

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Explore Stella Niagara Preserve

Join the WNY Land Conservancy for a private tour of the future home of the Stella Niagara Preserve on Sunday, **July 13** from 1-3pm. Learn about its War of 1812 history, see its historic chapel and 'sgraffito' artwork, experience the natural beauty of the 'five-mile meadow' and the 'Stella landing', and meet the Sisters of St. Francis who have been its stewards since 1907. The cost is \$100 per person. Please **RSVP by July 4** by paying in advance. You can pay by using the "Donate" option on our website (www.wnylc.org) or by sending a check to P.O. Box 471, East Aurora, NY 14052, made payable to Western New York Land Conservancy. For more information or to donate to the Stella Niagara Preserve, contact the Land Conservancy at (716) 687-1225 or info@wnylc.org.

Green Drinks at Resurgence Brewing Company

Join other green/sustainable industry professionals on **Thursday, July 17** from 5:30-7:30pm for another amazing Green Drinks at the newly opened Resurgence Brewing Company at 1250 Niagara St. in Buffalo. Come check out this unique adaptive re-use project, as well as their stunning outdoor beer garden. Join the facebook event page here: [Green Drinks @ Resurgence Brewery](#) or RSVP to Melanie at melanie@buffalo-energy.com.

Investigative Post Fundraiser with Tom Toles & The Outlyers

Come support the journalistic efforts of the Investigative Post by attending a concert with Tom Toles & The Outlyers, with Special Guests on **Monday, July 21** @ 7-10 p.m at Sportsmans Tavern – 326 Amherst St, Buffalo. Event is sponsored by Flying Bison Brewing Company and Try-It Distributing. For questions or to learn more, call Kate Heidinger at 716-831-2626. Tickets \$25.

Paddles Up Niagara

Join us on **Saturday, July 26th** for the Ninth Annual "Paddles Up Niagara" along the southeastern shore of Grand Island. The non-competitive paddle starts at Little Beaver Island Launch Site and continues to East River Marsh Launch Site then back to Little Beaver all within Beaver Island State Park, a 4.8 mile journey. Activities take place from 7am-midafternoon. Pre-register by July 12, 2014 – Event T-Shirt for 1st 100 entries. For more event information call the Niagara River Greenway Commission at (716) 773-5361. Registration Form: [PDF](#)

10th Western New York Environmental Summit-Exhibitors invited

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 27** for the 10th WNY Environmental Summit. This year's summit will reflect on the local changes in the past decade and discuss the opportunities for a brighter, greener future in our region. Free exhibitor tables are available for groups or green businesses. Contact byoung@daemen.edu to reserve a table.

Invasive Species Awareness Week - July 6th – 12th

New York Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW) is July 6-12. Events during this week aim to promote knowledge and understanding of invasive species and to help stop their spread by engaging citizens in a wide range of activities across the state and encouraging them to take action. For a calendar of events across the state, please visit <http://www.nyis.info/blog/events>.

2014 Fish Stocking Program

Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District has announced their annual sale of bass and minnows to assist landowners with managing fish in their ponds. For more information, visit www.ecswcd.org. Orders due by **July 14, 2014** with pick up on July 19, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Wines in the Wild

On Wednesday, **July 23rd** from 6-9pm, the Pro Zoo Board and the Women's Board will host the annual Wines in the Wild event at the Buffalo Zoo. For only \$45 pre-sale, \$55 at the door, your ticket includes a variety of food and dessert items, wines and beers, along with some great specialty services vendors. Guests **MUST BE** at least 21 years or older. [CLICK HERE for Tickets](#)

Sail Into Summer with Great Lakes Science and Seamanship Programs

Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education (BUOE) offers a range of summer programming connected to the water. Their "Family Lake Exploration" is a two-hour session for all ages. "Discover Lake Erie" is a school or group-oriented program on the 73-foot schooner for grades 4+. "Explore the Buffalo River" is a two-hour environmental and industrial history expedition for groups. BUOE also offers programming at organizations' sites. Call (716) 796-8393 or www.buoe.org for information and reservations.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara Tours

Preservation Buffalo Niagara has exciting tours to showcase our city and its architectural wonders. Their [2014-2015 tour brochure](#) is available.

Apply to Attend TEDx Buffalo

TEDx Buffalo organizers seeking applications from people who want to attend the Oct. 14 session. Its theme will be "In Motion" and attendance is limited to 200 at the Canisius College Montante Cultural Center. For an application (due by Aug. 17), visit www.tedxbuffalo.com/attend

PUSH Green comes to WNY

[PUSH Green](#), a newly formed arm of PUSH Buffalo, has been created to help WNY get energy efficient! Our goal is to expand access to weatherization services for all residents, regardless of income. Through PUSH Green you may receive a free comprehensive energy audit of your home. If you choose to proceed with recommended improvements, we can help you access subsidies and low-cost financing you may qualify for, including a new NYSERDA program that will allow you to finance improvements right on to your utility bill, eliminating the need to pay up-front. PUSH Green acts as your knowledgeable advocate during the entire process, and helps connect customers to contractors who agree to do right by their workers and the community. Refer five or more home or business owners you know that could benefit from lower energy bills and we'll send you a \$25 gift card to a local business or restaurant. Visit www.pushGREENwny.org or call us at 716-886-1780 for more info!

Puffin Camera

Keep tabs on some puffin nests by visiting the nest camera at <http://explore.org/live-cams/player/puffin-burrow-cam>. Egg hatching is due soon.

Text the word BIRD to the number 877-877

Spring has arrived in Buffalo and so have visitors from the south – migratory birds like hummingbirds, warblers, and other songbirds. Many of these migrants travel through Buffalo on their way from the Caribbean, Central and South America on their way to breeding grounds in the Arctic. Unfortunately, every year, thousands of warblers and other birds are killed as they migrate through our city. Artificial lights attract and confuse birds, leading to collisions with glass – killing hundreds of millions of birds each year in the U.S. You can help! Be part of the solution by identifying birds that are dead or injured due to collisions with buildings. If you see a dead or injured bird just text the word **BIRD** to the number **877-877** and answer the prompts. The information you provide will help us work with building owners to help prevent bird collisions with glass. For more information visit grow716.org, www.buffaloaudubon.org or e-mail info@buffaloaudubon.org.

Fun Bird Identification Secrets

Cornell Institute for Ornithology has a free four-part video series to help you identify birds. Their four-part Inside Birding video series will walk you through the four basic keys to identifying any bird: Size & Shape, Color Pattern, Behavior, and Habitat. The videos take you out in the field with Chris Wood and Jessie Barry, two members of Team Sapsucker (see above) for clear, fun, one-on-one instruction. [Watch the Size & Shape video now.](#)

Towns in NY Can Ban Fracking

New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, ruled that local municipalities possess the authority, under their municipal home rule powers, to totally ban hydrofracking within their municipal boundaries through use of their zoning powers.

Green Development Home Tax Exemption

New York State Senator Mark Grisanti (R, I-60) announced the passage of a bill that establishes a green development home tax exemption for local property owners, making an amendment of the state's real property tax law for property located within Erie County. The legislation is expected to facilitate growth in the green home market by offering an incentive for homes that typically cost more than the average new home. Bill S.6117A authorizes a real property tax exemption of 35 percent for a period of no longer than 20 years for homes that are certified green, a tax credit that encourages the growth of green building. In order to qualify for this incentive, a new home will have to meet specific National Association of Home Builders or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Green building increases building value, decreases utility expenses and maximizes resources while minimizing environmental impact. Green buildings are crafted to exceed building codes while remaining cost-effective to own and operate without sacrificing quality construction.

Cycling the Erie Canal Bike Tour - July 13-20, 2014

Join people, of all ages and from all over the country on July 13-20, 2014 for the 16th annual 8-day, 400-mile, cycling the Erie Canal bike tour across New York State along the scenic and historic Erie Canal, named a National Heritage Corridor. You'll experience the canal and enjoy canal historians' stories about the people, places and things that made life along the Erie Canal so unique in its day and so important to the history of New York State and the country. Check out our [2013handbook](#) (2014 Handbook available in March) - your comprehensive guide to preparing and participating in this year's tour. Both riders and non-riding participants can volunteer to help out during the ride. Volunteers receive a discount on the registration fee and riders will still be able to bicycle part of the time. [View volunteer job descriptions.](#) [Apply to be a volunteer.](#)

Paws in the Park

Registration is now open for this year's Paws in the Park Walk on **September 27** at Beaver Island State Park. This year, like every year, there'll be tons of fun happening at Paws in the Park. Enjoy activities like a Dog Super Power Contest, visit many pet-related vendors, enjoy pet-related demonstrations, and more! Plus, every participant will receive a BPA-free sport water bottle and a bagged lunch, courtesy of Anderson's. Info and register [here](#).

Citizen Planning School

Missed the Spring registration for One Region Forward's Citizen Planning School? Enroll in the online summer session! Participants will have the opportunity to complete this session on their computers between July 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014. Learn about key sustainability issues, receive an online toolkit of planning resources, and earn a Certificate of Completion for your efforts. [info](#)

Breeding Time for American Goldfinches

Most songbirds have completed their nesting, but American Goldfinches are about to get started. This species builds a nest comprised in part from fibers of thistle blooms and other plant material. The parents need the thistle seeds for food for themselves and feed their young a diet of partially digested seeds. So as you are about to pull out those thistles, think of the goldfinches and leave them a couple.

Niagara Escarpment Legacy Report

The Western New York Land Conservancy working with Niagara GreenWayfunds and a diversity of partners has released an excellent report/study Niagara Escarpment Legacy Report. This is a volume of work that makes us all more familiar with the human and natural history of the escarpment in New York State. Download the full report and its appendices here: <http://wnylc.org/land-protection/current-projects/niagara-escarpment-legacy-project/>

Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

The Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is available for public review [here](#). The current draft tailors state and federal coastal policies to reflect local conditions, public comment, and a shared citizens vision for Buffalo's waterways. The plan identifies a future vision for land use and water use, with a focus on identifying places for open space and mixed-use redevelopment, and key public investments needed to mobilize investment and job creation.

