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Articles:

Grassroots Gardens Annual Pie Raffle

Join Grassroots Gardens at our delicious annual fundraiser as we welcome you to Five Points Bakery (44 Brayton, Buffalo) from 5:30 to 8pm on **September 9** for the 11th Annual Pie Raffle and Harvest Celebration!

[Your ticket](#) to this evening event includes live music, savory barbecue, and the chance to win delicious baked goods from local bakeries and gardeners!

WNY Land Conservancy Conservation Celebration

The 2026 Conservation Celebration [website](#) is now live! Join the WNY Land Conservancy for our third annual Conservation Celebration on **Thursday, September 10**, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the beautiful Farmcraft Brewery, nestled in the rolling agricultural landscape of Wyoming County, just 8 miles from East Aurora in the heart of the Western New York Wildway. Enjoy an evening of great food, live music from local Americana band [Tough Old Bird](#), and the company of fellow conservation supporters. A delicious farm-to-table buffet will feature meat-based, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, making this family-friendly event perfect for guests of all ages. Every [ticket](#) helps the Western New York Land Conservancy permanently protect the forests, farms, and wetlands that make our region so special, ensuring they remain healthy and accessible for future generations. We hope you'll join us for a fun evening celebrating conservation together!

Green Drinks

Join others for networking and fun at Green Drinks on Thursday **September 10th** at 5:30pm at [Pelion Outdoor Classroom](#) (212 Best St, Buffalo, NY 14209) with a tour of the pollinator habitat and mocktails from 5:30-6:30 pm followed by a short walk (~0.6 mile) to Anchor Bar. There are no bathrooms at Pelion and those who wish to go straight to **Anchor Bar** (1047 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14209), may do so. A Green Drinks rep will be at both locations starting at 5:30pm. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the NEW [Green Drinks webpage](#).

Rendezvous in the Zoo: Fundraiser Gala

Come to the Rendezvous In The Zoo, the “RITZ” Gala, presented by the Yurtchuk Foundation on **Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 6-11pm!** The “RITZ” will be a special evening celebrating the Buffalo Zoo’s ongoing commitment to wildlife conservation and the exciting future ahead as we take the Zoo to new heights. This tented affair will feature cocktails, dinner by Salvatore’s, live entertainment by Vibrant Strings as well as DJ Milk & DJ Yes, dancing, auctions, and up-close encounters with some of the Zoo’s special guest animal ambassadors. [GET YOUR “RITZ” GALA TICKETS HERE](#)

Electronics and Paint Recycling and Waste Collections

Free Paint Collection in Erie County will take place on **September 12, 2026** ([Registration](#)) at UB South and **October 17** ([Registration](#)) will open on September 13, 2026). 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 September 26 at Lockport Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Rd., Lockport from 9am to 1pm ([register](#)) and October 10 from 9am to 1pm at Newfane Highway Garage, 6176 McKee St., Newfane ([registration](#) opens soon). 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](#)).

Save the Date for our Fall 6MBS

Save **September 24** for Buffalo Architecture Foundation's 6 Minute Building Stories (6MBS) series which features short, PechaKucha-style presentations from a diverse group of speakers who help shape our built environment. Since 2012, BAF has organized two 6MBS events each year while partnering with a wide range of exciting venues along the way. We promote a broad and inclusive view of who shapes the built environment by featuring speakers from architecture, construction and engineering backgrounds as well as real estate developers, artists, community organizers, tradespeople and allied professionals. Presentations are recorded and added to our Building Stories Archive at UB. If you would like to share your building story with our community, please email us at info@buffaloarchitecture.org.

Register for Paws in the Park!

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

Doors Open Buffalo

Doors Open Buffalo will be held from 10am to 4pm on **Saturday, September 26**. Explore Buffalo's signature annual event is a day of free public access to architecturally and historically significant locations. The goal of Doors Open Buffalo is to excite visitors about Buffalo's unique architectural heritage. Doors Open Buffalo is a unique opportunity to visit building interiors that are often not open to the public and is a choose-your-own-adventure event: visitors can visit as many locations and in whatever order they wish. Typically held on a Saturday in September, Doors Open Buffalo attracts thousands of visitors each year. For free registration and a list of open buildings, visit [here](#).

Volunteer as a Tour Guide at Tifft Nature Preserve

Do you enjoy sharing the great outdoors with groups of children? Then Tifft wants you as a Volunteer Tour Guide! Register by **Sept 10** for this two-part training series on September 15 and 22 (9:30am-12:30pm) to learn how we showcase our natural heritage to thousands of children each year. Candidates must attend both dates. We are seeking candidates comfortable leading groups of children on the trails during weekday mornings. Please email kadriaansen@sciencebuff.org for more information.

Wilderness First Aid Course

A Wilderness First Aid Training (16hr) + AHA BLS Course will be offered **September 18-20** at Don Miller Park, North Tonawanda. This Wilderness First Aid (WFA) + American Heart Association BLS (CPR) course is designed for an individual or small group that travels beyond pavement and into the outdoors. The course consists of ~16 hours of in-person training and hands-on practice scenarios and ~3 hours of CPR training. The training will be taking place over the course of three days: Friday, September 18: 6:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday, September 19: 8:00am-6:00pm, Sunday, September 20: 9:00am-3:00pm.

[Register and Info.](#)

Fall Gardening Classes

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (CCE Erie) Master Gardener Program volunteers as they host three in-person Fall Gardening Classes in September 2026. “Drying and Preserving Herbs” will be taught on Wednesday, Sept. 16; “Living with Critters ‘Rabbits, Deer and Moles, Oh My!’” will be offered on Sept. 22 and “Transitioning Your Garden will be held on Sept. 26. Cost: \$20 per class, \$50 for all 3 classes for MG and \$55 for all 3 classes for the public. [Register.](#)

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2026_FallGardeningClasses_214

2026 Great Lakes Conference

Registration for the 2026 Great Lakes Conference is now open! The conference, hosted by the [Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition](#), will be **September 24-25, 2026**, in downtown Detroit, Michigan. The Great Lakes Conference brings advocates, professionals, and community members from around the region to a Great Lakes city to learn, share, and network around Great Lakes issues - including restoration needs and successes, water infrastructure, Great Lakes policy, environmental justice, emerging issues, and more! The conference also features field trips that take participants throughout Detroit to share our host city’s vibrant history and see firsthand the exciting water work happening throughout. [Info and registration.](#)

Raising the Roots

Join Massachusetts Avenue Project for their annual farm-to-table tasting event, Raising the Roots for Food Equity on **Saturday, October 3rd** from 12-4pm. 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.](#)

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.](#)

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.

