultural Center • 1201 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14301. In this panel discussion, we will feature a discussion between veteran journalists who covered the original Love Canal crisis, as well as current journalists who today cover environmental polluters, and we will dig in about the importance of watchdog and beat journalism for corporate accountability, as well as how the field has shifted in the past 50 years, for both the better and the worse. [Register.](#)

Friday, October 2

Halloween Myths Unraveled-7:30 - 8:30 pm, Free, [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](#)

“What’s Bugging You” talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Fall cleanup in your flower bed, leaf piles and ticks. [Register](#)

Friday Morning Birding at Buffalo Audubon-8:00 am – 9:30 am. Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve 1610 Welch Rd. North Java, NY 14113. [Tickets.](#)

TEDxBuffalo-7pm. TEDxBuffalo returns with ideas that challenge the way we think about journalism, work, education, business, grief and human connection. Flickinger Performing Arts Center at Nichols School, On-site parking available, Six very different ideas, all taking the same stage. [Tickets.](#)

Buffalo Geological Society Meeting- 7:30pm, Speaker is Carl Fechko, "Scuba Diving for Fossils". 100 Lee St., Buffalo, NY, all welcome.

Friday Field Days-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Thomas F. Higgins Natural Habitat Park - Higgins Parking Lot](#)
Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools. [Register for 10/2 Friday Field Days](#)

World Migratory Bird Day Activities-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge will come alive with music, dance, culture, and activities celebrating the connections between people, wildlife, and the natural world. 4:00–8:00 PM, Join us as we celebrate World Migratory Bird Day and the birds traveling from Western New York to wintering grounds throughout Mexico, Central America, and South America. Throughout the evening, enjoy family-friendly activities, learn about migratory birds and the incredible distances they travel, and discover how the habitats we protect here at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge are connected to ecosystems across the hemisphere. We'll have bird mask making, pinecone bird feeder making, mock bird banding station, bird-friendly promise poster to add on to, and education around some of our special birds like the Purple Martin and Eastern Bluebird! Experience the vibrant traditions of Hispanic culture through an exciting performance by Amor and Heritage – Traditional Dance Company. Through traditional dance and music, they will share stories, traditions, and cultural heritage while celebrating the diversity and richness of Hispanic communities. 1101 Casey Rd. Basom NY 14013, Free and open to all!
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Saturday, October 3

Raising the Roots for Food Equity- annual farm-to-table tasting event, from 12-4pm to support Massachusetts Avenue Project. Taking place on our beautiful urban farm on the West Side, this family-friendly event brings together chefs, farmers, and food lovers alike for a community-building celebration of local food. [Tickets.](#)

Honey Festival-9am to 3pm at Masterson's Garden Center, Inc. 725 Olean Rd., East Aurora NY 14052. Demos, classes, great vendors, MEAD...this event is free and open to all!

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

Hike Through History-2:00 - 3:30 pm, Free, [Niagara Falls State Park](#), Discover the important people and events that created and protected our nation’s oldest State Park on this guided walk. No Registration Required.

Birding for Beginners-10am. Spread your wings in the world of birding! Take a walk around the woods while learning how to identify common birds. For ages 10 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Eco-Expedition at Cayuga Restoration Area-10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Hosted by Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust, Eco Expeditions are hands-on community science events where participants help identify and document plants and wildlife. Participants deepen understanding of local ecosystems, build skills, and gather valuable data that supports land protection and restoration. Eco Expeditions are welcoming, educational, and fun, offering people of all ages a meaningful way to connect with nature while learning care for western New York’s waterfronts and green spaces. [Info and register.](#)

Woods Walk: Fall Transitions-1pm at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Last year at this time, the leaves had just started to change, monarch migration was winding down, and bird migration was ramping up. What can we expect to see this year? Follow the trails with us on a guided walk. The joy is that you never know what you will see! No registration required.

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

Moss Terrarium Workshop-11am to noon at Botanical Gardens. Cost: \$50/ticket | \$45/member. Have you ever wondered what goes on in the tiny world of mosses? In this workshop, we will be learning and discussing the basics of moss, including their environment, structure, and types of moss that you would find growing in Western New York. You will then construct your very own moss terrarium, complete with small decorations of your choice. We will go over moss maintenance, and you will be on your way with your own tiny moss world! All plant material and supplies are included. [Tickets.](#)

Cow Fest-10am to 2pm at ASHA Farm Sanctuary, 2969 Coomer Rd., Newfane. Free Admission. [Info.](#)

Fall Yoga and Hike-10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Kennebec Scenic and Nature Preserve. Join us for a beautiful morning at Kennebec 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, we will enjoy a leisurely fall themed nature hike at the preserve. Register at the One Yoga website [here](#). This event is \$35, with proceeds supporting the Land Conservancy.

Janet Gallogly Allegany Wildlands Hike-10am to noon. Join us on a hike at Allegany Wildlands, in Cattaraugus County, one of seven Land Conservancy trails on the [2026 Outside Chronicles Western New York Hiking Challenge](#). We will follow the challenge trail and stop at the photo landmark so folks can take their hiking challenge photo. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Land Conservancy, and explore the forested habitats on site. This is a moderately challenging hike, with around 500 ft. elevation gain, and a few steep uphill and downhill sections. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring plenty of water for the hike. There are no restrooms on site. This hike will be limited to 15 participants. [Register.](#)

Plant It and They Will Come: Native Plants, Insects & Birds-1:00PM — 3:00PM at Trillium Nature Center: 1610 Welch Rd North Java, NY 14113. Join Buffalo Audubon and Wild Ones WNY for our first partnership event! Native plants, insects, and birds are connected through an extraordinary food web—but how does it work, and how can we support it in our own landscapes? You'll also learn about cultivars and nativars, why fall is an excellent time to plant native perennials, and where to find native plants in Western New York. Free, [register.](#)

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 10:20-11:20 at West Hertel Academy, 489 Hertel, Buffalo. [Register and info.](#)

Spooky Safari-11am to 3pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. Dress in your best costume (just leave the inflatables at home, our animal friends don't like them!) and step into our Not-So-Spooky Trick-or-Treat Trail, where dragon artifacts, critters, and candy await around every turn. Along the way, you'll meet some not so creepy creatures from around the world - real-life animal ambassadors ready for close-up encounters and unforgettable photos! [Tickets and Info.](#)

Alenberg Bog Hike-9 to 11am. Visit for [location and registration.](#)

Paws and Pumpkins-10am to 4pm. Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, bring the dog! something for the whole family to enjoy! Food trucks, vendors, corn maze, hay rides, basket raffles we have something for everyone. Perfect family event stock up on holiday items and decor, with tons of Pumpkins to choose from all while supporting Our friends at the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter! [MaeLen Farms Roadside Market](#)
11121 Jamison Rd, Marilla, NY.

Burchfest-Noon to 3pm at Burchfield Art and Nature Center, 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca.

Locktoberfest- 10am to 5pm on Canal Street in Lockport. Help us celebrate the Erie Canal with this all day celebration of the community built on the banks of the Flight of Five Locks!!

Master Your Garden Series – Garden & Landscape Photography-10:00 am at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orleans County 12690 State Route 31, Albion, New York. Save the first Saturday of each month in 2026 for our monthly education series. This year, the Master Your Garden series features a variety of topics for home gardeners of all abilities, as well as others interested in horticulture. Each class begins at 10 a.m. and is held in the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 12690 State Route 31, Albion. Suggested donation: \$5. To register, call (585) 798-4265 or email klo54@cornell.edu.

BRRAlliance Fall Fest- 2 to 5pm. Come join us at Market Square Park, bring a chair and celebrate the early days of fall with family fun and games and free live music from Henry's Summer Kitchen! Market Square Park, Corner of Amherst & Niagara Sts, Buffalo NY 14207 (next door to the Story Garage). For more information please call us at 1 (716) 322-6602 or email us at brraconnection@outlook.com

Schenck House: Public Open House-10:00am - 2:00pm at [Grover Cleveland Golf Course - Schenck House](#) Join the County Historian and a Park Ranger to see and learn about the newly rehabilitated Schenck House, one of the oldest extant stone structures in the city of Buffalo. The house, built in 1822, sits on a site rich with historical significance in architecture , golf, and aviation. The building now houses historical documents, photographs, artifacts serving as a parks history museum. Admission is free. No food or drinks inside, please.

MEGA Main Street Cleanup-10am to 12:30pm. *The Tool Library (2626 Main Street)*. We're teaming up with the University Heights Collaborative, Parkside Community Association, and the Central Park Homeowners Association for a 28 block cleanup of Main Street. We'll be cleaning up our section of Main Street as well as planting bulbs in the Vernon Triangle Pocket Park.