EPA Settlement with the City of Buffalo on Hazardous Waste and Materials

Under the terms of an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Buffalo will host nine community recycling events to collect fluorescent light bulbs, electronic waste, and household hazardous waste from city residents. This program will reduce the likelihood of exposure by residents to harmful chemicals found in these products, while also reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. The agreement settles violations of hazardous waste requirements. The City of Buffalo will also pay a \$21,094 penalty and spend at least \$79,000 on the nine community recycling events. In September 2011, the EPA inspected five sites owned and operated by the City of Buffalo. During these inspections, the EPA discovered several hundred containers, which contained waste paints, paint thinners, solvents, and related wastes in a former paint shop. Some of those containers were corroded and leaking, and not properly labeled and stored. Under federal hazardous waste regulations, containers of chemicals must be stored properly and wastes that are identified as hazardous must be disposed of properly. The EPA also discovered several hundred spent fluorescent bulbs stored in the Mechanical Services Building and in Buffalo City Hall, and discovered dozens of discarded cathode ray tubes (CRTs) haphazardly stored in multiple locations owned by the City of Buffalo. CRTs are the glass video display components of electronic devices (usually computer or non-flat screen television monitors). CRTs can contain enough lead to require managing them as hazardous waste.

Control Options for Emerald Ash Borer

The North Central IPM Center has just released the 2nd Edition of their publication "Insecticide Options for Protecting Ash Trees From Emerald Ash Borer", written by Daniel A. Herms, Deborah G. McCullough, David R. Smitley, Clifford S. Sadoff and Whitney Cranshaw. It is available for viewing or download on the EAB Info website at: <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/index.cfm#sthash.shGWx3ek.dpbs>. This is THE guide to insecticide options for dealing with EAB, and provides excellent information and product effectiveness evaluations, based on the latest research.

Garlic Mustard Challenge Announces Winners

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Friends of Reinstein Woods, Buffalo Audubon Society and the Western New York Land Conservancy are pleased to announce the winners of the Garlic Mustard Challenge, a competition designed to improve habitats in Western New York nature preserves by removing invasive plants. More than 300 volunteers removed 5,100 pounds of an invasive plant called garlic mustard from three nature preserves. To increase their impact on Western New York, 17 volunteers also removed garlic mustard at the Lewiston Plateau Habitat Area in Lewiston, Niagara County, during a one-day "Super Pull." Volunteers pulled 277 pounds of garlic mustard in just three hours. Winners at Reinstein Woods: First Place: Riptide Plus, Buffalo (168.75 pounds) and Runner Up: Pack 592, Orchard Park (123.75 pounds). Winners at Beaver Meadow: First Place: Olivia's Mustard, Lancaster (1,113 pounds) and Runner Up: East Pembroke Grange, Pembroke (769 pounds). Kenneglenn Preserve winners: Boy Scout troop 513, East Aurora (1016 pounds) and Runner Up: Cub Scout Pack 514, East Aurora (348 pounds). Lewiston Plateau Habitat Area "Super Pull": First Place: Unicorn Troop, Kenmore (151.5 pounds) and Runner Up: Daemen YALT, Daemen College (55 pounds).

Texting for the Environment

If you smell a foul odor, text STINK to 877877. For smoke, text SMOKE and for a truck idling, text TRUCK to the same number. Clean Air Coalition will the results to people in power to help reduce our hazardous air pollutants.

Hydrofracking Education

If you want detailed information on hydrofracking, a series of eight hour long videos are available at <http://www.psehealthyenergy.org/COURSES>.

FarmsReach Plans Online Sustainable Seed Marketplace

FarmsReach, a Berkeley-based social enterprise for farmers and ranchers, has announced a pilot e-commerce platform for non-GMO, sustainable seeds. Their Sustainable Seed Marketplace will be an e-marketplace for non-GMO seeds from a mix of seed distributors, enhanced with anecdotal seed-performance data from North American farmers. To find out more, visit <http://www.farmsreach.com/welcome/seeds/>.

Yearning to Write about Environmental Issues?

The Sierra Club is setting up a Climate and Clean Energy Writers Group to encourage a stronger voice for local advocates in the regional dialogue on climate change and renewables. The group meets monthly to hear a short presentation on a relevant topic, discuss energy related news, letters and articles, and encourage each other to write for publication on topics of interest. We are seeking writers of all ages and are very interested in getting the word out via various media, including print and the internet. If you would like to write, critique writing, or track local news items, please join us by contacting bill.nowakcwa@gmail.com.

Giant Hogweed Alert

Giant hogweed is a federal noxious weed, a non-native invasive plant and public health hazard which can cause severe burns, permanent scarring and even blindness. These very large plants also threaten biodiversity by shading and outcompeting native plants and can lead to soil erosion along slopes and riparian areas. If you see this plant, report it to the NYSDEC Giant Hogweed Hotline ghogweed@gw.dec.state.ny.us or [845-256-3111](tel:845-256-3111). The hotline is a place for people to report new sites, get help identifying suspect giant hogweed plants, ask questions about the plant and how to control it, and connect with our statewide control project. Another resource is our NYSDEC giant hogweed web page <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/39809.html> which provides information about the plant, how to identify it, how to control it, a map of NY state sites, NYSDEC's control project, and more.

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Offers Online Climate Courses

Climate Insights 101 is a short course series designed to provide users with an in-depth understanding of climate science and related issues. Climate Insights 101 is produced as a series of modules, each with several animated lessons. New courses in 2014 will focus on mitigation. To learn more, visit: [courses](#).

EnviroAtlas

EPA's new EnviroAtlas tool is designed to help communities and researchers make informed policy and planning decisions related to the environment and ecosystems. EnviroAtlas includes over 300 data layers, letting you analyze how decisions affect ecosystems and their ability to provide goods and services. [Check it out here](#)

Cool Harvest Resource for Climate Change & Diet

Cool Harvest is a food faith and climate program. Food is central to religious life – from rituals to sacraments to soup kitchens – and looking more carefully at our food choices can be a revealing exercise. CoolHarvest.org has tips and resources to walk you through this, so you can make healthier and more sustainable food choices for your congregation and community. You will also find climate table blessings, tips for hosting a "Cool Potluck" in your community, a guide for building your own raised beds, and much more. Visit <http://www.coolharvest.org/> for tips.

Teacher's Resources

[Technology in Environmental Education Course](#)-This eight-week (self-paced) online course is designed to get you up and running with technologies you can use immediately in your organization and environmental programs. Choose the technologies you want to learn. You can focus on mobile and non-mobile tools to enhance your education programs, or focus on social media apps for marketing your programs. Or you can focus on both! The course is free, funded by EPA.

[New Enviro App: Habitat the Game](#)-The Wildlife Conservation Society and Rainforest Alliance have created this new app for kids to save virtual endangered species and reduce their carbon footprint while on real-life missions. Designed for seven to 12 year-old players, Habitat encourages care of virtual endangered animals while they earn points by completing real-life missions, like recycling or visiting a park or zoo.

[Free ArcGIS for K-12](#) -Esri is providing free ArcGIS Online subscriptions for instructional use for all K-12 schools in the United States as part of the White House's ConnectED initiative. Resources to help schools get started with ArcGIS Online are available [here](#).

[Teaching Climate Change Using the National Climate Assessment Report](#)- Corn producers in Iowa, oyster growers in Washington state, and maple syrup producers in Vermont are all observing climate-related changes that are outside of recent experience. The 2014 National Climate Assessment (NCA) concludes that the evidence of human-induced climate change continues to strengthen and that impacts are increasing across the country. To see the health, life-support, and economic impacts in different parts of the US, go to <http://www.globalchange.gov/explore>. Decisions we need to be making to do something about this in our own communities and states are highlighted [here](#)

[PlanetExplore](#)-Find outdoor activities and events in your area through this portal to the outdoors designed to inspire and enable people of all ages to become regularly active outside, and to develop the benefits gained through a connection to nature. PlanetExplore members receive updates on their interests, explore local parks and outdoor spaces using Urban Nature Guides, and have access to partner and visionaries blogs, videos, and podcasts.

Bring Waste Reduction to your Classroom!-The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning offers in-class or assembly presentations all about the benefits of reuse, reduction and recycling. The presentation increases student awareness of the importance of taking care of our environment while empowering each student to make a difference by their individual actions. Presentations can be adapted to grade level and curriculum needs. To schedule a presentation or to find out more contact Gary Carrel, Erie County Recycling Coordinator at 716-858-4805 or gary.carrel@erie.gov.

The [CLEAN](#) (Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network) collection is a searchable database for teachers to find online activities, videos, and graphics on climate and energy education. Teachers may sign up for the newsletter with updates on educational policies, discussions with experts, events, and weekly telecons.

[Conservation Connect](#) is a new web-based video series that connects middle school students with the great outdoors and conservation careers. Produced by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center, each episode will help students learn about wildlife, careers, and new technologies utilized to study and protect wildlife. An introductory broadcast for teachers will give a preview of the 5-7-minute episodes, and illustrate how these videos can supplement the use of existing curriculum, citizen science projects, and STEM content.

["Appetite for Adventure: Exploring Global Food Sustainability"](#)-Green Living Project is proud to announce our new school assembly program. This standards aligned, multimedia presentation will showcase cutting-edge sustainable food projects from around the world, introducing students to the local and global connections between food production, consumption, and climate change. Through GLP's films and positive storytelling, students will experience the journey of visiting international cultures and witness the efforts towards more sustainable food systems around the world. Finally, students and teachers will have the opportunity to work with their local GLP Ambassador to get involved with sustainability projects on your campus and in your community.

[Advancing Climate Change Environmental Education Resources](#)- The Climate Change Environmental Education POLCA (Project-based Online Learning Community Alliance) has released materials produced by nine working groups. Formal and informal educators will find research findings, standards, and teaching suggestions appropriate for social studies, language arts, science, and interdisciplinary teaching/learning—and links to valuable resources for working with kindergarten to adult learners.