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.](#)

Solo Sweeps

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

Beech Leaf Disease Distribution and Research Updates

Trees are beginning to leaf out in New York, which means you may start seeing symptoms of beech leaf disease (BLD) in your trees. BLD affects and kills both native and ornamental beech tree species and is associated with a nematode, *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii*. Learn more [about the disease](#). BLD has been confirmed in all but three counties in New York. If found, please report BLD in: BLD can be reported via [iMapInvasives](#)- please include a photo of the underside of the beech leaves that clearly show striping for easiest confirmation.

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](#)! Your help is essential—the Tree Nursery is expected to more than triple their annual production over the next 3 years to as many as 6 million seedlings! 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.

Grant Award for Hydrology

The University at Buffalo, Hydrology Academy Workforce Training received \$32,017 for their work. The funding will address critical hydrologic data gaps identified in the Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) by expanding regional capacity for collecting hydrologic data. The Academy will provide targeted workforce training for environmental scientists, local municipal planners, watershed groups, and university students through a four-day workshop and a series of instructional videos. Curriculum will provide hands-on experience and train regional practitioners to support watershed management plans.

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.

Harmful Algal Bloom Notification System

DEC's New York Harmful Algal Bloom System ([NYHABS](#)) is now active as the 2026 harmful algal blooms (HABs) notification starts. This system give New Yorkers the ability to send reports of HABs to DEC electronically via a simple user- and mobile phone-friendly form. [The public is encouraged to report any sightings of suspected blooms](#) through the NYHABS notification system as a key component in effective monitoring and communication about where and when HABs are occurring across the state. Reports are evaluated by DEC and the Department of Health and once confirmed, are posted to the [NYHABS page](#). The system features an interactive map of current and archived bloom locations to help keep New Yorkers informed. For more information about HABs, visit DEC's [Harmful Algal Blooms \(HABs\) webpage](#).

Summer Turkey Sighting Survey 2026

While you are out exploring New York's beautiful August landscapes, be sure to keep an eye out for wild turkeys and report your observations to the DEC. Since 1996, the DEC has conducted the Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey to track wild turkey productivity (the proportion of young of the year to adult hens) across the state. This index allows the DEC to gauge reproductive success and predict future turkey populations and harvest opportunities. Turkey reproductive success in New York, as measured by this survey, is consistently higher than southeastern and many midwestern states, but remains lower than it was in the early 2000s. However, in 2024, statewide turkey reproductive success was highest estimated in over 15 years, likely because of favorable spring weather. You can view turkey productivity estimates from past years on the [Fall Turkey Harvest and Productivity Dashboard](#). When you observe a flock, record the number of adult females, adult males, and poults (young of the year) that you see and [submit your observation online](#).

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

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](#).

Free Educational Resources on Electricity in the US

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

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

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

Seed Libraries

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

Introduction to the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

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

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.

AskNature Podcast Episode 5: Baratunde Thurston

As we ask nature for direction in an age of AI-driven change, climate crises, and political strife, author and host Baratunde Thurston invites us to be energized, to see challenges as opportunities, and to move beyond individualized worry to make a declaration of interdependence. [Listen](#).

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 True Blue Fellowship](#). -The Fellowship empowers young people ages 16–24 around the world who are using the creative arts to address issues affecting the ocean, waterways, and climate. Through seed funding of up to USD \$2,500, peer support, and capacity-building programs, Fellows gain the resources and community needed to advance their projects and create meaningful environmental impact. Application deadline: **August 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.**

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[National Household Wasted Food Prevention Project](#) (NHWFPF)-accepts proposals to develop, launch, and implement a coordinated, nationwide effort to reduce wasted food in households by 10% per capita nationally and by 20% per capita in communities supported through grants by 2030. Deadline: **September 1**.

[DEC's HABs Research Grant](#)- funds projects to advance research goals of the DEC [HAB Roadmap](#) and the [DEC HABs Research Guide](#) through improved understanding of HAB drivers and reduce impacts to health and recreation across New York State. Deadline: **September 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

[Second Nature's Catalyst Grants](#)- Designed to help member institutions turn ideas into action, the Catalyst Grants provide up to \$5,000 in unrestricted funding to support projects that ignite meaningful climate action on campuses and in communities. Whether you're launching a new initiative or accelerating an existing effort, these grants are intended to build capacity and advance your institution's climate leadership. Deadline: **September 24, 2026**.

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

[2026 Freshwater Futures Fall Project Cycle Request for Proposals](#)- provides financial support for community groups working to promote drinking water, river, lake, shoreline, wetland, and groundwater protection in the Great Lakes Basin through grassroots advocacy efforts. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. Grants Q&A Webinar **September 2nd**, 12-1pm ET, [Register](#). Deadline: **September 30, 2026**.

[International Programs & Trade, Invasive Species Program Funding](#)-support projects that advance tangible improvements in invasive species prevention by utilizing existing research knowledge on invasive species risks and pathways to produce actionable outcomes that protect American agriculture from invasive species. Deadline: **September 30, 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**.

[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**.

[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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Urban 4-H Youth Development Educator](#)-Deadline: **September 14**.

[Solid Waste Recycling Specialist](#)- Erie County Department of Environment and Planning. Deadline: **September 21**.

[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

[Staff Accountant](#)-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

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

[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

[Primate Animal Keeper](#)- 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:

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

Eternal Flame Trail Hike-6:00 - 7:30pm at [Chestnut Ridge - Meeting Location: Eternal Flame Parking area off of Route 277](#). Come Join a Park Ranger 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 Eternal Flame Trail Hike](#)

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee -9:30am. The meeting will be held in person at New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) Buffalo Division Office - 455 Cayuga Road Suite 800, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 or you can join us LIVE at: meetings.gbntc.org/PCC

Scajaquada September 2026: Virtual Lunch 'n' Learn #1-12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Join us for a virtual Lunch 'n' Learn as we highlight specifics of the Scajaquada Creek [Habitat Restoration Plan](#) alongside Black Rock Riverside Alliance, Jesse Kregal Pathway tree planting, and GObike Buffalo's East Side trails project. [Register Here for Zoom Link](#)

Profiles in Courage: Science Rising National Call-3 to 4pm. What does it mean to act courageously in defense of science and democracy under authoritarianism? [Register.](#)

Walking Tour-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. @ Parking Lot Entrance off of Spann St. [Register here](#)

Thursday, September 3

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tiff Nature Preserve. Drop by Tiff 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.*

Friday, September 4

"What's Bugging You" talk-12 to 12:30pm online with Cornell Cooperative. Mosquitoes are still active; Is that a bee? [Register](#)

Art in the Park (62+): Watercolor Leaves-10:00 - 11:30 am, Free, [Knox Farm State Park](#)
Create your very own watercolor leaf art. Use water from Knox Farm to create art inspired by the park! Paints, brushes, and paper will be provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#).