Sunday, October 4

Learn to Disc Golf-10:00 - 11:30 am, Free, [Beaver Island State Park](#), Curious about Disc Golf but not sure where to start? Join park educators to learn the basics and try your hand with a few baskets on the Blue Heron Disc Golf Course! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Paws and Pumpkins-9am to 12pm. Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, bring the dog! Something for the whole family to enjoy! Food trucks, vendors, corn maze , hay rides, basket raffles we have something for everyone. Perfect family event stock up on holiday items and decor, with tons of Pumpkins to choose from all while supporting Our friends at the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter! [MaeLen Farms Roadside Market](#) 11121 Jamison Rd, Marilla, NY.

Monday, October 5

Slow Roll Buffalo-5:30pm at Buffalo Olde Brewery,1221 East Lovejoy Street, Buffalo, NY, 14206. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Waterfowl Information Meeting (virtual)-6 to 8:30pm. DEC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) wildlife biologists are holding a virtual meeting to share information with the public on a variety of regional and statewide waterfowl news and updates. The meeting will be recorded and made available for registrants who are unable to attend the live event. [Register.](#)

Providence Farm Tour- 5:30 to 6:45pm. Providence Farm Collective, 5701 Burton Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127. [Tickets.](#)

Tuesday, October 6

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

Virtual Film Screening: *Vs. Goliath: Port Arthur*-8:00-9:15 p.m. ET [Register for the virtual screening](#). *Vs. Goliath* tells stories of courage and resistance from the frontlines of the climate crisis. This online screening of *Vs. Goliath: Port Arthur* will be followed by a Q&A featuring activists from the episode who work to oppose the fossil fuel buildout in the Gulf South.

Allies in Conservation: Making Your HOA a Haven for Pollinators- 2 to 3pm webinar. [Register](#).

DIY Workshop: Autumn Gardening-5:30 to 7:30pm. *Private Garden (Location shared with ticket holders)*
This workshop will cover the essentials of autumn garden care, including preparing plants and beds for winter, selecting fall-planted bulbs for springtime blooms, and creating seasonal interest through succession planting. [Tickets](#) are \$20 for TL members and \$30 for general admission.

Wednesday, October 7

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council's (GBNRTC) Meeting- 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held in person at HANSA Workspace ([map](#)), 505 Ellicott St, Buffalo, NY 14203 or you can join us LIVE at: meetings.gbnrtc.org/PCC

The City of Buffalo Charter Revision Commission Public Forum- 5:30-7:30pm. Nonpartisan educational forums designed to explain each proposal, answer residents' questions, and help voters understand the choices on the November ballot. No recommendations will be made for or against any proposal. Gloria J. Parks Community Center.

Birding Field Trip in Darien- Meeting time is 10:00am in the Route 20 Parking Area (GPS coordinates: 42.900706, -78.422602). Leader is Matthew Nusstein - (716) 446 3376; matthew.nusstein@parks.ny.gov Matt will be leading our group in search of mid-autumn migrants at Darien Lake SP in Genesee County. In the fields and shrub edges at this location, we will be looking for species attracted to the many berry-producing shrubs along the paths. This trip will be a collaborative effort by Matt with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and will last approximately 2 hours.

LISC "Buffalo Banger" fundraising reception-6pm at Streetlight Brasserie, 54 Huron, Buffalo. The Buffalo Banger is an opportunity to celebrate LISC NY's continued commitment to Western New York and the partners who make this work possible. [Tickets](#).

Big Sister Creek Community Meeting-5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper wants to hear from the Big Sister Creek community to have a better understanding of the flooding and erosion you have experienced on your property. Evans Center Volunteer Fire Hall, located at 8298 Erie Road, Angola, NY, 14006. Google Map Link Here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NAuVNt4wPfefoLwT7>. [Registration](#) is encouraged, but not required.

Wednesday Morning Volunteering at Buffalo Audubon-9:00 am – 12:00 pm. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113, (585) 457.3228. <https://buffaloaudubon.org/volunteer/>

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 6-7pm at Isaias Gonzalez-Soto Library, 280 Porter Ave., Buffalo. [Register and info](#).

Critical Spatial Ecologies: Design with the More-than-Human-5 to 6:30pm at 116 Crosby Hall, UB. [Register](#). Drawing on a series of built projects and speculative installations, Erin Moore examines more-than-human design approaches that position ecological processes, temporal cycles, and material agency as central drivers of architectural form. Through experiments in multispecies habitat, biodegradable construction, and landscape representation, the work asks how architecture might reimagine value beyond extraction and toward reciprocity, stewardship, and ecological interdependence with living systems.

The Riverline Tour of The Basswoods-5:30 to 6:30pm. Free one-hour tours to share our vision for transforming the former DL&W rail corridor into an amazing public space. Meet at 5:30 PM in the parking lot at Red Jacket Riverfront Natural Habitat Park at the foot of Smith St. Continue the discussion at BriarBrothers Brewing after the tour. Wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Long pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended as we may encounter thick vegetation. [Register](#).

Thursday, October 8

Green Drinks-5:30pm at Chandler Street Breweries, 166 Chandler St., Buffalo. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the NEW [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Dare to Repair Café-6 to 8pm @ West Side Community Services (161 Vermont St, Buffalo). Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Science in the Virtual & Actual Pub-7pm. [Register for link](#). Brian Fitzgerald, EdM; Deputy Director, Mount Washington Observatory is the speaker. Why is Mount Washington called the “Home of the World’s Worst Weather”? This program will explore the unique life and work of the weather observers stationed on Mount Washington and learn why, for a mountain its size, Mount Washington hosts some of the worst weather on Earth.

Using Tech to Track + Treat Invasive Pests and Diseases- 12 to 1pm. Invasive and emerging pests rarely announce themselves. This free webinar brings together tree care professionals and municipal foresters who are getting ahead of that curve, using mapping and inventory data to track pest and disease pressure early, decide between treatment and removal, and build the case for funding before a problem becomes a crisis. [Register](#).

Wilderness Survival Indoor Workshop-7 to 9pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Fire, Shelter, Water, Food. Do you have the essentials to survive in a post-apocalyptic Western New York? Learn INTRODUCTORY wilderness survival skills through INDOOR demonstrations and hands-on challenges. Take-home ferro rod firestarter and other materials included. [Advance Registration](#), Ages 18+, \$30 per person*

The Riverline Tour of The Del-5:30 to 6:30pm. [294 Louisiana St., Buffalo, NY](#). Free one-hour tours to share our vision for transforming the former DL&W rail corridor into an amazing public space. Meet at 5:30 PM at the intersection of Louisiana Street and Miami Street in the Old First Ward. Continue the discussion at Buffalo Bar & Grille after the tour. Wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. [Register](#)

Buffalo Olmsted Parks x YPOP Happy Hour-5:30-7:30pm at Hartman's Distilling, 55 Chicago St. Join park enthusiasts, BOPC trustees, and YPOP alumni for a fun evening of connection and community! Bring a friend who might like to learn about YPOP Class of 2027, ways to get involved with the Conservancy, or how to support our upcoming auction. Cost: \$12 per person (Includes one premium cocktail, light bites, and a raffle entry to win a pair of tickets to Party for the Parks! [Tickets](#).

Foundational Green Chemistry Training- 9am to 4pm, free (registration required) at Center of Excellence Bioinformatics Life Sciences (NYS), University at Buffalo, 701 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY 14203. Chemical manufacturers can now access free green chemistry workshops hosted by NYSP2I and NYS DEC. The Creating Competitive Advantage workshop series will offer practical strategies to reduce hazards, prevent pollution, and strengthen operational efficiency across priority subsectors. [Register →](#)

The City of Buffalo Charter Revision Commission Public Forum- 5:30-7:30pm. Nonpartisan educational forums designed to explain each proposal, answer residents' questions, and help voters understand the choices on the November ballot. No recommendations will be made re: any proposal. Tosh Collins Community Center.

Friday, October 9

Great Lake Exploration-5:30 - 7:00 pm, Free, [Fort Niagara State Park](#). From the Niagara to the St Lawrence, learn what makes our pocket of the Great Lakes so special! Take a walk along the shoreline of Lake Ontario and into the woods to learn fun facts about our waterways. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Friday Morning Birding at Buffalo Audubon-8:00 am – 9:30 am. Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve 1610 Welch Rd. North Java, NY 14113. [Tickets](#).