[ClimateChangeLIVE](#)- a series of freewebcasts, webinars, and online climate education resources, will give you climate teaching tools—including a large collection of science-based, climate education resources and programs gathered from 17 federal agencies and nonprofit organizations.

[Developing a Sense of Place through Native Science Activities](#) -article that provides ideas that you can apply to “your place”.

[Green Technology: Sustaining the Earth](#) is designed for Grades 6-12 . Use this interactive activity to offer your students an overview of innovation in green technology and insight into various areas of research within the field.

[Architecture 2030](#) is appropriate for Grades 9-12. Learn about this architect's efforts to protect the environment by changing the way buildings are planned, designed, and constructed.

[Affordable Green Housing](#) is designed for Grades 9-12 to consider the role habitat plays in fostering diverse, vibrant social structures in well-designed, integrated communities.

[Bird Sleuth](#) for K-12. Kits and resources for learning more about birds.

Contest and Award Opportunities

[Urban SOS: Towards a New Industry](#)-AECOM is seeking submissions from students- integrated design, planning, environmental studies and engineering proposals in any urban context that relates to or improves the relationship between industry and urban development worldwide. Proposals should identify a city with a derelict piece of infrastructure and develop an inspiring economically viable concept that reanimates part of the entire site. Students are encouraged to consider the potential for making and production to be a driving force for urban growth. Each proposal must address a plan for sustainable growth, asset improvement, revitalization, collaboration, technology and overall community benefit. Responses can range from a strategic framework to a surgical micro-response; from a whole landscape system to a single piece of architecture. Deadline: **August 1**

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[DOE Solar Market Pathways Grant](#) – \$15 million, Eligible Entities: For-profit entities, educational institutions, nonprofits, state and local governments, federally recognized tribes, and federal agencies. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is making available grants to reduce solar “soft costs,” which are composed of access to capital, supply-chain costs, and connecting to the grid. This funding opportunity supports demonstrations of methods and stakeholder processes to reduce those soft costs, as well as address market barriers, such as those within existing policy and regulatory environments. Case studies developed under this funding opportunity are intended to provide clear examples for consideration for replication by similar jurisdictions. Applications Due: **July 3, 2014**.

[EPA Local Foods, Local Places Grant](#) – \$650,000. EPA is soliciting proposals to boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, foster entrepreneurship, and improve access to healthy local food, particularly among disadvantaged groups with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The program aims to revitalize downtowns, main street districts, and traditional neighborhoods by supporting farmers’ markets, food hubs, community gardens, community kitchens, and other kinds of local food enterprises, and provide people with affordable choices for accessing those amenities, such as walking, biking, or taking transit. Letter of Interest Due: **July 15, 2014**.

[Global Youth Service Day 2015 Lead Agency Program Grants](#)-YSA is recruiting nonprofits to serve as Lead Agencies for Global Youth Service Day 2015 (April 17-19, 2015). The Lead Agency program offers organizations the funding up to \$3,000, official designation, capacity-building training, and ongoing consultancy to lead high-impact, high-visibility youth service activities and celebration events for GYSD. As the official organizer of Global Youth Service Day in their region, GYSD Lead Agencies are a vital part of creating a culture where young people have the opportunities and support to create positive change in their communities. Deadline: **July 31**

[Summer of Service Awards](#)-The Summer of Service Awards recognize young people who are creating positive change through volunteering and service. Winners receive a \$1,000 award to assist them in continuing their good work. Young change-makers, ages 5-18, are eligible to apply. Deadline: **July 31**

[American Honda Foundation](#) supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions nationwide that address the areas of youth and scientific education. The Foundation's primary funding priority is youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training, and literacy. Annual application deadlines: **August 1, November 1, February 1, May 1**.

[The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants](#) - Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to nonprofit 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. Priority will be given to volunteer projects that serve veterans and their families, whether that's repairing homes or improving facilities and/or that involve veterans volunteering to help other veterans. Deadline: **August 15**.

[Patagonia Environmental Grants Program](#) provides support to small, grassroots organizations with provocative direct-action agendas that are working on multi-pronged campaigns to protect the environment. The company is most interested in supporting organizations that work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$12,000. Proposals are accepted through the Patagonia website by **April 30** or **August 31**.

[KaBOOM! Let's Play Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing Grants and Let's Play Maintenance Grants](#)-Thanks to generous support from Dr Pepper Snapple Group, KaBOOM! will be awarding 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. Through the generosity of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, 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. Micro-grants will be accepted on a rolling basis, and grants will continue to be awarded as long as funding remains available.

[World We Want Foundation](#) is accepting applications from organizations that represent youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures. 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.. Online applications may be submitted throughout the year.

[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. Applications are currently being accepted for the Healthy Homes Initiatives, Transportation and the Built Environment Initiative and the Healthy Food Initiative. Application deadline: Rolling.

[Niagara Falls National Heritage Area](#) supports important projects and programs throughout the National Heritage Area with the long term goal of realizing community betterment. Grants are targeted to fund projects or programs that directly relate to the goals, strategies, and priority projects identified in the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Management Plan. Download the plan online at <http://www.nps.gov/nifa> .

[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. Take the [Eligibility Quiz](#) to see if you can apply.

[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.

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Director of Education at Penn Dixie](#)-Full time natural history educator with background in geology. Deadline May 24 or until filled.

[Community Planner, Southern Tier, NY](#)-The Community Planner will play a critical role in developing and implementing the community-driven projects and programs emerging from twelve municipalities participating in the program. She or he will work closely with senior program staff, planning and implementation consultants, and local and state officials. In addition, she or he will coordinate with the Regional Lead in collaborating with local, State, and Federal officials. The Community Planner reports directly to the upstate Director and may receive technical assistance from DOS.

Citizen Science

[Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Project](#)-Take closeup pictures of hemlock trees and fraser firs and send to scientists with GPS location data to monitor tree health and spread of the insect.

[Project Squirrel](#)- No matter where you live, you are encouraged to become a squirrel monitor. Take a look around your home, office, school, or anywhere you are and, whether you see squirrels or not, enter your observations at the website. We want to know where squirrels are as well as where they aren't.

[Woodpecker Damage Surveys](#)-Calling all birders: Report woodpecker damage due to Emerald Ash Questions? Contact: imapinvasives@nynhp.org who will provide training to post to the NYS Invasive Species Database. Take photos of the damage, bark, and crown of any ash trees with woodpecker damage.

BumbleBeeWatch.org-This website that allows you to identify and help protect bumble bees in North America. You can connect with experts and enthusiasts to help track the status of these essential pollinators.

[Crowd Hydrology](#)-Visitors to historic Forest Lawn and Tiff Nature Preserve have a chance to become “citizen scientists” and assist the University at Buffalo (UB) with efforts aimed at documenting conditions of local waterways by reporting gauge measurements at these sites.

Recycling Volunteers Needed for Lewiston Art Festival

Modern Disposal is seeking volunteers to help with success of recycling and composting for the Lewiston Art Festival, scheduled to be held **August 9 & 10, 2014**. Register online at www.ModernCorporation.com/ArtFest. Individuals may sign up directly using that, or youth group leaders, you may have youth sign-up through you and then forward me your list. If your group would like to take responsibility for one or two stations you may schedule shifts for the times that work for your group so long as the station is serviced from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To schedule that way, the group leader should register, mark the shifts for the day your group wants to work and then put a note in the comments box to let us know that you will be responsible for a station. We are especially targeting youth for the Green Team, but adults are welcome too. There are other volunteer roles adults may fill at the event. For information about those opportunities, contact the Lewiston Council on the Arts office at [<artstaff@artcouncil.org>](mailto:artstaff@artcouncil.org) or 716-754-0166 or contact katy@modern-corp.com.

Get Involved in Environmental Change in WNY

The WNY Environmental Alliance (WNYEA) has working groups that welcome individuals who want to work on improving environmental issues in our area. Check out the 2014 agenda and see a list of working groups [here](#) .

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.

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

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

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

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

Buffalo Central Terminal-Many different opportunities for people interested in helping to preserve this unique building- people with basic carpentry and repair skills, and those with plumbing or electrical skills, to work inside the building, as well as those interested in staffing events, assisting with fundraising, marketing, operating our gift shop, and other tasks. For info, check <http://buffalocentralterminal.org/you-can-help/volunteer-with-the-ctrc/>.

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens-Docents needed. Training is provided. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

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

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

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper- <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/volunteer/> for opportunities.

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things including fundraising, graphic design, building salvage and material pickups. Join them for their fun Saturdays. 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.

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

Excalibur, a private, non-profit all volunteer, charitable organization seeks competent anglers and captains to help provide free boating and fishing opportunities on Lake Erie for disabled and disadvantaged persons using the organizations new vessel. Contact Director Jim Catalano at jim@excaliburl.org or visit <http://excaliburl.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.

Go Bike Buffalo- If you're interested or want more information, feel free to contact Tivona Renoni at tivona@gobikebuffalo.org.

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

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

HOME, Inc. (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) seeks volunteers to work on various committees to further fair housing. For info/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Programs include: birding field trips, scope watches, owl prowls, canoe trips, hands on activities, and guest speakers. Please contact Garner Light at 772-5110 or glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

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

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

Massachusetts Avenue Project needs volunteers from the 1st week in April through October on Saturdays from 10-1 PM. Anyone is welcome to come by the farm, pitch in and help on a project, or even just stroll around and check out what's growing. <http://mass-ave.org/>

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

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? Please call (716) 627-4560 and leave your name and phone number.

Queen City Farms-We are currently looking for groups to become Summer Partners who agree to bring a work team to the Farm on three Saturdays over the course of the summer months. Teams will plant, weed, water the gardens, and beautify the grounds. They will also harvest vegetables for our neighborhood CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) participants. Contact Meghan at meghmccallum@gmail.com. Remember that families with children are always welcome with parental supervision.

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

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve offers a variety of volunteer positions as well as internships for college students. On Trail Tuesdays volunteers help control invasive species. For more info about these and other opportunities, call 683-5959 or visit the volunteer page of Reinstein Woods' website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1960.html>.