Golden Hour at Golden Hill-6:00 - 7:30 pm, Free, [Golden Hill State Park](#), Join a Park Naturalist for a stroll through Golden Hill State Park during peak goldenrod bloom season. This program will offer fantastic photo opportunities along with some wildlife viewing opportunities. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Saturday, September 5

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>

Master Your Garden Series: Functional Lawns-10am. 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

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

Summer's End, Fall's Beginning-10am. Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall during a walk in the woods. We will explore the changes taking place in our forests and ponds as the weather gets colder and the leaves start to turn. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Whirlpool Day of Fun-10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Free, [Niagara Falls State Park - Whirlpool Area](#),
Make your way to the Whirlpool Area at Niagara Falls State Park anytime between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM for a variety of fun activities and crafts! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Fall Wildflower Walk-10:00 - 11:00 am, Free, [Evangola State Park](#), Enjoy a guided exploration of Evangola's landscape. Together we will identify autumn wildflowers and learn about their historical uses and unique adaptations. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

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.

Dockside Demonstrations-Join the Buffalo Maritime Center during "716 Celebrates" from Noon - 4 p.m. for free tours dockside at the Commercial Slip of the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*, the volunteer-built replica of the historic vessel that opened the Erie Canal in 1825. Try traditional boat building tools, explore Canal history that changed the nation or enjoy a free ride on our electric launch *Electra*, designed and built by the Maritime Center based on electric launches used at World's Fairs during the Turn of the 20th Century period, including Buffalo's Pan-American Exposition. Limited capacity on the *Electra*; departures on the half-hour between 12 noon and 3:30 p.m. This family friendly event is free and open to the public.

Great Lakes Keychain Creature Craft- 10-2pm at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center to make a Great Lakes Keychain Creature with Ranger Grace! Choose from a variety of Great Lakes species to make featuring a great egret, river otter, lake sturgeon, or brook trout! All instructions and materials will be provided. Location: Iroquois NWR Visitor Center, 1101 Casey Rd. Basom NY 14013. No RSVP required.

Sunday, September 6

Morning Wellness Walk-9:30 - 11:00 am, Free, [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Start off your week with a wellness walk in one of the most picturesque parks in our region! No Registration Required.

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

Monday, September 7

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Eugene V. Debs Hall, 483 Peckham 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.

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

Grassroots Gardens Annual Pie Raffle-Five Points Bakery (44 Brayton, Buffalo) from 5:30 to 8pm. [Your ticket](#) to this evening event includes live music, savory barbecue, and the chance to win delicious baked goods from local bakeries and gardeners!

From Detection to Decision: Environmental DNA for Invasive Species Management-12 to 4:30pm. This summit, hosted by the North American Invasive Species Management Association, will explore how environmental DNA (eDNA) is transforming invasive species management by providing powerful new tools for early detection, monitoring and decision making. The event will bring together researchers, natural resource managers and practitioners from across North America to share practical applications, emerging technologies and lessons learned from implementing eDNA in real-world management programs. [Learn more and register](#).

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.

Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan Public Meeting- 5:30-7pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and the consultant for the Scajaquada Creek [Habitat Restoration Plan](#) will be at the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library, Cheektowaga for a community meeting to further discuss the plan and its future.

WNY Stormwater Coalition Meeting- 2 pm - 3:30 pm, In-person and ZOOM. Please contact Mary Rossi at mary.rossi@erie.gov for meeting details and updates.

Thursday, September 10

Green Drinks Buffalo- 5:30pm at [Pelion Outdoor Classroom](#) (212 Best St, Buffalo, NY 14209) with a tour of the pollinator habitat and mocktails from 5:30-6:30 pm followed by a short walk (~0.6 mile) to Anchor Bar. There are no bathrooms at Pelion and those who wish to go straight to **Anchor Bar** (1047 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14209), may do so. A Green Drinks rep will be at both locations starting at 5:30pm. The event is also at <https://sites.google.com/view/greendrinksbuffalo>, <https://www.facebook.com/GreenDrinksBuffalo>

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.*

Conservation Celebration-WNY Land Conservancy fundraiser from 6-9pm at Farmcraft Brewery. Enjoy an evening of great food, live music from local Americana band Tough Old Bird, and the company of fellow conservation supporters. A delicious farm-to-table buffet will feature meat-based, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, making this family-friendly event perfect for guests of all ages. [Tickets](#). 567 US-20A, Sheldon, NY 14145.

Advancing Sustainability and Resilience in the Water Sector-1 to 1:45pm webinar. This moderated discussion, sponsored by Xylem, will examine why sustainability matters now, what it means to be a sustainable utility, and how organizations are putting strategies into action through decarbonization, water stewardship, capacity building, and resilient infrastructure. The conversation will center on what sustainability and resilience look like for utilities right now, and what it takes to build the workforce and capacity to keep advancing it. Panelists will also touch on WEFTEC with a preview of this year's sustainability programming, including how to get involved in the Bring Your Own Bottle Challenge and other on-site opportunities. [Register.](#)

Integrated Pest Management Field Day-3:00–6:00 PM. Join us for a hands-on field day exploring pest management and season-extension tools for urban growing spaces. Learn how to use row covers and insect-exclusion netting, visit CCE's demonstration trial focused on managing swede midge in brassica crops, and hear how local growers manage pests organically and extend their growing seasons. We will also discuss identifying rat activity, reducing attractants, and strengthening overall site management. Massachusetts Avenue Project, 387 Massachusetts Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213. Registration is required: bit.ly/map_workshops

Cross-Border Commitment Series 1: Protecting Shared Waters and Ecosystems-Noon webinar brings together elected officials, government leaders, and subject matter experts from Canada and the United States to explore shared opportunities and challenges facing the region. [Register.](#)