Environmental Social-5pm to ? at [Duende in Silo City](#). A get together of all the environmental professionals and practitioners from WNY. Please RSVP for a headcount to njhenshu@buffalo.edu.

Kids-Only Night Out-5:30 to 8:30pm. Drop-off the kids (ages 6-8) at Tiff Nature Preserve for a seasonal night of fun with our staff! We'll enjoy a pizza dinner, go for a night hike, make crafts, play games, and end with a nature-themed movie and fresh popcorn! Limited space. [Advance Registration Required](#) by October 5. Ages 6-8, \$45 per child.

Niagara Frontier Botanical Field Trip - 8:30 a.m., Nannen Arboretum, located at the edge of Ellicottville. The drive into Cattaraugus County should provide good fall-foliage viewing, while the arboretum contains 200 trees and shrubs (all trees labelled). Meet at the park & ride just east of Route 219 at the Route 20A exit. Leader: Joanne Schlegel, 716-835-6042, joanneschlegel@gmail.com. Open to all.

Saturday, October 10

Stories in the Woods-11am. Enjoy hearing a nature story, followed by a guided walk in the woods. For children ages 3-7. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

WNY PRISM Walk and Talk at Zoar Valley -10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area. Lace up your shoes and join us outside for a walk this fall through the unique and beautiful Zoar Valley. Learn about invasive species we encounter along the way and what you can do to prevent their spread! WNY PRISM's Walk & Talk Series is a fun and easy way to explore nature, learn about invasive species and discover how we can all help protect the natural spaces around us. [Register here.](#)

National Coming Out Day-5pm. 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.

Spooky Safari-11am to 3pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 1963 Mill Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. Dress in your best costume (just leave the inflatables at home, our animal friends don't like them!) and step into our Not-So-Spooky Trick-or-Treat Trail, where dragon artifacts, critters, and candy await around every turn. Along the way, you'll meet some not so creepy creatures from around the world - real-life animal ambassadors ready for close-up encounters and unforgettable photos! [Tickets and Info.](#)

Extinction Extravaganza-10:00 - 11:00 am at [Evangola State Park](#). From giant sea scorpions to lumbering woolly mammoths, New York State has been the home of some fascinating animals throughout the eons. Travel back in time by examining fossils left behind by these creatures and learn about the past climates and landscapes in which they lived. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Fossil Frolic-10:00 am - 12:00 pm at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Take a hike through the upper and lower gorge trails while learning about the lifeforms that lived in our region over 400 million years ago! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Monster Mash Soap Making-1:00 - 2:30 pm [Evangola State Park](#). Unleash your inner artisan at the Evangola Nature Center! Make your own soap using a glycerin soap base and fun molds. (children 8+ with parent/guardian supervision) Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

CanAm Bike Ride-9am to 1pm. Ride across the Peace Bridge (passport/enhanced id required). [Details.](#)

Wildflower Watercolor Series-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Join us for this reoccurring watercolor series where we will create nature journals based upon wildflowers we see throughout the season. It is not necessary to be present at every session to enjoy the program. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

BWELL Annual Fundraiser- 3 PM - 6 PM at Lavocat's Family Greenhouse 8441 County Rd East Amherst, NY 14051 with plant sale. Doors open at 3:00pm for basket raffles and 50/50. Plant raffle will start promptly at 4:00pm. Limited soft drinks, beer, and snacks provided - but bringing your own is encouraged.

Speaker Series: Rowing the Irish Currach- 11am to 1pm at Great Lakes Center, 196 Porter Ave Buffalo, NY 14201. Join us to learn about Irish Rowing Currachs with the Albany Irish Rowing Club. Currachs are a traditional Irish skin-on-frame boat used for work and racing. The Club will talk about the history and modern resurgence of the traditional Irish craft. The Great Lakes Center will also give an overview of its mission to monitor, study, and protect the Great Lakes and their ecosystems. Then we will put the boats on the water to see how they're rowed. Sign up to try your skills at rowing with the club. But spots are limited. The Albany Irish Rowing Club competes in currach regattas across the US and in Ireland. The club recently returned from a regatta in Ireland this September. This event is free and open to the public. [But please register here if you plan to attend and plan to try rowing a currach. Space in the boats will be limited.](#)
<https://buffalomaritimecenter.networkforgood.com/events/105778-speaker-series-rowing-the-irish-currach>

Hike at the Eternal Flame-10:00 - 11:30am at [Chestnut Ridge - Meeting Location: Eternal Flame Parking area off of Route 277](#). Come Join Ranger Roy and hike the world-renowned Eternal Flame Trail at Chestnut Ridge Park. This will be a fun-filled educational hike that will take you to the natural phenomenon known as the Eternal Flame! Learn about hemlock forests, local wildlife and more! [Register for Hike at the Eternal Flame](#)

Buffalo Bonsai Society-1pm. at Stem Building Parking on Youngs Rd, ECC North Campus, 6205 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Behind the Scenes: Farmstead-2:30 to 3:30pm at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village. Meet our heritage breed sheep and chickens. Participants will learn about our flock's unique wool fibers, engage in a hands-on activity with wool from our flock, feed our sheep and chickens across the Farmstead, and receive a bag full of Hog Island Sheep wool to craft with at home. Hog Island Sheep wool is unique in its properties. It is described as dense and springy. It creates a fluffy yarn with exceptional heat insulation. Come meet our farmstead friends and learn more about this special wool! 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst. [Tickets.](#)

Linocut Leaves-1 to 4pm. Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Celebrate the vibrant colors and intricate patterns of autumn with our Linocut Leaves Workshop! Designed for beginners, this hands-on workshop will guide you through the process of creating stunning linocut prints inspired by the beauty of fall foliage. Enjoy exploring this unique art form and crafting beautiful prints to commemorate the season. [Register here](#)

Sunday, October 11

Gorgeous Views Foliage Hike-10:00 am - 1:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). 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. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

National Coming Out Day Walk-2:30 - 4:00 pm. [Beaver Island State Park](#). Celebrate National Coming Out Day with an educator on this nature walk around Beaver Island State Park! Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Trash or Treat Trail Clean-up-2 to 4pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. 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. [Advance registration encouraged.](#) All Ages | FREE.

Family Autumn Sunset Stroll-5:30 to 7pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. Savor the golden light of an Autumn sunset before it fades for the season! Join us for casual family-friendly guided walk or barrier-free roll on the Accessible Trail loop. [Advance Registration Required](#), All Ages, \$11 per person*.

Monday, October 12

Slow Roll Buffalo-5:30pm at BriarBrothers Brewing Company, 50 Elk Street, Buffalo, NY, 14210. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Providence Farm Collective's Incubator Farm Program-5:30pm-6:45pm at Providence Farm, Orchard Park. The tour begins with a “taste” of our farmers’ cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi and continues with a 45 minute walk of the farm while you learn about this vital program. [Tickets.](#)

Humboldt W/ Buffalo Corridors: Jefferson Avenue Documentary- 5:30pm at North Park Theater. Buffalo, NY is at a crossroads: the expressway encircling the city is falling apart, and something needs to be done. Should the city build a tunnel, fortify the existing infrastructure, or replace it with a calmer, tree-lined parkway? Premiering at the Buffalo International Film Festival, Residents explore this question as they venture on a walking tour of Jefferson Avenue, a historic thoroughfare traversing Buffalo’s East Side. This documentary was created as part of a research study investigating how communities learn to address local challenges. Residents worked with learning scientists and transportation planners at the University at Buffalo to tell stories about the past, present, and future of their neighborhoods.

Tuesday, October 13

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

Fundraising Best Practices for Small Groups & Non-Profits-12pm ET. For many non-profits, the last two months of the year is the most important time to fundraise. Join Freshwater Future on October 13th to learn more about effective fundraising tactics so you can boost your mission and bolster your end of year campaign. This online session will give you practical tips and tools to take into your end of year strategy so you can more effectively accomplish your goals and strengthen your work. [Register.](#)

The City of Buffalo Charter Revision Commission Public Forum- 5:30-7:30pm. Nonpartisan educational forums designed to explain each proposal, answer residents' questions, and help voters understand the choices on the November ballot. No recommendations will be made for or against any proposal. Frank E. Merriweather Jr. Branch Library.

Houghton Conservation Area Plans- 6 to 7:30pm. Join the Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust and Joy Kuebler of PlayCE Studio for some upcoming community workshops and tours to guide us in envisioning the Houghton Conservation Area. We look forward to hearing your ideas for this amazing place! @ Houghton Academy [Register here](#)

“Exploring Mature and Old Growth Forest Remnants in Erie County.” -Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Meeting. General meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the [Harlem Road Community Center, 4225 Harlem Road](#), Speaker Chuck Rosenberg has been uploading Erie Co. aerial photos from the 1920s and comparing them to recent photos, and then using them as a basis for follow-up field inspections. Chuck is a NFBS member, and has served as Wetland Ecologist with the N.Y. Dept. of Conservation.