Science Firsthand needs adult mentors to work with children in learning about science. All materials are provided. Mentors and students meet one hour per week after school at a community center. For info, call 858-7548.

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. Call 662-1342 or email tiffriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Tuesday, July 1

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-6 to 9pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/

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Planning for People's Climate March- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at UU Church 695 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo. Come join us as Sierra Club plans WNY's role in the Largest Climate March in History that is set to take place in New York City on September 21, 2- 14!

19th Year Annual Tuesday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle- Come join the guides and instructors of PPP every Tuesday evening for a paddle for either relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. We meet at 1000 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda at 6:00pm and take a paddling trip on Ellicott Creek up and around the big island. All are welcome, if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak), there is no charge. If you need to rent one, the cost for a solo boat is only \$25.00 per boat or \$35.00 for a tandem. The boat rental includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350.

Pelion Community Garden Volunteer Cleanup- 206 Best St., Buffalo (across from City Honors). 5-7pm. Every first Tuesday, we welcome students, parents, community members to assist with seasonal tasks: watering, weeding, transplanting, harvesting, mowing etc. We provide training and tools, but you might want to bring your own work gloves if you're particular.

Wednesday, July 2

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting- 9:30 AM . Public Welcome. 716-856-2026. Niagara County Public Safety Bldg, 5574 Niagara St Ext., Lockport NY

Volunteer w/ Liif Coach-5 to 7pm. Work includes pruning, mulching and restaking, as necessary, the thousands of neighborhood trees recently planted by Re-Tree WNY volunteers throughout Buffalo. Meet at 279 Northampton St/14208. <https://www.facebook.com/LiifCoach>

Going Batty!-8:00 p.m. Bats are amazing animals but are often misunderstood. Separate fact from fiction, and learn about the only true flying mammals. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

WNYEA Growing Working Group-9am to 10:30am at Community Foundation, Larkin Building, 726 Exchange St., Suite 525. Check to confirm- www.growwny.org

Buffalo River Bike Tours- from Mutual Riverfront Park from 5:30-8 PM. Registration at www.bnriverkeeper.org. Tour meets at Mutual Riverfront Park Click [here](#) for directions. Join us as we pedal through the Historic Old First Ward, past Canalside, and on to the beautiful Outer Harbor. We will make stops along the way and you will learn about the natural and human history of the Buffalo River and Riverkeeper's efforts to protect and preserve this important resource.

Thursday, July 3

Wellness Walk at Tifft-10 am to noon. Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve and enjoy the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the season with a healthy outdoor walk! Offered all year. \$2.00 per person donation appreciated. Please call 825-6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.

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WNY Drilling Defense Meeting- 6 p.m. at Crane Branch Library, 633 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, New York 14222. Join us for our next community meeting where we will be discussing fracking in New York State! The meeting is open to all. To find out more or get involved, contact Rita at ryelda@fwwatch.org. Join in on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/679388328763909>

Kayaking with Tina-Join Tina, an ACA certified kayak instructor, for a beginner's class on "Smartstart Paddling Orientation for your Kayak". Each participant must have their own kayak and coast guard-approved PFD. For info and registration call (716) 285-0516. 6:30-8:30 pm at Beaver Island State Park.

Thursday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle- Come join PPP and the guides and instructors out in Wilson at the Wilson Tuscarora State Park (Route 18 East of Niagara Falls) at 6:30pm in the back parking lot. We will either take a paddling trip on either the East or West Branch of Twelve Mile Creek. To top off the evening we paddle out to Lake Ontario and watch a spectacular sunset over Toronto 38 Miles away across the lake. All are welcome if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak) there is no charge. If you need to rent one, the cost is only \$30.00 per boat solo or \$40.00 tandem delivered out to Wilson for you, includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). We will bring the rented boat out to you! RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350.

Friday, July 4

Enjoy the outdoors and have a happy Independence Day!

Saturday, July 5

Stars of Stripes-9:30 a.m. Celebrate Independence Day by learning about chipmunks, raccoons and other creatures "decorated" in stripes. **Please note:** This program will be held at Great Baehre Swamp on Hopkins Road in Amherst. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Observatory at Beaver Meadow-7pm – 10pm. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Welch Road, North Java, NY. Observatory opens at dusk, to the public on the first Saturday of each month from April through September, rain or shine. At these public nights, BAA members take observatory visitors on a guided tour of the night sky using a collection of telescopes ranging in aperture from 6 to 20 inches. When the weather does not allow observing, presentations and telescope clinics are offered. Visitors are invited to bring their own instruments to public night. Members are always on hand and happy to share their knowledge and experience.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Volunteer at Garden of Stewardship-9am to noon. We grow the vegetables for the menu at the Central City Cafe and Baby Cafe. Central City has been serving free meals to the public for over 20 years. The garden is at 250 Clinton Ave, behind old Sheehan Hospital. www.facebook.com/GardenofStewardship

Bird Watching at Beaver Meadow – 8am, Join BAS Naturalist Tom Kerr for an early morning bird walk at Beaver Meadow. (585) 457-3228 to register. Donations.

Cheese Moose Hunt!-7 to 8pm at Evangola State Park. The Cheese Moose is on the loose! Hey kids, help Ranger Sarah find this mysterious legend of Evangola and bring your keen eye of observation to follow our fun map to the Cheese Moose lair. Come if you dare! For info and registration call (716) 549-1050.

Sunday, July 6

Volunteer at The Children's Vinery-9am to noon. Help out at the community gardens next to The Foundry. We grow odd vegetables for the neighborhood children and dare them to eat them! We also screen movies in the summer (last Sat. of each month), host performances, games, workshops and other events! Garden is at 310 Northampton St, near The Foundry. <https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensVinery>

Trek Tiff-2-3:30 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiff for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-1 to 5pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Family Walk at Beaver Meadow-2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Guided walk led by one of our naturalists. 585-457-3228.

Bike Repair: Brakes 101-Go Bike Buffalo is offering classes from 6-8pm on topics to help you keep your bike in shape. To register: tivona@gobikebuffalo.org or 218-7161. Donation \$10.

Kayaking with Tina-Join Tina, an ACA certified kayak instructor, for a beginner's class on "Smartstart Paddling Orientation for your Kayak". Each participant must have their own kayak and coast guard-approved PFD. For information and registration call (716) 285-0516. 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm at Wilson Tuscarora State Park.

Gooseneck Hill Sanctuary- Open 2-5 PM. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for Seniors and children under 12, under 1 is free. Private tours are available any day by appointment. Call for pricing. The tour includes: A guided tour of the two largest covered aviaries in the world, observe 65 varieties of birds including singing, dancing swans, 25 rock gardens, gift shop (1,000 items), hand feed 700 birds and 2,000 koi fish <http://www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com/>

Monday, July 7

Sierra Club Climate and Clean Energy Writer's Group Meeting- 6:00-7:30 pm in Alliance Room on the 2nd floor of the Unitarian Church at Elmwood and Ferry, Buffalo. Our speaker will be Gerry Rising, the Buffalo News Nature Columnist. Gerry is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, and has written over 1200 columns for the News. His prime topic will be wind and birds, but he promises to take us on a broader journey as well. If you would like to write, critique writing, or track local news items, please let us know via email c/o bill.nowakcwa@gmail.com.

Natural Science Days: Nature Activities-For ages 6-12. 9am to noon. Tuition: \$25 + \$10 Supplies = \$35. East Aurora. Info and registration-
www.roycroftcampuscorporation.com/details.php?prodId=365&category=9&secondary=&keywords=

WNYEA Education and Outreach Group Meeting-4 to 5:30 at Buffalo Museum of Science.

Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp-Nature's where it's at for summertime fun! Crafts, games, outdoor investigation and more help to foster the nature explorer in your child. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided too! Ages 3-5 from 9:30-11:30am. Pre-registration required, call 825-6397.

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Identifying Invasives at Bond Lake Park - 2571 Lower Mountain Rd, Ransomville, NY 14131. Spend an afternoon with WNY PRISM to learn about invasive species, invasive species management and field identification. We'll be on site from 12:30pm-4pm to lead a brief presentation on regional invasives before heading out to map the invasives on the property using iMapInvasives online database. For more information and to register, please contact WNY PRISM - wnyprism@gmail.com

Kenmore Garden Tour-Take a tour of gardens belonging to members of the Kenmore Garden Club starting at 9:30 a.m. A lunch will be served at the last stop of the tour. The tour is free and open to members of the public. For more information, visit the [Kenmore Garden Club website](#).

Wednesday, July 9

Birding 101: Class 5-6:30 p.m. Introduction to the thrush family—how many varieties do we have at Reinstein Woods? Learn to identify them by sight and sound on a walk through the Woods. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Family Nature Hour-6:30 p.m. Hands-on activities enable families to investigate nature together on a different topic each session. This program will be held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road in Cheektowaga. Call 716-668-4991 to register.

Tiftt Nature Preserve Workday - Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14203. Schedule: , IS removal 9:00-12:00, Lunch: 12:00-1:00 (BYO), Preserve tour: 1:00-4:00. Participants will be working on a Japanese knotweed removal/control project in the morning and touring the property during the afternoon. Appropriate footwear is required (sneakers are fine, but not sandals). Tools will be provided, but please bring water, sunscreen, bug spray and a lunch/snack if staying for the picnic lunch. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Dave Spiering, dspiering@sciencebuff.org or 716-896-5200 ext. 202.

Outer Harbor Public Planning Meeting-Learn more about the development process for Buffalo's Outer Harbor. Join leaders from Empire State Development, Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp., the City of Buffalo and Perkins+Will as they describe the principles that will guide our public planning process. For more information, visit www.eriecanalharbor.com. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at WNED Studios, 140 Lower Terrace, Buffalo, 14203.

Family Lake Exploration-Two-hour science expedition-under-sail on Lake Erie. Get your hands WET while learning about the Great Lakes ecosystem through hands-on science learning stations such as Lake Tank, Life at the Bottom, Plankton and Invasive Species. Good for ages 1 - 100! 10am-12pm and \$10 per person. Call (716) 796-8393 for information and reservations.