Scajaquada September: Walk & Talk at North Creek Park-6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper will be at North Creek Park in Cheektowaga to take people on a brief tour and explain proposed projects from the [Scajaquada Creek Habitat Restoration Plan](#) that could happen along Scajaquada creek in this neighborhood. Registration is encouraged to help with planning for this event. Parking is available on nearby streets. We will meet by the small shelter on South Creek Drive, next to the playground that is across the street from Panama Lane. Use the address 162 S Creek Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 to reach the location, or [click this Google map link for a direct route.](#) [Register Here](#)

Friday, September 11

9/11 Friday Field Days-10:00am - 12:00pm at [Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park - Parking Lot](#). Friday Field Days engage volunteers in habitat management and park stewardship projects. Park Staff will teach you about the task and provide tools, Volunteers Needed: 20, Task: Native Perennial plug planting. [Register for 9/11 Friday Field Days](#)

GORGEous Views-3:00 - 4:30 pm, Free, [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Take a journey along the rim of our beautiful Niagara Gorge and explore all its spectacular views with a Park Naturalist. Registration Required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

New Moon Walk-7:30 - 8:30 pm, Free, [Evangola State Park](#). The darkness of a new moon is a perfect time to stargaze and look for insects attracted to lights. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Soil Stewards Introduction-Noon to 1pm, virtual, free one-hour introductory session to explore the WeRadiate Soil Stewards Course and discover how practical compost and soil knowledge can help communities in sustainable land management and build green spaces while reducing residential waste and landfills. [Join.](#)

Saturday, September 12

Wetlands & Forest Walk-10:00am-12:30pm at Floating Fen Preserve, Brocton. Come along with Earth Spirit staff on this FREE guided adventure at Floating Fen Preserve in Brocton. This event is sponsored by Outside Chronicles and is geared towards those participating in the 2026 WNY Summer Hiking Challenge. We will follow the path according to the challenge's specifics and discuss the wetland ecology of this awe-inspiring, diverse place. Floating Fen Preserve is protected by the Western New York Land Conservancy not-for-profit land trust and is a part of the WNY Wildway. This 225 acre preserve has moderately difficult trails and traverses low ridges. This is a great time to get outside and explore during the last few weeks of summer. [REGISTER](#)

Signs of the Changing Season-10am. Join a family-friendly guided walk to look for subtle clues that autumn is on its way. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

GORGEous Wildflowers-10:00 - 11:30 am, Free, [Artpark State Park \(Earl W. Brydges\)](#). Search for the emerging fall wildflowers and take in views of the Niagara Gorge as we hike along the trails in Artpark State Park. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Insects of the Big Screen- 10:00 - 11:00 am, Free, [Evangola State Park](#). We will search for insects that have provided inspiration for popular movies. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Wildflower Watercolor Series-2:00 - 3:30 pm, Free, [Wilson-Tuscarora State Park](#). 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](#)

From Wilderness to World Stage: The North End of Niagara Falls-2 to 3pm at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Amherst, NY 14228. Join Hope L. Russell, Ph.D. for a lecture on Niagara Falls history. This lecture will explore the history of the North End in Niagara Falls, New York. Prior to its incorporation as Suspension Bridge Village, and, later, the City of Niagara Falls, this region consisted largely as woods and undeveloped land that European American settlers viewed as rich with possibility. Free.

Scajaquada September 2026: Cleanup Along Scajaquada Creek-10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Help clean up around Scajaquada Creek during [Scajaquada September](#)! We will meet at the Tops Markets parking lot at the corner of Grant and Amherst streets in the City of Buffalo. From there, volunteers will be directed along the Jesse Kregal Pathway to complete the cleanup. A key component of our cleanups is not only removing litter, but also tracking the types of litter using the [Ocean Conservancy's Clean Swell app](#), which directly connects the information we collect here locally to the largest marine debris database in the world. [Register Here](#)

ECO Justice Block Party 2026-11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Join Open Buffalo for its third annual Eco Justice Block Party at the Jefferson-Utica Plaza. Free Food, Environmental education & community resources. Admission is FREE, but registration is encouraged! Register at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2ujvstb>

Clean up -@ Jesse Kregal Pathway from 10 a.m.-noon with Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper. [Registration.](#)

Bugs: Lino Cut Workshop- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Botanical Gardens. Cost: \$50/person | \$45/member. Step into the worlds of printmaking and tiny creatures during our Bugs! Linocut Workshop. Use carving tools to create your own unique rubber print block inspired by the world of bugs. Enjoy learning about this unique art form and crafting prints to celebrate our small, insect friends. Participants will be guided through the entire process of sketching, carving, and printing. All supplies are included. [Tickets.](#)

Hike Series Franklin Gulf: Hiking Poles & Outdoor Gear- 9:30 AM at Franklin Gulf Park with BWELL. Ever wonder what you need hiking? Want to try using hiking poles but don't know where to start? This in-person event is perfect for anyone looking to boost their hiking game and gear up with the best tools. Whether you're a newbie or a seasoned trekker, come connect with fellow nature lovers! We will be hiking about 6 miles with 500 feet elevation gain. Reach out to BWELL if you would like to borrow a set of poles. Leashed, dog and people friendly dogs are welcome. Wear comfortable outdoor footwear and bring enough snacks and water for the hike. [Register.](#)

Plant with Purpose-3 to 5:30pm. GC Park Nature Center, 11095 Bethany Center Road, East Bethany, NY 14054 [Register Here!](#) Join us in presentations from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County to learn what plants to grow with a changing climate, all while ensuring we are creating habitat for our pollinators! Hear from Genesee County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Meadow Restoration Plan and how they are making a difference!

Guided Tour of Nannen Arboretum-10am to 12pm. The Nannen Arboretum is located in the Village of Ellicottville behind the Ellicottville Town Center. As a reference, the Cattaraugus CCE office is located in the center. The arboretum is an 8-acre site that features 250 species of trees and shrubs with a paved quarter-mile path providing easy access. At the end of the tour, light refreshments will be provided. The event is free of charge and attendance is open to the general public. Register by emailing dpatrikbrennan@hotmail.com

Morning Bird Walk-8am to 10am. Join Chris Hollister, Board Member of the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, for an early morning walk along the Kanyoo Trail. September brings the opportunity to see migrating songbirds, waterfowl, and other birds as they make their way south for the winter. As we explore the Kanyoo Trail, we'll listen for calls, learn tips for identifying birds by sight and sound, and discover the diverse habitats that make Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge an important stopover for migrating birds. Kanyoo Trail off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Bring Binoculars, walking shoes and appropriate gear. The trail is a 1-mile loop that is relatively flat and has crushed gravel/packed dirt and boardwalk for part of the way. Sign Up: To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

70 Years Anniversary Journey" a Standard Flower Show- 2 to 6pm. Presented by the Smallwood Garden Club, The Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library, 350 John James Audubon Pkwy, Amherst.