Clothing Swap + Mending Workshop-5 to 8pm. *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. Our Dare to Repair seamstresses will also be on hand to help you patch or hem your brand new-to-you garments! [Info.](#)

Wednesday, October 14

Senior Saunter-10am. Enjoy a leisurely hour-long guided walk through the woods. For adults only. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Wednesday Morning Volunteering at Buffalo Audubon-9:00 am – 12:00 pm. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113, (585) 457.3228. <https://buffaloaudubon.org/volunteer/>

Citizens’ Climate Lobby Town Hall- 8 p.m. ET virtual for our [CCL’s next Town Hall](#) with CCL Executive Director Ricky Bradley. Attendees will hear organizational updates from leadership, followed by time for audience questions. All are welcome, especially CCL supporters just starting their CCL journey, or finding their role!

Buffalo's New City Hall: Who's Who and What They Do -12:30-2pm at Roswell Community Center, 907 Michigan Ave. In this workshop, learn who holds leadership positions in City Hall, what their roles and responsibilities are, and what changes have been made to city departments. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss issues they encounter in their own neighborhoods and work together to identify which offices and officials can best address those concerns. Understanding who is responsible for different areas of city policy and services is a critical step to advocating effectively. We'll discuss the most effective ways to reach city officials, and what to include when contacting an official to ask for assistance, a decision, or a policy change. **Please [register here](#). Space is limited to 30 participants per workshop, so please register only if you are confident you can attend.**

Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting- Meet at 7 pm in the Cummings Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science. "Birding the Adirondacks with Ryan Shostack", This meeting will be shared via Zoom. Ryan is a graduate of Canisius University and has worked at the Buffalo, Syracuse and Tulsa, OK Zoos. Waterfowl are Ryan's favorite family of birds and we met at Forest Lawn Cemetery one spring taking in the newly arrived ducks! Ryan has also created a Facebook group called Birders for Inclusiveness to create awareness for members of the community with autism.

ECDOH Training on Grant Management-5:30-7:30 pm at Frank E. Merriweather Library, Buffalo. The Erie County Department of Health's (ECDOH) Office of Health Equity has a set of Free Grants Management Workshops planned this fall. If you are part of an organization that applies for grants or receives grant funding, this workshop offers practical information about preparing for grants, managing grants, workplans, budgets, reporting and the entire grant process. Pre-registration for these workshops is required: email healthequity@erie.gov or call [\(716\) 858-1681](tel:7168581681).

Thursday, October 15

National Mushroom Day Walk-2pm. Come marvel at mushrooms on this walk through the woods. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Free Buffalo Zoo Tickets-The Buffalo Zoo and M&T Bank are delighted to offer FREE admission to the community once again on select Third Thursdays! Important: Free tickets are required and must be reserved online prior to your visit. *Tickets for Third Thursdays will become available to claim at 10 a.m. on the Monday of the week they take place!* [CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKETS HERE](#)

WNY PRISM's Invasive Species Symposium -9am to 3:30pm. You're invited to attend WNY PRISM's second Invasive Species Symposium to be held at SUNY Buffalo State University's Alumni and Visitor Center. The event will focus on community engagement and how by improving communication and tailoring programs, we can continue moving the needle from awareness to action. It's geared towards all those whose work involves, and depends on, the efforts of community members. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required and space is limited. **Registration deadline: October 5.** [Learn more and register!](#)

Free Birds of the World Seminar: Birding in Asia-12pm webinar, online with special guest James Eaton. This presentation will cover the basics of planning a birding trip to Asia as well as some of the important conservation work happening in the region. [Register.](#)

West Seneca Tree Inventory Summary-6:30pm, West Seneca Community Center. Join for a Town Environmental Commission presentation.

Memory Cafe: The Science of Bats and Echolocation-9:30 to 11am at Tifft Nature Preserve. This October, discover the fascinating world of bats as we explore bat biology, examine real bat biofacts from the museum's collection, and investigate how bats use echolocation and sound to navigate and hunt in the dark. Memory Cafe programs provide 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 in the series will have a presentation on unique collections items and an interactive science and nature activity. [Free to register!](#)

The History of Providence Farm Collective Tour-1 to 2:15pm at Providence Farm, Orchard. Park. The History of PFC Tour begins with a “taste” of our farmers’ cultural dishes at our Meza ya Simulizi. From there, you will spend 45 minutes learning about PFC’s origins from founding members while walking the farm. [Tickets.](#)

Friday, October 16

Friday Morning Birding at Buffalo Audubon-8:00 am – 9:30 am. Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve 1610 Welch Rd. North Java, NY 14113. [Tickets.](#)

Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Multifamily Property Owners- 9 to 10am webinar on program Upstate (AMP-Up) and how this program creates energy efficiency opportunities for property owners. Attendees will hear directly from Shea Kirwin, Project Manager, Multifamily at NYSERDA how this innovative new program increases tenant comfortability, raises property values, and saves you money. This webinar is part of the Energy Efficiency for Faith Leaders series but is applicable to so many others. Any individual or business owning five to 100 residential rental units over one or more buildings can take advantage of available incentives. [Register.](#)

Brew at the Zoo: Country Night- 5:30 to 9:30 p.m! Don your cowboy boots and hats for a historic hoedown. Regular Admission: \$45. 21+ fundraiser, and valid ID is required at the gate. Last entry is 9 p.m., and the event is rain or shine. [GET YOUR BREW AT THE ZOO: COUNTRY NIGHT TICKETS HERE](#)

Adult Night at the Museum: Spooky Edition-6 to 9pm. Step into the Buffalo Museum of Science after dark for a Halloween celebration unlike any other. This adult-only (21+) Spooky Science After Hours fills the Museum with eerie entertainment, hauntingly fun science, and festive surprises around every corner. Dress to impress (or terrify!) for our costume contest, where the most creative, clever, and spine-chilling looks will compete for prizes. Explore four floors of exhibits while enjoying themed hands-on activities, music, seasonal drinks, and interactive experiences that uncover the science behind the strange and supernatural. Looking to enhance your night? Upgrade your experience with exclusive rooftop access for breathtaking nighttime views of Buffalo sky or reserve a spot in our cow eyeball dissection workshop for a hands-on look at the fascinating anatomy of vision. Additional fees apply for these premium experiences, and space is limited. Whether you’re planning a unique date night, a festive outing with friends, or your ultimate Halloween celebration, this Spooky Adult Night at the Museum is the perfect mix of science, spirits, and spooky fun. Costumes encouraged; curiosity required! Please leave any weaponry and full-face masks at home. [Buy Your Event Tickets Here \(\\$29 each\)](#), Event Tickets with Spooky Add-Ons (\$39 each, please choose one time slot); Rooftop Access: [6:15 – 7:00 p.m.](#) , [7:15 – 8:00 p.m.](#) , [8:15 – 9:00 p.m.](#); Cow Eyeball Dissection: [6:30 – 7:30 p.m.](#) , [7:45 – 8:45 p.m.](#)

Saturday, October 17

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

Changing Seasons Stroll-2pm. With fall around the corner, let’s take a look at some signs of the changing seasons. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Fall Foraging Walk-10:00am-12:30pm, Birdsong Nature Trails, Orchard Park. Join Earth Spirit staff for a fall foraging hike at Birdsong Nature Trails in Orchard Park. [Register Now!](#)

Nocturnal Adventure-7pm. Join us for an evening walk through the woods as we look for nocturnal critters. Use your senses to learn about how these animals stay active at night. Bring a flashlight if you have one. For ages 8 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Fall Stroll in the Park-2:00 - 3:30 pm at [Reservoir State Park](#). Meander along the accessible pathway around Reservoir State Park as we welcome in the cooler temperatures and changing leaves! Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Owl Prowl-6:30 - 7:30 pm at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Explore the hidden trails of Fort Niagara with a Park Naturalist in search of elusive owls! Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Adult Craft Workshop: Make Your Own Fall Wreath-1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at [Trillium Nature Center](#), 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113. [Tickets](#).

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 11:30am-12:30pm at Charles Drew Magnet School, Martin Luther King Park, Buffalo. [Register and info](#).