The Buzz in your Garden-@ 6pm, Urban Roots. Seminar on the importance of bees and beneficial insects. Presenters Wayne Robins and David Clark will be here to educate on these topics and answer your questions too. Please call the store to reserve your spot. 716-362-8982.

Thursday, July 10

Wellness Walk at Tiff-10 am to noon. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve and enjoy the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the season with a healthy outdoor walk! Offered Thursdays all year. \$2.00 per person donation appreciated. Please call 825-6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.

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Buffalo Walks Tours: Buffalo River Works-5:30pm. Witness the progress being made at the entertainment complex for the Grange League Federation (GLF) elevator site on Ganson Street. Among the interesting uses are two ice rinks, indoor and outdoor concert venues, restaurants, bars, public access to the Buffalo River, and eventually a hotel. Please wear comfortable appropriate footwear and attire. Free for working downtown, \$10 others. <http://www.workingfordowntown.org/wfd-events/buffalo-walks/>

Thursday, July 10

A Walk into the Past-Beaver Island State Park from 10am-noon. Come join us for a walk along the East River Trail from the Ferry Road access. We will stop and see what the team of archaeologists from SUNY Buffalo State has unearthed, as they conclude their dig along this trail. Also, learn about the history of this area on Grand Island before it became a State Park. **For info and registration call (716) 285-0516.**

Amherst Against Fracking Meeting – Discussion of fracking in Amherst at 6 p.m. Williamsville Library, Main St.

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Friday, July 11

Full Buck Moon Walk-8:30 p.m. Join a walk in the woods to look for whitetail deer growing new velvety antlers during this full moon. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Fun Friday Nights at Niagara Falls-7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Relax and unwind from the work week while walking around the oldest state park in the United States; Niagara Falls State Park became a park in 1885. Enjoy stories of yesteryears and today. End your walk with fireworks at 10:00p.m. (weather permitting)

For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.

RTPI Presentation-New York State Ornithological Association will feature a presentation at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History in Jamestown, NY at 7 pm open to all who are interested. For information, please visit the NYSOA web site at www.nybirds.org or the NYSYBC web site at www.nysyoungbirders.org.

Saturday, July 12

Allenburg Bog with Buffalo Audubon Society-Reserve your spot on this annual field trip to the bog preserve in Cattaraugus County at 585-457-3228. Trip led by preserve managers, Robert Johnson and Brenda Young. Meet at Springville at 9am. Info available when you register.

Allenburg Bog-Joint field trip with the New York Flora Assn (NYFA) and members of the Botanical Society of Western PA. 12 July (Saturday). FIELD TRIP: Allenburg Bog (Cattaraugus County). Led by Joanne Schlegel and Ed Fuchs. Joint with Niagara Frontier Botanical Society. Pre-registration is required. To register please contact Joanne Schlegel (joanneschlegel@gmail.com) or 716-835-6042.

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Niagara Escarpment Preserve: Invasive Species Mapping-9am to noon. WNY PRISM will be surveying Western New York Land Conservancy's Niagara Escarpment Preserve for invasive species. This is a great opportunity to learn how to identify invasive species in the field and to see a beautiful preserve that is only open by appointment. RSVP is required. Space is limited, so please register early. For more information and to register, please contact WNY PRISM - wnyprism@gmail.com.

Pond Study at Beaver Meadow- 11am to noon. Caddisflies, dragonflies, turtles and frogs all call a pond their home. Join BAS Naturalist Tom Kerr for an upclose look at the creatures that make a pond. (585) 457-3228 to register. Donations.

Volunteer Open House – 1 to 3pm. Learn more about volunteering for Buffalo Audubon and participate in some outdoor work around the preserve. (585) 457-3228 to register.

Summer Wildflowers-10:30 a.m. Search for seasonal wildflowers, and learn their uses and folklore. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

2nd Saturdays at the Foundry-12pm to 5pm at 298 Northampton St., Buffalo 14208. Come buy presents or shop for yourself, enjoy good food and live music, support LOCAL artists and artisans! Once every month (Second Saturday) at The Foundry. Fresh Produce from local farms Food & Refreshments Art & Craft made by local artists and artisans Live Music. For info, email megan.mcnally@gmail.com.

Chautauqua Lake Kayak Adventure- Long Point State Park from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Paddle the blue waters of Chautauqua Lake and reconnect with nature on a journey from Long Point to the historic Midway Amusement Park and back! **For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.**

"Buck Moon" Wine & Cheese Paddle- Wilson Tuscarora Park Saturday at 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to paddle on the lake and catch the superb Lake Ontario Sunset. Then watch the alpenglow afterward and the Full Moon Rising. Wine & Cheese is served on the beach and will cost \$20.00pp. If you need to rent a kayak for the evening the cost is \$25.00 for a single and \$30.00 for a tandem. Rental includes paddles and PFD's. You must bring a battery operated light with you. There is no Drugs or Alcohol on the Water. Reserve your spot at 213-0350 or at pppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com.

Ladies' Day Fishing Clinic-1:00pm to 5:00pm. Chaffee Wildlife Preserve – Chaffee. A special event for the ladies where we'll provide angler instruction and spend a leisurely afternoon fishing in two of the Preserve's ponds (catch and release, only). NOTE: participants must bring their own fishing gear (fish species - Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Perch, Catfish). Fee: \$10.00 Members/\$15.00 Non-members <http://www.earthspiritedu.org/events.html>

Insectival-Join us for a bug-tastic time at Tiff Nature Preserve where families of all ages can join in a celebration of insects and their arthropod kin! Activities will include sweeping for insects on the grassy mounds, aquatic insect investigation, buggy crafts that are sure to be a hit with the younger set, an insectigation station, and much more! It's sure to be an insect-errific day for everyone! Pre-registration & pre-payment required. 10am-2pm (2 hr intervals). Call 825-6397.

Wildlife and Renaissance Festival-11:00 am – 4:00 pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Immerse yourself in Hawk Creek's unique renaissance-themed celebration of wildlife diversity! Exciting entertainment and activities for all ages include live wildlife presentations, bird of prey flight demonstrations, medieval reenactments, educational exhibits, food, music, art, and much more! Our WILD RENN FEST is Hawk Creek's key fundraising event of the year, helping to sustain our ongoing mission of environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation, and conservation. Bring your family and friends and join the merriment, nobility, and excitement of our annual WILD RENN FEST ! Your support keeps Hawk Creek in flight! <http://www.hawkcreek.org/wp/events/festivalhome/> for info and tickets.

Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Tree Tours- 9 to 10:30 a.m. outside the Botanical Gardens in the [South Park Arboretum](#). You won't be walking far, but wear comfortable shoes or boots that you do not mind getting muddy. The cost is \$5 per person, per tour. Walks begin at various locations along the Ring Road, eventually completing the loop. Meet and park along the South Park Ring Road — Look for the Tree Tour sign. You can enter the South Park Ring Road at the Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo.

Buzz Around Hamburg-free, self guided Village of Hamburg garden walk, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Map guides will be available at the Memorial Park bandstand, corner of Lake and Union Streets, Hamburg. Garden vendors will be in the park Saturday and Sunday. [info](#)

Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk- free, self-guided garden tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Garden Walk Maps are available at the UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, off Englewood south of Kenmore Ave., Buffalo. This year a limited number of shuttle vans will be available to Garden Walk visitors. You can catch the shuttle at the UB Anderson Gallery.

Amherst Garden Walk-10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tour is free and self-guided. Headquarters are at Amherst Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Amherst.

Secret Gardens Tour-Jamestown Audubon sponsors this from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Featured gardens are in Jamestown, Lakewood, and Celoron, New York. This year's tour boasts eight gardens, including three "pocket" gardens all in one block in the city of Jamestown — a first for this event. Tickets for \$12 can be purchased at the participating gardens on the day of the tour. For info, [visit the website](#).

Sunday, July 13

Cabin Heritage Open House- 10AM – 1PM, Lillibridge Road, free. Stop by for a brief tour and learn another aspect of Portville's rich history. A selection of founder Wendy Pfeiffer Lawrence's pottery will be on short-term display. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org/> Free, registration not required.

Volunteer at The Children's Vinery-9am to noon. Help out at the community gardens next to The Foundry. We grow odd vegetables for the neighborhood children and dare them to eat them! We also screen movies in the summer (last Sat. of each month), host performances, games, workshops and other events! Garden is at 310 Northampton St, near The Foundry. <https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensVinery>

Trek Tifft-2-3:30 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tifft for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-1 to 5pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

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Explore Stella Niagara Preserve-Join the WNY Land Conservancy for a private tour of the future home of the Stella Niagara Preserve on Sunday, from 1-3pm. The cost is \$100 per person. Please **RSVP by July 4** by paying in advance. You can pay by using the "Donate" option on our website (www.wnylc.org) or by sending a check to P.O. Box 471, East Aurora, NY 14052, made payable to Western New York Land Conservancy. For more information or to donate to the Stella Niagara Preserve, contact the Land Conservancy at (716) 687-1225 or info@wnylc.org.

Cold Springs Cemetery-Tour of the historic grounds, incorporated in 1840! Meet the residents who put Lockport on the map. Enjoy beautiful trees and well-kept flora and visit the architecture of the stones and monuments. The event will be held rain or shine with the Step Back in Time Players. Starting at 1pm at 4849 Cold Springs Rd., Lockport. Click [here](#) for a map and a contact number or visit their [Facebook](#) page for more information.

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Lockport in Bloom Garden Tour-10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with free maps and brochures available the day of the event at the Garden Walk Headquarters at the Kenan Center, 433 Locust St., Lockport, N.Y. 14094. For more information, visit the [Lockport in Bloom](#) website or [Facebook Page](#).

Snyder-CleveHill Garden View- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation of \$3 is appreciated and tour is self-guided. Headquarters will be at Trillium's Courtyard Florist, 2195 Kensington Ave., Amherst.