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

Free Swap: Herbal and Garden Goods-9:30 to 11am at Chestnut Ridge Park Casino building. As summer winds down, let's celebrate abundance and community with a free swap! Sarah will bring herbal tea to share. If you plan to come, please check out details and [register for free here](#) so she knows how many to expect.

Local Environmental Awareness Fair- 10am to 2pm, Town of Boston 8500 Boston State Road, Boston, NY, United States, New York 14025. This annual fair is sponsored by the Boston Conservation Advisory Council and highlights the many organizations and resources available to our greater community that provide education, services, or products related to conservation, wildlife, agriculture, the environment, or the outdoors. Join us for demonstrations, activities, and fun for the whole family!

Sunday, September 13

Migratory Bird Walk-10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Free, [Beaver Island State Park](#). Join a Park Naturalist and observe the Niagara River along the beautiful River Lea trail in search of the first sign of waterfowl and the departure of summer songbirds. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Wheelchair Outing- 1 to 2pm. Nature belongs to everyone – and mobility issues or disabilities should not inhibit that. Bob Confer, a local nature columnist, will be leading individuals who use a wheelchair or powered chair on a nature stroll on the boardwalk at Swallow Hollow, affording them the opportunity to enjoy nature and learn about local plants and animals. Due to space constraints, this stroll is limited to 7 chair users and up to 2 assistants/family per wheelchair user. For that reason, advanced registration is required. There is a handicap accessible ramp for the boardwalk. Swallow Hollow Trail off Knowlesville Rd at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. This program is held entirely outdoors and bathrooms are not available. Dress for the weather and in comfortable clothing. Cancellation notices will appear on Facebook and notices will be given to those who register their contact info. RSVP: Required, please call/text 612-759-8662 or email logan_sauer@fws.gov

70 Years Anniversary Journey" a Standard Flower Show- 1 to 3pm. Presented by the Smallwood Garden Club, The Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library, 350 John James Audubon Pkwy, Amherst.

Monday, September 14

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Mount Calvary Cemetery, 800 Pine Ridge Heritage Boulevard, Cheektowaga, NY, 14215. 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.

Meadow Mondays-7 to 8pm. This is a one hour online monthly meet-up to discuss all aspects of meadows based on native plant communities. These kinds of landscaping solutions, which provide a myriad of environmental benefits, are becoming increasingly popular alternatives to less ecologically productive lawns, old grazing fields, or areas dominated by invasive plants. [Register.](#)

Providence Farm Collective's Incubator Farm Program-5:30-6:45pm. 5701 Burton Rd., Orchard Park.
[Tickets.](#)

Tuesday, September 15

Biting Pests: New World Screwworm-Noon webinar. Learn to recognize New World screwworm infestations, understand prevention and response strategies, and prepare for environmental, animal health, and regulatory challenges. [Register.](#)

Dare to Repair Café-4:30 to 7:30pm @ North Tonawanda Senior Center (110 Goundry, N. Tonawanda, NY). Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan Public Meeting- 5:30-7pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and the consultant for the Scajaquada Creek [Habitat Restoration Plan](#) will be at Delevan-Grider Community Center, Buffalo for a community meeting to further discuss the plan and its future.

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-Sept20..>

Meet the League of Women Voters Virtual Meeting-6:30 to 7:30pm. Join us each month to meet and greet new members and reconnect with longstanding members in this virtual opportunity. [Zoom link](#)

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

Wednesday, September 16

9/16 Senior Hiking Club-9:30am - 12:30pm at [Franklin Gulf - Meeting Location: Larkin Road 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. Join the Environmental Specialist Wendy on the orange loop trail through this conservation park's forest! We will hike along a creek, up and down ravines, while listening to the sounds of the forests and breathing in the clean hemlock scented air. [Register for 9/16 Senior Hiking Club](#)

Vaughan Lecture – 7 to 9pm at Buffalo Science Museum with Dr. Marcella Baiz, University at Buffalo, From Genomes to Microbiomes: Determining the Consequences of Speciation in Birds. More than 11,000 bird species inhabit our planet today, displaying an extraordinary array of forms, colors, and behaviors. How did this remarkable diversity evolve, and what makes each species unique? Learn how both genomes and gut microbiomes can provide valuable insights into avian biodiversity. [Tickets.](#)

From Lawn to Meadow-7pm. Join Sara Weaner Cooper, owner and principal of New Directions in the American Landscape ([NDAL](#)), for a free webinar following her family's ongoing transition from conventional lawn to native meadow at their home in suburban Pennsylvania. Sara will share the decisions, methods, successes, surprises, and challenges that have shaped the project over multiple growing seasons. Participants will gain practical insights into site preparation, planting, weed management, plant competition, and what to expect as a native meadow develops and changes over time. [Register.](#)

Scajaquada September: Virtual Lunch 'n' Learn #2-12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Learn about the history of Scajaquada Creek through the eyes of the Buffalo Sewer Authority (BSA). Rosaleen B. Nogle, Principal Sanitary Engineer, with the authority, will discuss the creek's history, as well as it's future related to work done by BSA. [Register For Zoom Link Here](#)

Scajaquada September 2026: Explore Buffalo Bike Tour-5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, \$20. Explore Scajaquada Creek by bike during a bicycle tour led by Explore Buffalo. This nearly 2-hour tour will make its way around the city and creek to explain how it became pivotal point in Buffalo's history. General admission tickets are \$20 for this ride. [Sign Up Here with Explore Buffalo](#)

Fall Gardening Class- Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (CCE Erie) Master Gardener Program volunteers from 6:30 pm – 8pm at Harlem Community Center for “Drying and Preserving Herbs” led by Sara Sorci - Sweet Flag Herbs. Cost: \$20 per class, \$50 for all 3 classes for MG and \$55 for all 3 classes for the public [Register](#).