Pawpaw Tree Lecture-11am, free. Would you like to learn more about native Pawpaw Trees? This lecture is all encompassing, including how to choose a planting site, how to plant pawpaw seeds and seedlings, named varieties vs. wild type seedlings and root clones, harvest window, harvesting fruit, and how best to use your harvest including some recipes! Paw Paw fruit will be available to try and some small first year seedlings will be available for purchase after this lecture. To register, please call the store ([716-649-4684](tel:716-649-4684)) or email us at orders@weknowplants.com. Lockwood's Greenhouses | [4484 Clark St](#) | [Hamburg, NY](#)

Free Paint and Battery Collection in Erie County- ([Registration](#)), Hamburg, NY.

BWELL Hike-9am to 1pm, orienteering. Details and registration at <https://bwell.community/news-events/>

Emery Park "Bio-Blitz"-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Emery Park - Emery Park, Shelter 8](#). Join Park Rangers Adam and Will as we kickoff the fall season by exploring just some of the verdant habitats Emery Park has to offer! We will be on the hunt for as many species of plants, animals, fungi as we can find, while using Seek by iNaturalist to identify what we see! This is a great program for all ages and can help provide valuable field data to scientists. [Register for Emery Park "Bio-Blitz"!](#)

Pints In the Park Chestnut Ridge Park-1:00 - 7:00pm at [Chestnut Ridge - Chestnut Ridge Park - Casino](#). Resurgence is set to Host Pints In The Park this Fall. Join us for food, drinks and tons of fun!

No Kings Rallies-Our Voice. Our Vote. Our Democracy. On Saturday, October 17, people across the country will come together once again for NO KINGS. [Lockport Pep Rally](#) 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, [Williamsville Pep Rally](#) 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, [Buffalo Pep Rally](#) 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

William Gaiter Parkway Cleanup + Bulb Planting -10am to 12:30pm. *Norfolk @ E. Delavan Ave (1016 E. Delavan Avenue)*. Join us and our partners at the Norfolk Avenue Block Club #1 as we clean up along William L. Gaiter Parkway, plant bulbs, and help steward a newly revitalized pocket park across from the Delavan-Grider Community Center. [Register](#).

Sunday, October 18

Hike Through History-10:00 - 11:30 am at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Reminisce about years gone by. Take a leisure hike and discover the history of Knox Farm State Park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Great Gorge Route Trolley Hike-11:00 am - 12:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join a Park naturalist on a gorge hike following a section of track from the old Great Gorge Route Trolley. Visitors can expect to learn about the former trolley system that ran through the Niagara Gorge and enjoy some cool views of the Niagara River. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Rewilding Tifft Nature Preserve- 2 to 4pm. Don't miss a behind-the-scenes tour of Tifft's many unique and innovative ecological initiatives. We will explore projects along the trails, such as diverse native plantings, invasive species removal, and the preservation of our woodland and wetland habitats. [Advance registration required](#). \$11 per person. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%.

Monday, October 19

Great Lakes Center & Buffalo State Seminar Series-3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Seminars are held in the Science and Mathematics Complex 151, Buffalo State University. Speaker: Mary-Alice Coffroth, University at Buffalo "Caribbean octocorals in a changing ocean: Inheritors, survivors or relict populations?"

Buffalo Sewing Club Upcycled Sewing Workshop-6 to 8pm (also Tuesday 10/20) at *The Tool Library* (2626 Main Street). Bring a piece of clothing you'd love to give new life and join us to learn how to hand-stitch and creatively upcycle using techniques such as patchwork, visible mending, grommets, painting, and more. [Tickets](#) are \$20 for TL members and \$30 for general admission.

Tuesday, October 20

Wyoming County Beekeeper Club-6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. The public is welcome to join the Wyoming County, NY Beekeeper Club at Wyoming County Ag and Business Center. Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/beekeeper-WYCO-Oct2026_256

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

Voting is Your Superpower-6pm. Buffalo History Museum. The League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara presents *Voting Is Your Superpower* to provide Western New Yorkers an evening to learn, listen, laugh, and uplift democracy. Melissa Parker Leonard, will provide the keynote address, "*The Power of a Voice.*" The evening also features hands-on activities, a station for new voter registration and creating a personal voting plan for the November 3rd election; and a Voting Story Booth where attendees can record their own voting stories for inclusion in the History Museum's contemporary collection. This event is free and open to the public, created for anyone who believes in building a more informed, more engaged, and more empowered Buffalo Niagara. [Register](#)

Wednesday, October 21

Bat Webinar-7pm. Join Brandi Christiano, PhD, and Megan White of [Bat Conservation International](#) for a free webinar exploring what bats need to thrive in home and community landscapes. They'll share how native plants, healthy insect populations, clean water, safe roosting spaces, and dark travel corridors can all contribute to bat-friendly habitat. Participants will learn practical ways to support bats in landscapes of all sizes, from using native plants to support the insects that bats depend on to reducing common hazards and creating safer places for bats to feed, drink, shelter, and travel. [Register.](#)

Wednesday Morning Volunteering at Buffalo Audubon-9:00 am – 12:00 pm. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113, (585) 457.3228. <https://buffaloaudubon.org/volunteer/>

Clean Air Coalition Friendraiser-5:30pm. Details will be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/CleanAirWNY>

CCE Niagara Annual Meeting 2026-6 to 8pm. 4-H Training Center Auditorium, 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport. Join us for an evening of celebration and connection at the 2026 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.

Thursday, October 22

Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting- 6pm at Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, 825 Depot Ave., Niagara Falls. Speaker: Anthony Carter, UB School of Architecture on "Niagara Falls Gondola Proposal". All are welcome.

Building Blocks Breakfast- Join PUSH Buffalo for a free breakfast from 8-9am at Kleinhans Music Hall to learn about their community efforts. [Register.](#)

Science in the Virtual & Actual Pub-7pm. [Register for link.](#) Dr. Lauren Allsopp, Senior Global Futures Scholar, Arizona State University is the speaker. For most of human history, people understood the materials that shaped their world. They knew why a boat held together, why a roof endured, why a tool survived generations. But in the 250 years since the Industrial Revolution, that shared literacy has thinned. We've outsourced knowledge once woven into daily life, and in doing so, we've begun restoring and repairing blindly. This talk is a small journey back—through simple techniques and discoveries on land and under the sea—to rediscover how materials behave, why they last, and how understanding them can help us conserve what we depend on.

The Three Sisters Potluck-5 to 7pm is an annual event hosted by Pelion Outdoor Classroom at City Honors School, a member of the Grassroots Gardens WNY school garden network. “Enjoy the last gifts of the garden with us and fortify ourselves for the winter. Together, we’ll cook a huge pot of squash soup on the camp stove and pop our popping corn. Please bring an empty stomach or a dish to share. If you do not cook, consider bringing jugs of cider, cups (hot/cold), napkins, utensils or donate your time to help setup/cleanup.” 212 Best Street Buffalo, NY 14209. [Read more and RSVP via Facebook here.](#)

Friday, October 23

Dark Side of the Falls-5:30 - 7:00 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). It’s not always rainbows and sunshine at Niagara Falls... View a quick presentation and take a walk around the park to learn about the Dark Side of the Falls. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Friday Morning Birding at Buffalo Audubon-8:00 am – 9:30 am. Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve 1610 Welch Rd. North Java, NY 14113. [Tickets.](#)

Tiff or Treat Children’s Halloween Party-Tiff Nature Preserve, 6-9pm. Join us for a children’s not-so-scary Halloween party indoors and on the trails! Your young ghouls will encounter LIVE animals, make-n-take crafts, hot cider, donuts, face-painting, and hands-on fun activities indoors. Outdoors, venture into the woods for an optional self-guided, candle-lit scavenger hunt on the trails. Wear your family-friendly Halloween costume to be entered for prizes in our costume contest (for adults too)! Please select a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. entry time. Advance registration required. [6 p.m. Entry Time](#) or [7 p.m. Entry Time](#), Ages 3+ | \$12 per person*

Saturday, October 24

Owls of Reinstein Woods-7pm. Learn about the owls that live at Reinstein Woods through an indoor presentation and nocturnal adventure in search of them. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Howl at the Ridge: Party for the Park 2026- Chestnut Ridge Park Casino from 6-9pm. Join us in celebrating the splendor of Fall and Halloween in Chestnut Ridge Park at the Park Casino with the Black Rock Beatles Cover Band , wines, craft beers and hors d’oeuvres all included. We are also opening our party up for Kids five years and older. There will be a special area with games, prizes and face painting as well as pizza. Kids can wear their best ghoulish attire for best costume. Adult’s the same... wear your best ghoulish attire or dress as you wish. Prizes for best Adult costume as well. [Tickets](#)