Evening Garden Walk -Enjoy an evening garden walk through specially designated gardens during the event 6:30 – 9 p.m. Evening Garden Walk participants will be specially designated in the Lockport in Bloom map and brochure which will be available the day of the event at the Garden Walk Headquarters at the Kenan Center, 433 Locust St., Lockport, N.Y. 14094. For more information, visit the [Lockport in Bloom](#) website or [Facebook Page](#).

Monday, July 14

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. Public Meeting-10:30am, 95 Perry St., Buffalo, NY 14203
<http://www.eriecanalharbor.com>

Sierra Club Energy Committee Meeting- 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm WNYCOSH offices at 438 Tri-Main Building (2495 Main Street between Jewett and Fillmore - use the Halbert Street entrance). Join us to work toward renewable energy solutions for WNY.

Natural Science Days: Wildlife Adaptations-For ages 6-12. 9am to noon. Tuition: \$25 + \$10 Supplies = \$35. East Aurora. Info and registration-
www.roycroftcampuscorporation.com/details.php?prodId=365&category=9&secondary=&keywords=

East Aurora Garden Club- 9:30 a.m. at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave., Buffalo. Participants will take a self tour of the gardens and then enjoy lunch together. Bring your own lunch and beverage.

Salamanca Garden Club- 7 p.m. at United Congregational Church, 134 Broad Street, Salamanca (back entrance). A presentation on "Hummingbird Gardens" will be given by Sally Cunningham, gardening expert. All meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday, July 15

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-6 to 9pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles.
<http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>

Trail Tuesdays at Reinstein Woods-Volunteer opportunity every Tuesday from April - August from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. Refreshments provided. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration is required. Please call 716-683-5959 to register.

Happy Birthday, Niagara Falls!- Niagara Falls State Park from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Celebrate the 129th anniversary of the establishment of the park at Niagara Falls. We will walk around Goat Island to visit some of the best viewing spots at the falls. For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.

19th Year Annual Tuesday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle- Come join the guides and instructors of PPP every Tuesday evening for a paddle for either relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. We meet at 1000 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda at 6:00pm and take a paddling trip on Ellicott Creek up and around the big island. All are welcome, if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak), there is no charge. If you need to rent one, the cost for a solo boat is only \$25.00 per boat or \$35.00 for a tandem. The boat rental includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350.

Hyde Park Lake Paddle and Ribbon Cutting-5:30-8 PM. Launches at Hyde Park, click [here](#) for directions. Join Riverkeeper as we help the city of Niagara Falls announce that Hyde Park Lake is a great paddle sports destination! We will lead a leisurely paddle of the lake and explore some of its lush shorelines looking for birds and other wildlife. The lake and its calm sheltered waters provide a great venue for beginner recreational paddlers. <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/rivertours/> to register.

Niagara River Greenway Commission Meetings- 2pm for Executive Committee, 3pm for Full Commission. Open to public. Beaver Island State Park Office, Grand Island, New York. [info](#)

Wednesday, July 16

Family Nature Hour-6:30 p.m. Hands-on activities enable families to investigate nature together on a different topic each session. This program will be held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road in Cheektowaga. Call 716-668-4991 to register.

Family Lake Exploration-Two-hour science expedition-under-sail on Lake Erie. Get your hands WET while learning about the Great Lakes ecosystem through hands-on science learning stations such as Lake Tank, Life at the Bottom, Plankton and Invasive Species. Good for ages 1 - 100! 10am-12pm and \$10 per person. Call (716) 796-8393 for information and reservations.

Thursday, July 17

Wellness Walk at Tiff-10 am to noon. Drop by Tiff Nature Preserve and enjoy the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the season with a healthy outdoor walk! Offered Thursdays all year. \$2.00 per person donation appreciated. Please call 825-6397 to confirm walk will be taking place.

Kayaking with Tina-Join Tina, an ACA certified kayak instructor, for a beginner's class on "Smartstart Paddling Orientation for your Kayak". Each participant must have their own kayak and coast guard-approved PFD. For information and registration call (716) 285-0516. 6:30-8:30 pm at Beaver Island State Park.

Green Options Buffalo Community Bicycle Workshop-6 to 9pm at Old Precinct 17 Building, 98 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers and members can go and learn to repair and maintain their bicycles. They have complete refurbished bicycles for sale, along with a stock of used parts available to everyone. The shop also serves as a place to donate your used and / or unwanted bicycles. They are happy to provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. <http://gobikebuffalo.org/programs/community-workshop/>

Green Drinks at Resurgence Brewing Company- 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Resurgence Brewing Company 1250 Niagara Street Buffalo, NY 14213. Join us for another amazing Green Drinks at the newly opened Resurgence Brewing Company. Come check out this unique adaptive re-use project, as well as their stunning outdoor beer garden. We welcome local green/sustainable industry professionals to attend and network with colleagues in a business casual setting. Show us some love and join the facebook event page here: [Green Drinks @ Resurgence Brewery](#). If you don't use FB, please RSVP to Melanie at melanie@buffalo-energy.com.

Thursday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle- Come join PPP and the guides and instructors out in Wilson at the Wilson Tuscarora State Park (Route 18 East of Niagara Falls) at 6:30pm in the back parking lot. We will either take a paddling trip on either the East or West Branch of Twelve Mile Creek. To top off the evening we paddle out to Lake Ontario and watch a spectacular sunset over Toronto 38 Miles away across the lake. All are welcome if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak) there is no charge. If you need to rent one, the cost is only \$30.00 per boat solo or \$40.00 tandem delivered out to Wilson for you, includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). We will bring the rented boat out to you! RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350.

Friday, July 18

Bioblitz-SUNY-Fredonia's College Lodge starting at 3:00 pm on continuing all day Saturday July 19, 2014. A BioBlitz is an event in which scientists, naturalists, students, families, teachers, and community members work together to find and identify as many species of plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms as possible! It's intense and it's fun! Bathrooms, water, coffee, and microscopes and basic lab equipment will be available during the Bioblitz. SUNY-Fredonia's College Lodge is located in Chautauqua County 8 miles from Fredonia. <http://www.collegelodge.com/about/location.html>. **Questions?** Please contact Jon Titus (titus@fredonia.edu) or Twan Leenders (tleenders@rtpi.org).

Niagara River Rides-6 to 8pm. Bring along your bike for our fun bicycle rides along the Niagara Gorge! We will ride from Niagara Falls State Park up to Devil's Hole State Park and get you back in time to enjoy the evening and watch the fireworks! **For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.**

Friday Wellness Walks-10am to noon and 2-4pm at Reservoir State Park. Tired of walking alone? Looking for a new way to get motivated? Let's escape from our stress, be physically active, and socialize! We'll engage in a leisurely walk and lead up to a brisk walk while enjoying the outdoors. **For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.**

WNYEA Transportation Working Group-10:00 am to 11:00 am at City Hall, Room 502.

Ken-Ton Night Lights Garden Tour-8:30-11pm. Map & garden descriptions will be available online at www.kentongardentour.com.

Lancaster Garden Walk-8:45 to 11 p.m. Featured will be eight gardens under the lights. [info](#)

Saturday, July 19

Bioblitz-SUNY-Fredonia's College Lodge starting at 3:00 pm on continuing all day Saturday July 19, 2014. A BioBlitz is an event in which scientists, naturalists, students, families, teachers, and community members work together to find and identify as many species of plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms as possible! It's intense and it's fun! Bathrooms, water, coffee, and microscopes and basic lab equipment will be available during the Bioblitz. SUNY-Fredonia's College Lodge is located in Chautauqua County 8 miles from Fredonia. <http://www.collegelodge.com/about/location.html>. **Questions?** Please contact Jon Titus (titus@fredonia.edu) or Twan Leenders (tleenders@rtpi.org).

Pond Life for Kids- 10:30 a.m. Bring your kids for a fun activity at the pond! Use nets to scoop for pond animals and learn how to identify aquatic insects. For kids of all ages. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Junior Audubon Club – 10am to noon. Grassland birds at Knox Farms. Middle and High School Students are invited to join our club. This month we will be searching for the Grassland Birds at Knox Farms State Park. Donations. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Hike at Rushing Stream Audubon Nature Preserve – 10am. Acquired by Buffalo Audubon in 1968, Rushing Stream is a 50-acre preserve located about 9 miles south of Forestville in Chautauqua County. This preserve includes some upland areas where hemlock, beech, birch and maple trees flourish, and where woodpeckers can be found. Led by Director Loren Smith, come take an enjoyable walk through one of our seven preserves. We will meet at 9:30am at Denny's parking lot, Camp Road at Rt. 20 in Hamburg. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Geothermal Renewable Energy – 10 to 11am. Capital Heat will be educating consumers on the use of renewable energy through Geothermal Heating and Air Conditioning at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. It will provide information on how geothermal will benefit the earth, and be a sound investment for your home. It will also show how each system design is unique to every house. (585) 457-3228 to register.

River Rock Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Picnic -11 am to 3pm. Riverside Park, North end of the park (Tonawanda and Niagara Street). Live music, food and family fun. FREE and open to the public.

Electronics Recycling-9am to 2pm at Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 S. Park. Ave. Visit www.sunnking.com for a list of accepted items.

Wildlife and Renaissance Festival-11:00 am – 4:00 pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Immerse yourself in Hawk Creek's unique renaissance-themed celebration of wildlife diversity! Exciting entertainment and activities for all ages include live wildlife presentations, bird of prey flight demonstrations, medieval reenactments, educational exhibits, food, music, art, and much more! Our WILD RENN FEST is Hawk Creek's key fundraising event of the year, helping to sustain our ongoing mission of environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation, and conservation. Bring your family and friends and join the merriment, nobility, and excitement of our annual WILD RENN FEST ! Your support keeps Hawk Creek in flight! <http://www.hawkcreek.org/wp/events/festivalhome/> for info and tickets.

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Lancaster Garden Walk-10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Featured will be eight gardens under the lights. [info](#)

West Seneca Tour of Gardens-Noon. Visitors may pick up maps after July 10 at the Burchfield Nature Center, 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca, or at the home of a gardener at 75 Dirksen Ave., West Seneca. [info](#)

Williamsville Garden Walk-10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tour is free and self-guided. Headquarters will be at Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main St., Williamsville.