AMP Up WNY Roadshow: From Appetizers to Applications-4 to 6pm. Learn about NYSERDA’s AMP Up for multifamily buildings in Western New York. Are you a 5+ unit building owner or property manager looking to improve your properties' energy performance and lower costs for you and your residents? NYSERDA is hitting the road to connect with multifamily property owners and managers across the state, and we're coming to Western New York. We'd love to have you join us for an informal afternoon session to learn about AMP Up and talk through what it could mean for your portfolio, now or in the future. Location: PUSH Buffalo, 429 Plymouth Avenue, Suite 1 Community Room. [Register](#).

Thursday, September 17

The History of Providence Farm Collective Tour-1 to 2:15pm. 5701 Burton Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127. [Tickets](#).

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](#)

Wellness Walk-10am to noon at Tiff Nature Preserve. Drop by Tiff 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.*

Friday, September 18

Twilight at the Museum: “Put a Ring On It”- 8 - 11 p.m. at the Science Museum for all ages. \$25 per non-member, \$5 per member. These Friday evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the roof deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited tickets available! It’s everybody’s favorite planet in the solar system, and the hype is well-deserved! Beautiful Saturn will rise in the evening sky to show off its subtle stripes, radiant rings and many moons. If we’re lucky, we may catch Neptune, too! Register online at sciencebuff.org.

Scajaquada September 2026: BRRAlliance Hosts River Rock Run 5K-6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, \$35. This starts and ends at Riverside Park. This sunset run lets runners view a sunset over the Niagara River during the run. Proceeds benefit the BRRAlliance and its mission to improve quality of life and community enrichment for those that live and work in North District of Buffalo. [Click Here to Register](#)

Saturday, September 19

Astronomy Nights at Penn Dixie- 7 to 9pm. Join us for an out-of-this-world experience! Our astronomers will map the night sky — including stars, planets, constellations, and deep space objects — for you using a variety of telescopes and specialized equipment. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, warm clothing, blankets, a flashlight, and food/beverages. We’ll have plenty of telescopes, but you can bring yours along, too, if you’d like some expert advice. All ages welcome. Registration is not required. Check our social media for weather-related updates. [Info](#).

Fall A Palooza- 10am to 4pm at Lavocat’s Nursery. 8441 County Road | East Amherst, NY 14051.

26th Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve Annual Fall Festival-10am to 4pm. Kick off the fall season by spending a day in the woods. Enjoy hands-on activities, crafts for kids, live animals, food, live music, and more! Call 716-683-5959 or visit <https://www.reinsteinwoods.org/events/> for more information. No registration required.

Sustainability Expo at the Village of Lancaster Fall Fest- 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Village of Lancaster and will showcase organizations dedicated to sustainability, alongside our traditional Fall Fest vendors, family friendly activities, music and food. W. Main St and Cayuga Creek Park, Village of Lancaster.

Goat Island Walk (dog friendly)-6:30 - 8:00 pm, Free, [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join an educator on a walk around Goat Island to experience all the beauty of Niagara Falls. Dogs are welcome. All dogs must be up to date on immunizations and leashed. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Agriculture Fair- 11am to 3pm. Celebrate the agricultural legacy of the Buffalo Niagara region through immersive hands-on rural crafts, farmstead demonstrations, live bluegrass music, special exhibitions, guided tours, agriculture-themed face painting, and more. Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228. [Tickets and info.](#)

Central Library Hosts How-To Festival 2026-11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Hosted by Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, the How-To Festival is a community event designed to help people learn a little about a lot. For a few hours, the library will be filled with people sharing skills, hobbies, knowledge, community resources, and hands-on activities. Topics will range from creative and practical skills to local organizations and services. Patrons, for example, can learn how to do tai chi, how to letterpress, and how to fix a flat tire. [Learn More Here](#)

Dockside Demonstration-Join Buffalo Maritime Center from Noon-3 PM for a family friendly showcase dockside from the Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*. Jonathan Thornton will be helping visitors pour cast-pewter canal boat souvenirs. Kyle Taylor will be demonstrating knots and rope work. Visitors can also try traditional boat building tools and The Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief* will be open for visitors. Families can explore and learn about boatbuilding, the canal boat, and the Erie Canal. This family friendly event is free and open to the public.

Beyond Permaculture-10am. Instructor: Kathy Contrino, CW Native Plant Farm. Learn about the practice of permaculture, a design concept for sustainable, food-producing landscapes mimicking the diversity and resilience of natural ecosystems. This class runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee is \$5. Advance registration is required. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Part of our Homestead Education series, this class will be held at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, [12690 State Route 31, Albion](#). To register, call [585-798-4265](#) or email orleansmg@cornell.edu.

Prehistoric Plant Walk-1 to 3pm. Step back in time and discover the ancient plants that have shaped our landscape for thousands of years. Join Seneca Elder and Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge volunteer Marve Jacobs for a special walk along the Kanyoo Trail exploring the fascinating world of prehistoric plants and their connections to the natural world today. As we walk, Marve will share knowledge and stories about plants with ancient origins, how they have adapted and survived through dramatic changes over time, and the important relationships between plants, people, and the land. This unique program offers an opportunity to slow down, look closely, and see the refuge through a deeper historical and cultural lens. Meet at Kanyoo Trail off Route 77
Accessibility & Things to Know: Bring walking shoes and dress for the weather. The trail is a 1-mile loop that is relatively flat and has crushed gravel/packed dirt and boardwalk for part of the way. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662.

"Meet Me at Oktoberfest" a Standard Flower Show-9am to 5pm. Presented by Eden Garden Study, Evans GC. Hamburg GC and Hamburg H & G Club, Hamburg Public Library, 102 S. Buffalo St.

Sunday, September 20

Watercolor at DeVeaux-10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Free, [DeVeaux Woods State Park](#). Enjoy a guided walk through DeVeaux Woods in search of inspiration for a watercolor painting. All materials provided. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Fall Soap Making- 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Free, [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](#)

Firemaking 101-1:30 - 3:00 pm, Free. [Fort Niagara State Park](#), Join a Park Naturalist for an introduction to making a campfire. Visitors will learn fire building techniques and get a chance to use a Ferrocerium rod (modern flint and steel) to create their own fire by hand. Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Mohawk Pool Hike-8:30 to 10:30am. Join Andrea Heine and Celeste Morien for a guided Fall Birding Walk around the Mohawk Pool at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge! September brings cooler temperatures, changing vegetation, and an exciting transition as birds prepare for migration. Explore the wetlands and surrounding habitats while looking for a variety of waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, and raptors that call the refuge home or are passing through on their seasonal journey. Bring binoculars if you have them! Come enjoy the sights and sounds of fall at the refuge! Meet at the Kanyoo Trail Parking Lot off Route 77 at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. This is a moderate to more intense hike due to being exposed to weather conditions and the length of the hike. A porta potty is available in the parking lot. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. To RSVP or for questions and information, please email logan_sauer@fws.gov or call/text/leave a message at 612-759-8662. Limit 20 participants.