Writing with the Seasons: Autumn-9:00 am – 4:00 pm at [Trillium Nature Center](#), 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113. [Tickets.](#)

Pelion's UDIG/PICK Native Plant Sale & Farm SHOPPE-10am to 2pm. Nature-crafted items, plants, seed stock and homegrown products. Pelion will host monthly Shoppe events and we also invite any crafter, artists, makers, bakers or skillsharers to participate! Does your club, frat, or class KNIT? Wanna sell your own tshirt designs? Did your grammz gift you an irresistible cookie recipe? Do you dare folks to try your spiciest salsa?? No fees; bring your own setup. The FOURTH SATURDAY of every month. [Info.](#) Share the invitation and send a message to peliongarden@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Tree Planting Workshop-9am to 12pm at Seneca Babcock Mychajiliw Center, 82 Harrison Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. [Info and register.](#)

PUSH Dare to Repair Café-11am to 2pm at *PUSH Sustainable Workforce Training Center (300 Hampshire St, Buffalo, NY 14213)*. Dare to Repair Cafes are pop-up community events where individuals can bring broken items and have a team of volunteer fixers try to repair the item alongside them for free! [Register.](#)

Geo-Caching Adventure-10:00 - 11:30 am, [Evangola State Park](#). Learn how to use the Global Positioning system (GPS) on your phone to find hidden Geo-caches with clues to solve nature mysteries. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 10:20-11:20 at Lafayette High School, 370 Lafayette, Buffalo. [Register and info.](#)

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 11:30am-12:30pm at East Bennett High School, 2885 Main, Buffalo. [Register and info.](#)

Sunday, October 25

Fall Foliage Walk-1:00 - 2:30 pm at [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#). Take a scenic stroll along the Niagara Gorge rim at Whirlpool Area and take in the beautiful views of fall foliage. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 12:15-1:15pm at 1st Shiloh Baptist, 15 Pine St, Buffalo. [Register and info.](#)

Adults-only Full Moon Stroll-6:30 to 8pm at Tiffit Nature Preserve. Enjoy a quiet evening outdoors with a guided stroll in search of wildlife beneath the (almost) Full Moon. No headlamps, video, or flash photography please. [Advance Registration Required](#). Ages 18+ |\$11 per person*.

Mindful Meditation Hike-10:00 - 11:30am at [Eighteen Mile Creek - Eighteen Mile Creek Parking Lot](#). Join Ranger Matt for a peaceful mindfulness meditation hike at 18-Mile Creek Park in Hamburg. This guided experience combines gentle hiking with simple mindfulness and meditation practices designed to help participants slow down, connect with nature, and enjoy the sights and sounds of the park. Come prepared for an easy-paced outdoor experience along the Rim Trail and a chance to refresh your mind and body. [Register for Mindful Meditation Hike](#)

Spark Bird Outing at Forest Lawn-3 to 5pm. Do you have a friend who is bird curious and just waiting for their spark bird? Are you that bird curious person and want to meet people who share that curiosity and learn more about birds together? We invite you to ignite a lifelong passion for birds during a [Birdability Week](#) outing with The Spark Bird Project and the WNY Young Birders Club - birders of all ages, interests, and abilities are enthusiastically encouraged to attend & Halloween costumes are welcome but not required! Please visit <https://forms.gle/ABriUesyGbNoHnBt5> to register to ensure we know how to best include you in our outing, that you receive communications leading up to and the day of our outing, and to affirm your agreement to our community expectations. We do not have a maximum number of registrants and you are welcome to drop in without registering if you would like - if we have a large group we will break into smaller groups to ensure each group has a balanced number of experienced and learning birders.

Monday, October 26

NYSACC's Conservation Connect-2pm. Series brings members together for informative virtual sessions featuring experienced leaders and practitioners in conservation and environmental policy. Each session focuses on a timely topic relevant to local conservation efforts and provides an opportunity to learn from experts, ask questions, and share ideas with others from across New York State. Conservation Connect meets every 4th Monday at 2pm on Google Meet: meet.google.com/xub-btbe-yiy

DIY Workshop: Sourdough + Kombucha-6 to 8pm at *The Tool Library (2626 Main Street)*. This workshop will cover the basics of making sourdough and kombucha at home, including starting and maintaining a sourdough starter, brewing and flavoring kombucha, and learning simple techniques for successful fermentation. [Tickets](#) are \$20 for TL members and \$30 for general admission.

Tuesday, October 27

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

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 6-7pm at Frank E. Merriweather Library, 1324 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo. [Register and info.](#)

Save Our Backyards Public Meeting- 6pm (doors 5:30) at the Frontier Firehall, [2176 Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls NY](#). Share concerns over contamination in our neighborhoods.

Hamburg House and Garden Club-Noon monthly meeting at the Hamburg Community Center, 107 Prospect Ave., Hamburg Jill Break will speak on "The Joys of Pickling." Brush up on some old skills or learn some new ones. Please feel free to join the meeting.

Wednesday, October 28

Wednesday Morning Volunteering at Buffalo Audubon-9:00 am – 12:00 pm. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113, (585) 457.3228. <https://buffaloudubon.org/volunteer/>

Senior Hiking Club-9:30 - 11:30am at [Wendt Park - Meeting Location: Main Parking Lot](#). Join us as we partner with Erie County Senior Services for their Senior Hiking Club. The Hiking Club is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to stay active and enjoy the beauty of nature in the company of like-minded individuals. Summary: Join a park ranger on a fall stroll along the beach and boardwalk at Wendt Beach Park! Enjoy the fall orange colors contrasting with the rich blue of Lake Erie water. Perhaps see some spooky nature sightings on our final Senior Hike of 2026. [Register for 10/28 Senior Hiking Club](#)

ECDOH Training on Grant Management-12 to 2pm virtual. The Erie County Department of Health's (ECDOH) Office of Health Equity has a set of Free Grants Management Workshops planned this fall. If you are part of an organization that applies for grants or receives grant funding, this workshop offers practical information about preparing for grants, managing grants, workplans, budgets, reporting and the entire grant process. Pre-registration for these workshops is required: email healthequity@erie.gov or call [\(716\) 858-1681](tel:7168581681).

Thursday, October 29

Fall Highlight: Party for the Parks-6 to 9pm. Join Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy for an enchanting evening of mystery and elegance supporting your historic parks at our largest fundraiser of the year – Party for the Parks! Enjoy gourmet bites by The Grange Community Kitchen, open beer & wine service, live entertainment, wine pull, and silent auction bidding (opening October 22) at this autumn masquerade themed night. The Show at Shea's Seneca, [2188 Seneca St.](#) [Tickets.](#)

Exploring the Secret Lives of Bats-7 to 8:30pm at Tiff Nature Preserve. Join us for an engaging evening with renowned bat biologist Dr. Jonathan Townsend as we explore the fascinating lives of bats, their importance to healthy ecosystems, and the habitats they depend on. The program will also highlight the connections between bats, insects, native plants, and the landscapes that support them. Geared toward teens and adults, this program welcomes families, native plant and conservation enthusiasts, and anyone interested in learning more about bats and the habitats that support them. Presented in collaboration with Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo Bat Habitat, and Wild Ones Western New York, bringing together bat conservation, native plants, and habitat education. Ages 12+. [Advance registration required.](#) FREE

CCE Erie Annual Meeting-6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Roycroft Campus Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora, NY. Social time starts at 6:30pm and the business meeting begins at 7:00pm. Please [register](#) by October 23, 2026!

Friday, October 30

Halloween Hike at Beaver Meadow-6 to 8:30pm. Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve, 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, NY 14113. [Tickets.](#)

Saturday, October 31

Minecraft in Real Life-10am. Do you enjoy exploring the world of Minecraft? Come explore all the hints of Minecraft that you can see at Reinstein Woods! From birch trees to foxes, there's lots to find here! Create your very own Reinstein Woods/Minecraft field guide to help you during your exploration. For ages 7 and older. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

United Way Disaster Preparedness Workshop-one hour workshop, attendees will receive free disaster resilience kit. 10:30-11:30am at Makowski Early Childhood Center, 1095 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo. [Register and info.](#)

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

Birdling Lake Ontario Plain Field Trip for fall migrants-Meet at 8 AM at Tops Market in Wright's Corners. This is on the east side of Route 78 at Route 104, north of Lockport. Leaders are Willie D'Anna and Joel Strong. Willie D'Anna, P: 716-471-7595 or E: dannapotter@roadrunner.com

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Field Trip- 9:00 a.m. at Chestnut Ridge County Park. We will explore one or two mature/possible old growth areas. Meet in the large parking lot off the south side of Newton Road located about a quarter mile west of Route 277. Relatively easy hike overall with a couple of slightly difficult areas to traverse. Leader: Chuck Rosenburg, cprosenb@roadrunner.com

Annual Trick or Trunk - Draves Arboretum located at 1815 Sharrick Road Darien. Starting at 1pm and going to 4pm. Put on your best costume, bring your treat bags or buckets, and get ready for a spooktacular time. Children of all ages are welcome. 60 stops along the tree trunks to find goodies. We will also have games, face painting, and more. Trick or Treat amongst the trees! This event is open to the public.