Buffalo Central Terminal 'Dare Me for Charity' - Individuals are invited to register and participate in a reality competition show that challenges non-profits and their supporters to raise the most money by platform jumping from challenging heights. Supporters who register will be helping to raise money for the Buffalo Central Terminal and will be interviewed in front of a national TV audience to generate positive exposure for the Central Terminal. During the show participants will be encouraged to jump from greater heights to help raise even more money to fund the restoration of the Central Terminal. To learn more or register for the 'Dare Me for Charity' Event please visit the event page [here](#).

Sunday, July 20

Volunteer at The Children's Vinery-9am to noon. Help out at the community gardens next to The Foundry. We grow odd vegetables for the neighborhood children and dare them to eat them! We also screen movies in the summer (last Sat. of each month), host performances, games, workshops and other events! Garden is at 310 Northampton St, near The Foundry. <https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensVinery>

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"Art in the Park"- 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Join us at the Evangola Nature Center and paint your State Park art out with our community painting. Afterward we will journey along the shore-cliffs of Lake Erie on a short hike as the sun sets. Bring a notebook to record what you see-draw a picture, write a poem-become inspired by nature! **For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.**

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Introduction to Kayaking-Class from 9am-noon at Paths, Peaks and Paddles is located at 1000 Ellicott Creek Road Tonawanda, NY 14150. All equipment is provided. Bring water and a positive mental attitude. We will have you excited about your new found skills in no time! Cost is \$55.00. Please call Paths Peaks & Paddles at 716-213-0350 if you have any questions or christine@pathspeakspaddles.com

West Seneca Tour of Gardens-Noon. Visitors may pick up maps after July 10 at the Burchfield Nature Center, 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca, or at the home of a gardener at 75 Dirkson Ave., West Seneca.

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Monday, July 21

Tom Toles & The Outlyers Fundraiser for Investigative Post- 7-10 p.m. at Sportsmans Tavern – 326 Amherst St, Buffalo. Sponsored by Flying Bison Brewing Company and Try-It Distributing. \$25 tickets. For questions or to learn more, call Kate Heidinger at 716-831-2626.

Monday Evening Paddle on The Buffalo River- Come join Paths, Peaks and Paddles, The Cooperage and the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center for our FIFTH annual paddle along the Buffalo River! Join us and learn some of the history of the grain mills, the harbor, navy vessels and enjoy the fine sunset at the mouth of the harbor. We meet at 345 Ohio Street, near Republic Street, across from Father Conway Park at 6:00pm. If you do not have a kayak you are welcome to rent one for \$30.00pp. If you have your own kayak feel free to join the group for a great evening. Cost is \$20.00. We plan to be off the water at approximately 9:00 - 9:30pm. Registration is required if you need to rent a kayak by calling 716-213-0350. With each boat rental you will receive a paddle and PFD. PFD's are required by everyone on this event. There will be no alcoholic beverages or drugs on the water. Questions at 716-213-0350 or ppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com.

Natural Science Days: Field Ecology Day-For ages 6-12. 9:30am-11:30am. Tuition: \$20 + \$10 Supplies = \$30. East Aurora. Info and registration- [here](#)

One Region Forward Feedback Session-Review three different alternative scenarios along with a “Business-as-usual” scenario to find out what each could mean for the region’s fiscal health, housing stock, agriculture productivity, transportation systems and more. This feedback will be used to establish a shared vision for the future of Buffalo Niagara – a new way to move One Region Forward. Participation will involve less than an hour of your time, but be sure to get there for presentations at 5:30 or 7PM to view the presentation of findings and learn how to provide additional feedback. Palace Theater, 2 East Ave., Lockport. [REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)

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Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 244 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

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WNYEA Parks and Recreation Working Group- 4 to 5:30 at Community Foundation, 725 Exchange St., Suite #525, Buffalo.

Wednesday, July 23

Family Nature Hour-6:30 p.m. Hands-on activities enable families to investigate nature together on a different topic each session. This program will be held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road in Cheektowaga. Call 716-668-4991 to register.

Wines in the Wild-Annual Buffalo Zoo fundraiser. \$45 pre-sale, \$55 at the door, your ticket includes a variety of food and dessert items, wines and beers, along with some great specialty services vendors. This event takes place from 6:00pm - 9:00 pm, rain or shine. Guests MUST BE at least 21 years or older. [CLICK HERE for Tickets](#)

West Valley Citizens Task Force Meeting-6:30 to 9pm at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY. Please confirm at <http://www.westvalleyctf.org/meetings.html>

PLANT WNY Membership Meeting- 5:00 tour/dinner followed by membership meeting at 7pm, Forest Lawn Chapel - details forthcoming <http://www.wnysnla.org/>

Family Lake Exploration-Two-hour science expedition-under-sail on Lake Erie. Get your hands WET while learning about the Great Lakes ecosystem through hands-on science learning stations such as Lake Tank, Life at the Bottom, Plankton and Invasive Species. Good for ages 1 - 100! 10am-12pm and \$10 per person. Call (716) 796-8393 for information and reservations.

Amherst Garden Club “Wine in the Garden”-6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the home of one of its members. Guests and prospective members are invited. Call Evelyn at 836-5397 to RSVP or for further details. (Rain date is July 30).

Tonawanda Clean Air Coalition Membership Meeting-6:30pm – 8:00pm at Community Room - Sheridan Parkside Community Center ([map](#)). Join us to learn about our campaigns and upcoming actions and events. Call Rebecca at 852-3813 for more information.

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Bird Banding- Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. One hour time slots between 7-11am. Trained volunteers carefully handle birds caught in mist nets to avoid stressing or injuring them. Birds are measured, weighed, the wingspan noted, and examined for any signs of illness or injury, as well as to determine the gender if possible. The band is then affixed to the leg. Come observe our volunteers as they do bird banding here at Beaver Meadow. Pre-registration is required. Participants will choose one hour time slot upon registration. (585) 457-3228.

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WNYEA Urban Regeneration Working Group-1 to 2pm at Cornell University ILR School, Buffalo. www.Growwny.org

WNYEA Issues & Advocacy Process Group Meeting-4:30 to 5:30 at Community Foundation, 725 Exchange St., Suite 525, Buffalo.

Friday, July 25

Fun Friday Nights at Niagara Falls-7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Relax and unwind from the work week while walking around the oldest state park in the United States; Niagara Falls State Park became a park in 1885. Enjoy stories of yesteryears and today. End your walk with fireworks at 10:00p.m. (weather permitting) For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.

Saturday, July 26

Jewels of the Sky-10:30 a.m. On this guided walk, search for ebony jewelwings and tiger swallowtails, as well as other dragonflies and butterflies that may be in flight. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

BioBlitz at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center- What is a BioBlitz? A bioblitz is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living 'species' within a designated area. For a 24 hour period we will be conducting a taxonomic survey of all things living here at Beaver Meadow. Pick and choose when you want to help and what you want to learn about. Experts in various taxonomic groups will aid us in our quest to survey all that lives here, while educating those that participate in the event on the importance of biodiversity. Come help us develop a snapshot of living species here and have fun while you learn. (585) 457-3228 to register or for more info.

Native Plants in the Suburban Garden – 1 to 2pm. Join Buffalo Audubon Society volunteer Kathleen Contrino for a program on the use of native plants in the city or suburban garden in order to support pollinators and birds during migration and/or otherwise existing populations. (585) 457-3228 to register. Donations.

Bugs by Night – 9 to 11pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join Naturalist Mark Carra as he attracts various insects and provides his unique insight into their world and their ways. (585) 457-3228 to register. Donations.

Paddles Up Niagara- Beaver Island State Park. For more information: (716) 773-3271 or <http://www.niagaragreenway.org/>. [Register](#).

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Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Tree Tours- 9 to 10:30 a.m. outside the Botanical Gardens in the [South Park Arboretum](#). You won't be walking far, but wear comfortable shoes or boots that you do not mind getting muddy. The cost is \$5 per person, per tour. Walks begin at various locations along the Ring Road, eventually completing the loop. Meet and park along the South Park Ring Road — Look for the Tree Tour sign. You can enter the South Park Ring Road at the Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo.

Muses of the Forest: Painting-Pfeiffer Nature Center Lillibridge in Portville from 10am-2pm. [info](#)

8th Annual Pirate Fest- 11am to 9pm at Evangola State Park, [info](#)

Wild Foods & Medicines Walk-10:00am to 12:30pm at Buffalo Ski Club - West Falls. We'll explore field and forest for wild plants that provide both sustenance and medicinal support, including discussions on how these helpful plants can be used in our daily routines. For ages 13 and above. Fee: \$7.00 Members (Earth Spirit and Buffalo Ski Club) / \$10.00 Non-members. www.earthspiritedu.org

Penn Dixie Night Viewing-Telescopes will focus on the planets and constellations at the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center in Hamburg beginning at 7:30 PM. Telescopes, with filters, will be available to view sunspots and solar flares prior to sunset. After dark, telescopes will focus on the Penn Dixie Skies to view Mars and Saturn around 9 PM, Hercules star cluster M13 – high in the south, the famous Ring Nebula M57 in the constellation Lyra, the Dumbbell Nebula M27 in the Summer Triangle's constellation Vulpecula, and a variety of other constellations. Dress for the weather. The public is invited and children are encouraged to attend. \$3/person, HNHS members are free. No pre-registrations are required. Call (716) 627-4560 for additional information and/or visit the web site at www.penndixie.org for directions, program, and membership information.

Midsummer's Night Family Nature Hike-Tifft Nature Preserve from 8:30-9:45pm. Nature is full of wonder, especially on a summer's night. Bring the family and learn all about the 'nightlife' at Tifft while exploring your own nighttime senses. Pre-registration required. Ages 5+. Register at 825-6397.

Sunday, July 27

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Monday, July 28

Clean Air Coalition Member Monday-Have a few hours the last Monday of the month? Stop by the Clean Air office between 4-6pm, meet other folks that care about their neighborhood and help us with mailings, research, turn out calls, or other important work. Give us a call and let us know you plan on stopping by: 716-852-3813. 341 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.