"Meet Me at Oktoberfest" a Standard Flower Show-12 to 3pm. Presented by Eden Garden Study, Evans GC. Hamburg GC and Hamburg H & G Club, Hamburg Public Library, 102 S. Buffalo St.

Agriculture Day-10am to 5pm, Marilla Firemen's Park, 1940 West Ave., Marilla. The event includes an agricultural parade, tractor pull, live music, petting zoo, food, drinks, and vendors.

Monday, September 21

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

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Roswell Park Community Outreach Center, 907 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14204. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Tuesday, September 22

Friends of Reinstein Woods Fall Equinox Walk-6:30pm. Say hello to autumn on this guided evening stroll! For Friends members and their guests only. Not a member yet? Join at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/join/>. Registration required; email info@reinsteinwoods.org or call 716-683-5959.

Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan Public Meeting- 5:30-7pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and the consultant for the Scajaquada Creek [Habitat Restoration Plan](#) will be at the Buffalo History Museum, Buffalo for a community meeting to further discuss the plan and its future.

Fall Gardening Class- Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (CCE Erie) Master Gardener Program volunteers from 6:30 pm – 8pm at Seneca Babcock Community Center for “Living with Critters ‘Rabbits, Deer and Moles, Oh My!’” by Regina Clinton—Cornell Integrated Pest Management. Cost: \$20 per class, \$50 for all 3 classes for MG and \$55 for all 3 classes for the public. [Register](#).

Hamburg House & Garden: “A Presentation on Roses”- 12:00 pm meeting of the Hamburg House and Garden Club at the Hamburg Community Center, 107 Prospect Ave., Hamburg. Beverly Kent will speak on “A Presentation on Roses.” Please feel free to join the meeting.

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

Wednesday, September 23

West Valley Citizen Task Force (CTF)- 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, Agenda coming soon. [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Family Fish Night-6 to 7:30pm. Join in a sunset fishing experience off the Lake Kirsty fishing pier at Tifft Nature Preserve. Meet at the Education Center for instruction, bait, and fishing rods to borrow for children ages 5-15. Adult supervision required. [Advance registration required](#). \$10 per child.

Scajaquada September: Walk & Talk at Schiller Park-6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper will be at Schiller Park in Buffalo to take people on a brief tour and explain proposed projects from the [Scajaquada Creek Habitat Restoration Plan](#) that could happen along Scajaquada creek in this neighborhood. We will meet in the small parking lot off Sprenger Ave. It is between Hemingway and Doat streets. You can use the address 94-72 Sprenger Ave, Buffalo, NY 14211 to reach the location. [This Google Map link here will also take you directly to the location.](#) [Register Here](#)

Thursday, September 24

6 Minute Building Stories (6MBS)-6 to 8pm. Features short, PechaKucha-style presentations from a diverse group of speakers who help shape our built environment. We promote a broad and inclusive view of who shapes the built environment by featuring speakers from architecture, construction and engineering backgrounds as well as real estate developers, artists, community organizers, tradespeople and allied professionals. Presentations are recorded and added to our Building Stories Archive at UB. 315 Hinman Ave., Buffalo.

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.*

Friday, September 25

Nature's Supermarket-5:30 - 7:00 pm, Free, [Beaver Island State Park](#). Walk along the lagoon and learn the unique qualities wetland habitats have to offer. Be greeted by belted-king fishers, great blue herons, and watch as Osprey soar in the sky above! Registration required on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Adults-Only Full Moon Walk-7 to 8:30pm at Tifft 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. [Advanced Registration Required](#). Ages 18+ |\$11 per person*

Queen City Clean Waters Fair – 4 to 7pm. Buffalo Sewer Authority (BSA) invites you and your family to the Queen City Clean Waters Fair — free entry and open to the public! Hoyt Lake & Delaware Park.

Saturday, September 26

Wright Rocks 2026-9:30am to noon. Get down to the beachfront that inspired Frank Lloyd Wright and that the Martin family so enjoyed on Wright Rocks! Exploring Nature's Architecture. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Graycliff sits high on the bluff above Lake Erie, one with the site and nature. Join Graycliff and Penn Dixie for a special geological tour of the site and discover the history of the land, the architecture, Wright's material choice, and more to show why Wright "rocks"! The experience will include hunting for rocks and fossils that have fallen from the shale (you are welcome to pick up, and take a rock or two home) and included with your admission is a pass to visit and dig at Penn Dixie during the 2025 season. There, you'll be able to dig, find, and keep fossils you discover on the 54 acres of Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve! [Tickets and Info.](#)

Rat Control Community Workshop-10:00 AM–12:00 PM. Rats are part of urban ecosystems, but unmanaged populations can threaten public health, food safety, backyard poultry, crops, and soil health. Participants will learn to recognize signs of rat activity and locate burrows, reduce pest attractants, and understand humane, environmentally responsible control options. The training will include a practical burrow-treatment demonstration, and attendees will become eligible to rent the BurrowRx machine through the Tool Library. Massachusetts Avenue Project, 387 Massachusetts Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213. [Registration required](#).

Seed Saving Workshop- 1 to 3pm. Join Grassroots Gardens of WNY at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst) in a session on seed saving 101. We will address the importance of saving seeds and how implementing this process can lead to robust plants adapted to your growing conditions. Participants can expect to have a hands-on demonstration on how to process, store, and document seed saving. Folks can bring their own seeds to process as well. [Registration required](#).

Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk Plant and Seed Exchange-10:00 am - 2:00 pm at University Presbyterian Church 3330 Main St., Buffalo. Free plant and seed exchange. Bring your perennials and seeds to share and get some new plants and seeds for your garden. Pots, planters, and garden art will be for sale. Donations of used pots, garden ornaments, and other garden paraphernalia are welcome. Seed donations are welcomed year-round; call or text (716) 812-7143. <https://www.ourheights.org/capen-garden-walk>

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

Upcoming NTBGO Semiquincentennial Environmental Celebration-9am to 3pm.at the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden, 1825 Sweeney St, North Tonawanda, *"Rooted in History, Growing Toward Tomorrow"*.