Creepy Critters-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Como Lake - Meeting Location: Boy Scout Trail \(Shelter 11\)](#). Join Ranger Nikki for a walk in the woods getting our hands dirty digging through leaf litter, flipping logs and exploring Cayuga Creek for some creepy crawling critters! Come prepared for hands-on interactions with bugs and worms of all kinds! Let's explore what is below our feet that goes unseen! [Register for Creepy Critters](#)

Tools & Treats Tool and Bake Sale-12 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!

Sunday, November 1

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

Monday, November 2

Great Lakes Center & Buffalo State Seminar Series-3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Seminars are held in the Science and Mathematics Complex 151, Buffalo State University. Speaker: Floria Uy, University of Rochester "Parasites exploit plasticity to reprogram social wasps".

Tuesday, November 3

Vote if you haven't already.

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday Morning Volunteering at Buffalo Audubon-9:00 am – 12:00 pm. 1610 Welch Rd., North Java, New York 14113, (585) 457.3228. <https://buffaloaudubon.org/volunteer/>

Understanding Erie County's Budget -12:30-2pm at Roswell Community Center, 907 Michigan Ave. This workshop will provide an overview of Erie County's budget and the process behind it. We'll look at where the County gets its revenue, what the County spends most of its money on, how spending has changed in recent years, and how the budget connects to the services and programs residents rely on every day. We'll also talk about how you can get involved! While there are official opportunities for county residents to publicly weigh in on budget proposals, there is an entirely different timeline for advocates calling for greater investment in their priority areas. Participants will have an opportunity to identify priorities that matter to their communities and think through how to advocate for those priorities during the 2027 budget process. **Please [register here](#). Space is limited to 30 participants per workshop, so please register only if you are confident you can attend.**

Conservation Conversation- Buffalo Zoo. Canisius University's Dr. Susan Margulis narrates the two decades of research she has led at the Buffalo Zoo with our Western lowland gorilla troop and various other animals in our collection. From getting to know the unique personalities of each animal to assessing hormone data, we'll experience what it has been like to learn from primates and other animals and how scientists are using that information to save these species. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and presentation begins at 7 p.m. [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

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.**

Early voting will start **Saturday October 24** - make a plan now, and ask your neighbors if they need help to get to the polls! In Erie County, [you can preview your ballot on the Board of Elections website here](#), and [find the list of early election sites here](#). For Niagara County, [ballot previews are available here](#), and the [early voting stations are here](#). This year there are Ballot Propositions in [Cheektowaga](#), [Amherst](#) and [North Tonawanda](#), as well as a [long slate of proposed charter revisions in the City of Buffalo](#). Learn more on the [City's Charter Revision page here](#).

Pending Legislation: Contact your Elected Officials

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

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

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

[NYS Public Service Commission is currently accepting public comments until October 20 on the Draft Scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement studying the effects of data centers.](#) Translated, that means the PSC is looking for your input on what they should be studying and looking at (water use, air emissions, etc.), how many public hearings they should hold and where, and how long public comments should be open. To submit your thoughts, [please click here and then find the "Post Comments" button on the upper right of your screen.](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed another regulation that further guts the Clean Water Act and its critical streams and wetlands protections. This "supplemental" proposal would eliminate federal "Waters of the United States" protections for most streams that do not flow year-round and wetlands. Loss of these protections will mean increased local flooding, less recreational opportunities, and increased environmental pollution. Public comment is open until **Friday, October 9th, 2026** - [send a personalized comment to the U.S. EPA today!](#)

The U.S. government is currently considering a consolidated application from The Metals Company to conduct deep-seabed mining activities in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone (CCZ), a vast area of international waters in the central Pacific Ocean. If The Metals Company's application was granted, this would be the first time that commercial deep-sea mining would be allowed in international waters. **NOAA will hold a virtual public hearing on October 13, 2026, from 3:00–5:00 PM EDT** to hear from members of the public, to get your perspectives on whether we should allow The Metals Company to start mining our seabed. On **October 8 at 3 PM EDT**, IOC is joining ocean advocates, members of the public, and partner organizations for a virtual rally to learn more about the application and prepare to participate in the NOAA hearing. **Register for the virtual rally [here!](#)** If you can't make the rally, you can still use [this toolkit](#) (adapted from our friends at National Ocean Protection Coalition), which includes messaging guidance and a template letter, to [submit a public comment](#) by the **October 19th comment submission deadline.**

Tips for the Environment:

- **Save food and money** – Grocery stores and restaurants often partner with services to connect their leftover food with buyers at a discount. Check out [Too Good to Go](#) to find out who participates.
- **Have Lint?**-The best free fire starter you already own, Pack a clump into a section of toilet paper or paper towel tube, and you have a light, easy-to-ignite fire starter that tucks neatly into a camping bag or pack lint into the cups of a paper egg carton, pour melted candle wax over it, and let it set. Cut the carton apart into individual cups when you are ready. Paper cartons only for this, not foam ones. In the garden, lint from cotton, linen, or other natural fibers can go straight on the compost pile. Scatter it in small handfuls rather than one big clump, so it breaks down more easily. If you have spots where you just want to keep weeds down or hold soil in place, and you are not growing anything there, a thick layer of lint will do it. It is not good mulch for plants you are actually raising, but for a bare patch along a fence line or the edge of a gravel path, it is free and breaks down on its own. Lint also works as a liner inside plant pots. Lay a layer before you add soil to keep it from falling out the drainage hole and to help the pot hold onto moisture a little longer between waterings. For small craft projects that need a bit of filling, lint is soft and costs nothing. When you are out of bubble wrap or packing paper and need to cushion something fragile, lint works fine for short-term storage or shipping. Not the prettiest solution, but it does the job. For an oil spill on a garage floor or concrete, cover the area with lint and leave it for about 24 hours. It absorbs a good amount; clear it away and see where things stand, then repeat if needed.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western NY Land Conservancy- trail clearing, mailings, technical research and citizen scientist projects.
<https://www.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](#)

[event carbon calculator](#)

[Organic Resource Mapping Tool](#)

[WNY Food Systems Map](#)

[TreeCanopy.us](#)

[Great Lakes WISE Water Stewardship Toolkit](#)

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>
Canning Tips for Food Preservation- <http://www.motherearthnews.com>
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>
Chirps and Cheeps Bird Blog- <http://www.chirpsandcheeps.com/>
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecattrail.org/>
Farmer Resource Network- <https://farmerresourcenetwork.force.com/FRN/s/>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Gardening Speakers Bureau <http://gardentalkbuffalo.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>
GBNRTC-<http://www.gbnrtc.org/blog/>
Guide to Urban Farming- <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/>
Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkhcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Heirloom Soul Florals: Regenerative Flower Farming- <https://www.heirloomsoul.com/blog-archive>
Natural and Working Lands-<https://blogs.cornell.edu/workinglands/> Farming and Climate Change resources
Nourishing Harvest- <https://www.patreon.com/anourishingharvest>
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
Recycle Right NY- <https://recyclerightny.org/>
Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>
Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>
Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>
Times Beach Nature Preserve- <www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029>
Black Dog Rescue- <www.blackdogsecondchance.org>
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- <https://www.grandislandschools.org/domain/49>
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- <www.ptny.org/bikecanal>
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>
We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>
WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>
Fishing Outdoors- <http://www.huntfishnyoutdoors.com/events.php>
Citizen Science Opportunities- [listing](#)
Sustainability SmartPod- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2127930>

County/New York State Resources

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

Green Jobs, Internships and Career Opportunities

EPA-<https://www.epa.gov/careers>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://greenjobs.net/>, [Green Jobs App](#) for Android
Listing of websites-www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs
Green Jobs Board- <https://www.browngirlgreen.com/greenjobs>, <https://greenjobs.greenjobsearch.org/>
Green Guardian Environmental Volunteers of Niagara Region- <https://filemaker.epd-pgh.com/fmi/webd/GreenGuardians>
NOAA Internships- [NOAA Student Opportunities Website](#)
Access hundreds of research internships, fellowships, and scholarships funded by the government and private sector organizations: <https://www.zintellect.com/>
Learn more about the variety of opportunities with NOAA: <https://www.noaa.gov/work-with-us>
American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: <https://aaees.mcjobboard.net/jobs>