Erie County Fall Fest- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Como Lake Park (Casino Area), Lancaster. Activities include large vendor and non-profit organization fair, food trucks and food vendors, live animals with Kester Farms Alpacas, hayrides, free pumpkins for children, live entertainment, face painting, seasonal arts and crafts with the Lancaster Youth Bureau and Forestry Bureau demonstrations! Learn more here: <https://www3.erie.gov/parks/fall-fest>

Dare to Repair Café-11am to 2pm @ Newstead Public Library (33 Main St, Akron). Info and register at <https://thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair/>.

Fall Gardening Class- Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (CCE Erie) Master Gardener Program volunteers from 10-11:30am at East Aurora Senior Center for “Transitioning Your Garden” by Nora Saintz - Erie County Master Gardener Volunteer and Landscape Designer and Certified Nursery and Landscape Planner.. Cost: \$20 per class, \$50 for all 3 classes for MG and \$55 for all 3 classes for the public. [Register](#).

Harvest & Hops Festival –Lewiston. Join Clean Communities of Western New York at the Harvest & Hops Festival from noon to 5 p.m. Visit our table outside Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen at 402 Center Street in Lewiston to learn about alternative fuels, clean transportation, and technologies shaping Western New York’s mobility future.

Alternative Home Construction-10am. Instructor: Master Gardener Julia Bender, (Rescheduled from August) Explore innovative building methods with real-world insights drawn from hands-on experience. This class runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$5. Part of our Homestead Education series, this class will be held at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, [12690 State Route 31, Albion](#). To register, call [585-798-4265](#) or email orleansmg@cornell.edu.

Doors Open Buffalo-10am to 4pm. Free visits to many Buffalo buildings. [Register and info](#).

Sunday, September 27

Silo Stairway Climb-Experience one of Buffalo's most unique views from inside one of the city's most iconic landmarks. Climb 162 steps through one of the historic Buffalo RiverWorks silos and take in panoramic views of the Buffalo waterfront and skyline from above. [Tickets](#) [359 Ganson Street, Buffalo, NY, United States, New York 14203](#).

Monday, September 28

Slow Roll Buffalo-6pm at Chandler Street Breweries, 166 Chandler Street, Buffalo, NY, 14207. Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

Tuesday, September 29

Building Observation Skills with Bioacoustics-7pm. Explore the vast world of bioacoustics with special guest, Ph.D. student and bioacoustician Karianne Kapfer, who works at the Cornell K. Lisa Yang Center for Conservation Bioacoustics. [Register](#).

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

Wednesday, September 30

Scajaquada September: Virtual Lunch 'n' Learn #3- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper will hold a roundtable discussion with the consultants who assisted with drafting the habitat restoration report on Scajaquada Creek. [Register Here for Zoom Link.](#)

Thursday, October 1

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.*

Friday, October 2

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

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.](#)

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. [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.](#)

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.**

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.

Proposed Leachate Treatment

DEC has announced proposed rules that would make New York the first state in the nation to require treatment of environmental contaminants in leachate at landfills. Leachate is a liquid that forms as water moves through waste at landfills before it is released to the environment. The proposal would build on New York's leadership in addressing PFAS and other harmful chemicals, strengthening protections for drinking water and reducing long-term risks to public health and the environment. [The proposed revisions to 6 NYCRR Part 360--Solid Waste Management Facilities and Part 363--Landfills](#) require leachate from currently active municipal solid waste landfills and currently active construction and demolition debris landfills to be treated to remove contaminants and ensure the proper disposal of those contaminants. **Written public comments will be accepted by DEC through September 9, 2026.**

Tips for the Environment:

- **Leave the Leaves** – Why labor to rake up leaves, put them in bags for disposal and then need to fertilize your yard to replenish the lost nutrients. Mow and mulch your leaves and allow the natural cycle to occur.
- **Let kids ride the bus, walk or bike to school**-Don't add to the traffic congestion by driving your kids to school regularly, save the gas money and use your tax-supported school transportation.

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.wnyc.org/>

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

Useful Tools:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

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

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

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

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

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

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

[Pollution Prevention Institute Tools for businesses, households, others](#)
[The ABCs of Soil Health](#)
[DIY Calculators for supplies](#)
[Model Municipal Zoning Ordinance on Community Composting \(PDF\).](#)
[Dynamic World](#) Land cover dataset
[Target Organics Resource Hub](#) – resource for small scale and large scale composting
[Accessible Recreation Destinations Map](#) for New York
[CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#)
[event carbon calculator](#)
[Organic Resource Mapping Tool](#)
[WNY Food Systems Map](#)
[TreeCanopy.us](#)
[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://hkchcbuffalo.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.buffaloaudubon.org
www.buffalogardens.com
www.buffscience.org
www.buffalozoo.org
www.penndixie.org
www.yourspca.org
https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdec.ny.gov%2Fthings-to-do%2Fsummer-camps/1/0101019bdce4ac66-693d49a3-23fb-4450-ba03-1303165648e0-000000/emn2BJaT0rjWtc1xB_pL9STO_xq01qanQvAmsBcxKpY=441

Grant Opportunities /Tools

[Database of Federal Grants to Support Food Waste Initiatives](#)
<https://trust.guidestar.org/grant-writing-101-resources-for-grant-writers>
www.grantstation.com
www.grantwatch.com
www.grantsalert.com
<https://www.remoteclimatejobs.com/>

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

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

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

[NYS Woodchip Sources Map](#)

[NYS Compost Facilities Map](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com

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

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

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

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

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

Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com

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

Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com

Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops

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

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

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

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

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

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

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

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

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

- Year Round: [Food Scraps Drop-Off Collection Program Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [PaintCare Drop-Off Collection Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Electronics Recycling Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Textile Donation & Recycling Locator Map](#)
- Year Round: [Reuse Locator Map](#)
- 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	http://www.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 Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition	https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/
Buffalo Niagara Gardening	https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Farm to School Program	https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/
Buffalo Geological Society	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	http://bnhv.org/
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	https://bnwaterkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	https://buffalo-orienteering.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	https://www.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://ltlol.com/
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	https://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/

Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
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.nylcv.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/

New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/
New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	https://www.nysar3.org/
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	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-101363388708865/
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/.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.theriverline.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.wildkritters.com/
Wild Ones-WNY Chapter	https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/
Wild Spirit Education	https://wildspirit.org/
Zoar Valley Coalition	https://zoarvalley.org/