AGU Career Center: <https://findajob.agu.org/>
ESA Career Center: <https://www.esacareercenter.org/>, [check out the full series](#) on our YouTube channel!
American Fisheries Society: <https://jobs.fisheries.org/>
NYSDEC Employment: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/jobs.html>
NY State Parks: <https://parks.ny.gov/employment/>
National Association for Interpretation: https://nai-us.org/interp/nai/ membership/Career_Center/Career_Center.aspx
North American Association for Environmental Education: <https://jobs.naaee.org/>
Northeast Recycling Council- <https://www.nerc.org/job-board>
Marine Biology Education Resources: <https://www.marinebio.org/careers/>

Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series

DEC summer camps

www.aquariumofniagara.org

www.buffaloudubon.org

www.buffalogardens.com

www.buffscience.org

www.buffalozoo.org

www.penndixie.org

www.yourspca.org

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

Grant Opportunities /Tools

Database of Federal Grants to Support Food Waste Initiatives

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

www.grantstation.com

www.grantwatch.com

www.grantsalert.com

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

Find your farmer - Erie Grown website

Farmers' Markets 2025 map- farmer's market map

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

NYS Woodchip Sources Map

NYS Compost Facilities Map

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kin Loch Farmstead- <https://www.kinlochfarmstead.com/>
Kubed Root-<http://www.kubedroot.com/>
McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com/>
Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Nimble Farms- <https://nimblefarms.com/>
Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com
Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org/>
Produce Peddlers-<https://producepeddlers.com/>
The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandesa.com/>
Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>
Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/
Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>
Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>
NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>
WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

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

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

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

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

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

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373
Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot
Batteries (high energy for mowers, power tools)-Lowe's, Bison Turf; Batteries for e-bikes- Tom Pro Bikes
Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>
Books- www.booksforafrica.org, 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
Shoes, athletic-NikeReuseAShoe.com, Souls4Souls.org and OneWorldRunning.com
Sports equipment-resell/trade at www.playitagainsports.com
Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.
Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>
Toys, plastic or used- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html, www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation
Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling
Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>
Xray film (contains silver)- [X-Ray Film Recyclers](#), [Electronic Recycling Guys](#),
Searchable lists- <https://search.earth911.com/> , <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/> [realsimple](#)

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:

Solar Energy Training- <http://www.solarenergy.org/training-schedule/>
Coursera- www.coursera.org
[Green Education Foundation](#)
[Facing the Future](#)

[Cloud Institute for Sustainable Education](#)

[Sustainable Futures Institute](#)

[Nature Generation.](#)

[The Center for Ecoliteracy](#)

[Hamline's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\)](#)

[The National Science Teachers Association Learning Centers](#)

[The US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](#)

[Basics of Organic Farming](#) is a self-directed online course for beginning orchard and vegetable-crop farmers

[Our Farms, Our Future](#) podcast series

[Second Nature's Solution Center](#)

On Demand Webinars:

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

[Plan-It GEO](#)

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

EarthEcho [Youtube channel](#) Water Challenge [playlist](#).

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

Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](#)

www.epa.gov/climate-indicators.

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

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](#)

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

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](#)

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

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

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

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

[2018 Fuel Economy Guide](#)

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

[NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Webinar series](#)

[NOAA One Science Seminar Series](#)

[Green Restaurant sustainability tool](#)

[Mapping Climate Change.](#)

[Socially Responsible Investing and Banking](#)

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

[Promise of Biomimicry](#)

[Pollinators under Pressure](#)

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter

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

AIA Buffalo Western NY

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

Air and Waste Management Association	https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/
Allegany Nature Pilgrimage	http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/
Alliance for the Great Lakes	www.greatlakes.org
American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate	http://nyupstateplanning.org/www.wnyapa.com
Amherst State Park Arboretum	http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
Asha Sanctuary for Rescued Farm Animals	http://www.ashasanctuary.com/
Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense	https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	http://www.awarewildlife.com/
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Birds on the Niagara	https://bird-niagara.org/
Black Rock Riverside Alliance	https://brralliance.org/
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Architecture Foundation	https://buffaloarchitecture.org/
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve	www.buffaloaudubon.org
Buffalo Blueway	https://buffaloblueway.com/
Buffalo Central Terminal	https://buffalocentralterminal.org/
Buffalo Go Green	https://buffalogogreen.org/
Buffalo Green Fund	https://www.buffalogreenfund.org/
Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition	https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/
Buffalo Niagara Gardening	https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com

Buffalo Farm to School Program	https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/
Buffalo Geological Society	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	http://bnhv.org/
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	https://bnwaterkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	https://buffalo-orienteeing.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/
Buffalo Recycles	http://buffalorecycles.org/
Buffalo River Land Trust	https://www.bnrlandtrust.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	http://www.burchfieldnac.org/
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	https://bwell.community/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Climate Lobby	https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-ccl/chapters/
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	http://citizencoalitionwe.com/
Citizens for Regional Transit	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	https://lambluebirdtrail.org/

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

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www3.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www3.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	https://www.ecfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Explore Buffalo	www.explorebuffalo.org
Feminist Bird Club Buffalo	https://feministbirdclubbuf.org/
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/
Food Future WNY	www.foodfuturewny.org
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.finwr.org/
Friends of Reinstein Woods	http://reinsteinwoods.org
Friends of Sinking Ponds	https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/
Garden Clubs of WNY	www.gardenclubsofwny.com
Genesee County Village & Museum	https://www.gcv.org/
Global Justice Ecology Project	http://globaljusticeecology.org/
Go Bike Buffalo	http://gobikebuffalo.org/
Go Buffalo Niagara	http://gobuffaloniagara.org
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grand Island Nature Alliance	https://gi-naturealliance.org/

Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers Network	www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/
Great Lakes Research Consortium	https://www.esf.edu/glrc/
Green Together WNY	https://www.facebook.com/greentogetherwny/
Habitat for Humanity	https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	https://www.hawkcreek.org
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	https://www.heartforanimals.org/
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Hope Rising Together	https://ltlcl.com/
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/
Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
Keep Western New York Beautiful	https://www.facebook.com/KWNYB/
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	http://www.erie.gov/lewpa
Leadership Buffalo	https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	https://www.lisc.org/wny/
Lyceum at Silo City	https://www.facebook.com/LyceumatSiloCity/

Massachusetts Avenue Project	http://mass-ave.org/
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	https://www.nannenarboretum.com/
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
NY Center for Organics & Recycling Education	https://cals.cornell.edu/ny-center-organics-recycling-education
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/
New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylev.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/
New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/
New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	https://www.nysar3.org/
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	https://www.facebook.com/NESAWG/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	https://www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-new-york-upstate
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	https://www.nyuasla.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara Beautification Commission	https://www.keepniagarabeautiful.org/

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

Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy	https://rwparkbuffalo.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Restore our Community Coalition	http://roccbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	https://re-treewny.org/
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Riverline	https://www.riverline.org/
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/niagara
Slow Roll Buffalo	https://www.slowrollbuffalo.org/
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
Tifft Nature Preserve	http://www.tifft.org/tifft/
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/
Tool Library	https://thetoollibrary.org/
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	www.facebook.com/tuscaroraenvironment/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	https://www.facebook.com/groups/esw.ub/
UB Environmental Network	https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/
UB Office of Sustainability	http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html
UB Regional Institute	http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/
Urban Land Institute	http://newyork.uli.org
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/

US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/buffalo/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-co
US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast	https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast
Vision Niagara	http://visionniagara.org/
Voice-Buffalo	https://voicebuffalo.org/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	https://nywea.org/western/
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	http://www.tscwny.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.wnyea.org
Western New York Herpetological Society	https://wnyherpsociety.org/
Western New York Land Conservancy	https://www.wnyle.org/
WNY Mountain Bike Association	http://www.wnymba.org
WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY)	http://www.plantwny.com/
WNY Partnership for Invasive Species Mgmt (PRISM)	www.wnyprism.org
WNY Permaculture	www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/
WNY Raptor Center	Wnyraptor.com
Western New York Science Teachers	https://westernstanys.org/
WNY Seed Library	https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/
Western New York Soil Health Alliance	https://www.facebook.com/wnysoilhealth/
WNY STEM	https://stemecosystems.org/ecosystem/wny-stem/
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	http://www3.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/>