Tuesday, July 29

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Trail Tuesdays at Reinstein Woods-Volunteer opportunity every Tuesday from April - August from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. Refreshments provided. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration is required. Please call 716-683-5959 to register.

19th Year Annual Tuesday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle- Come join the guides and instructors of PPP every Tuesday evening for a paddle for either relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. We meet at 1000 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda at 6:00pm and take a paddling trip on Ellicott Creek up and around the big island. All are welcome, if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak), there is no charge. If you need to rent one, the cost for a solo boat is only \$25.00 per boat or \$35.00 for a tandem. The boat rental includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350.

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Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp-Tiff Nature Preserve. 9:30-11:30am for ages 3-5. Nature’s where it’s at for summertime fun! Crafts, games, outdoor investigation and more help to foster the nature explorer in your child. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided too! Pre-registration required, call 825-6397.

LEEDv4 “In the Trenches”-2:30 to 5pm at SWBR Architects Training Center, 387 East Main Str, Rochester. AIA credits. <http://www.greenupstateny.org/page-1034465> [info](#)

Wednesday, July 30

Family Nature Hour-6:30 p.m. Hands-on activities enable families to investigate nature together on a different topic each session. This program will be held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road in Cheektowaga. Call 716-668-4991 to register.

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Family Lake Exploration-Two-hour science expedition-under-sail on Lake Erie. Get your hands WET while learning about the Great Lakes ecosystem through hands-on science learning stations such as Lake Tank, Life at the Bottom, Plankton and Invasive Species. Good for ages 1 - 100! 10am-12pm and \$10 per person. Call (716) 796-8393 for information and reservations.

Grand Ladies of the Lake- Tour of Buffalo’s Grain Elevators from 5:30-8pm. Launches from Mutual Riverfront Park Click [here](#) for directions. Register at <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/rivertours/>

Evening Stroll along the Rim at Whirlpool State Park-6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. This walk and talk program features scenic vistas along the beautiful Niagara River Gorge. For registration call (716) 285-0516.

Groundwater Detox- Talk by Alan Rabideau, PhD, Professor. 4 to 5pm at 125 Kapoor, South Campus of UB. Beginning with Love Canal, public and private entities have spent billions in largely unsuccessful efforts to restore contaminated soil and groundwater to health-based standards. Dr. Rabideau will look at technical and socioeconomic factors impeding our progress, concluding with his research on the use of natural materials (volcanic rock and poplar trees) to detoxify groundwater. [info](#)

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Beginning Farmer Discussion Group-8:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Where to Sell: CSA, Farmer's Markets, or Wholesale? Erie County Cornell Cooperative Extension will be holding a second discussion as part of a series of new farmer-focused workshops. Meet Dan Roleofs, owner of Arden Farms CSA, Dennis Brawdy, partner at W.D. Henry and Son's Vegetable Farm, and Karyn Agle, owner of Agle's Farm Market. Join us for a discussion and question/answer session about where and how to sell your product. These informal workshops are held at the Erie County CCE Auditorium at 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY 14052. Light Refreshments will be provided. [info](#)

Friday, August 1

Niagara River Rides-6 to 8pm. Bring along your bike for our fun bicycle rides along the Niagara Gorge! We will ride from Niagara Falls State Park up to Devil's Hole State Park and get you back in time to enjoy the evening and watch the fireworks! For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.

Friday Wellness Walks-10am to noon and 2-4pm at Reservoir State Park. Tired of walking alone? Looking for a new way to get motivated? Regardless of your current level of exercise, meet fellow walkers for a naturalist-led wellness hike for your health. Let's escape from our stress, be physically active, and socialize! We'll engage in a leisurely walk and lead up to a brisk walk while enjoying the outdoors. For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.

Saturday, August 2

Observatory at Beaver Meadow-7pm – 10pm. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Welch Road, North Java, NY. Observatory opens at dusk, to the public on the first Saturday of each month from April through September, rain or shine. At these public nights, BAA members take observatory visitors on a guided tour of the night sky using a collection of telescopes ranging in aperture from 6 to 20 inches. When the weather does not allow observing, presentations and telescope clinics are offered. Visitors are invited to bring their own instruments to public night. Members are always on hand and happy to share their knowledge and experience.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Volunteer at Garden of Stewardship-9am to noon. We grow the vegetables for the menu at the Central City Cafe and Baby Cafe. Central City has been serving free meals to the public for over twenty years. The garden is located at 250 Clinton Ave, behind old Sheehan Hospital.
<https://www.facebook.com/GardenofStewardship>

Beyond Flowers-Even as the city of Buffalo is still deliberating its new Green Code, ecologically smart projects have been springing up all over the city, showing off new, smarter strategies for taking care of our environment. From a simple community-based roof top garden to a million dollar project on Lake Erie, we are reclaiming the space of our industrialized and not-so-environmentally-conscious past. Come join us, and see just what is not only possible but already happening. Mother Nature is smiling. Transportation: Via school bus; bathroom stops @ noon and 2 p.m, no air conditioning . Cost: \$35, includes roundtrip transportation, tour guides, and a box lunch. FOR MORE INFORMATION, [click here.](#)

Beach Glass 101-Evangola State Park from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Avid beachcomber Nancy Williams will share her passion and knowledge of beach glass collecting. Learn where to find beach glass, how to determine its age and history along with what the glass color means. Nancy will bring her fantastic collection of beach glass and treasures and she is happy to answer any questions so you too can start collecting on the beach! For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.

Picture This- Part I. Artpark State Park from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Bring your camera on this hike as we learn about the formation of Niagara Falls and visit scenic areas of the park. For information and registration call (716) 285-0516.

Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens-10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tour is free and self-guided. Be sure to come back the same evening from 8 – 10 p.m. for the Starry Night Garden Tour. You can pick up tour maps at St. Mark's/All Saints Church, 311 Ontario St., Buffalo, and Buffalo Religious Arts Center, 157 East St., Buffalo. For additional details, please visit www.brrgardenwalk.com.

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Tips for the Environment:

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- 2. Reuse and recycle your Tips for the Environment**-we are probably all using CFL bulbs, recycling regularly and engaging in lots of earth-friendly behaviors. So let's reuse and recycle-you can check the list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006 (check for any missed at [econews](#)). If you have tips to share, please send them to me to include.

GROW WNY: Local Website for Everything Environmental

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. To showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to submit to their online calendar.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://www.citybration.com>

<http://www.buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Events/>

<http://www.exploreny.net/events.php3>

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

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

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>

<http://buffalorising.com>

Summer Camp Programs:

Beaver Meadow Audubon Day Camps- Camps for all ages. For Info visit [here](#).

Penn Dixie- five-day, 9 AM to 3 PM, Science Adventure Day Camp, for 8-12 year olds July 7-11, July 21-25, August 4-8, and August 18-22. Rates are \$180 per camper for non-members, and \$155 for family members. The registration brochure is available on the Penn Dixie web site at www.penndixie.org.

Dinosaurs, Fossils & Nature Science Summer Day Camp- 9 am-3 pm, July 14-18 and August 11-15 for 8-12 year olds. Campers will be at Penn Dixie Monday & Tuesday; Past & Present on Wednesday, and at Evangola State Park on Thursday and Friday. The rates are \$180 per camper for the week. The registration brochure is available on the Penn Dixie web site at www.penndixie.org.

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Buffalo Zoo Summer Camp-Are you looking for a place where your child (ren) ages 5-12 can have loads of fun over their summer vacation? Sign up for one or more weeks of camp at the Wildest Place in Town! For more information, visit us [online](#) or call (716) 995-6128.

Additional local blogs and websites-

ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to zaczek@prodigy.net
Buffalo Barn Raisers- <http://www.buffalobarnraisers.com/>
Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.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/>
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.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/>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Gardening Speakers Bureau <http://gardentalkbuffalo.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>
GBNRTC-<http://www.gbnrtc.org/blog/>
Guide to Urban Farming- <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/>
Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities- <http://hkhcbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Learning Sustainability Campaign- <http://www.learningsustainability.com/>
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
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>
Good Neighborhood- <http://thegoodneighborhood.com/>
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
All about Nature- <http://www.meetup.com/All-About-Nature-in-WNY/>
Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Niagara Watershed Alliance- <http://www.had-e-nuff.com/id6.html>
Rochester Roots-<http://www.rochesterroots.org/>
SOLE of Buffalo- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/SOLE-of-Buffalo/242409525795420>
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>
South Buffalo CREW- <http://www.southbuffalocrew.com/>
U Save Buffalo/Recycling- <http://www.facebook.com/USaveBuffalo>
We Love Outdoors-<http://www.weloveoutdoors.com/>
WNY Chapter/American Chemical Society- <http://wny.sites.acs.org/>

Green Jobs, Internships and Opportunities

Environmental Internships-<http://environmentalinterns.ncseonline.org/>
Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://www.greenjobs.com/>
UB Green Job list- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>

Education Resources

[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](#)

Grant Opportunities

www.wnygrantmakers.org/
www.grantstation.com
www.grantwatch.com
www.grantwrangler.com
www.youthtoday.org/grants.cfm
www.grantsalert.com
<http://www.glrppr.org/funding/>

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

Arden Farm- <http://theardenfarm.com/>
Becker Farms- <http://www.beckerfarms.com/csa>
Busti Cider Mill- www.busticidermill.com
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Chicken Worth Eating-<http://www.chickenwortheating.com/>
Erie County Farmers' Markets- <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp#Erie County>
Farmer Pirates-<http://www.farmerpirates.com/>
Farmers and Artisans- <http://farmersandartisans.com>
Farmthisway CSA - <http://www.farmthisway.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.com
First Light Farm and Creamery- <http://www.first-light-farm.com>
Flavor Farm- www.flavor-farm.com
Green Heron Growers- <http://www.greenherongrowers.com/>
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Harvest Patch- <http://www.harvestpatch.com/>
Michigan Riley Farm-<http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Plato Dale Farm- <http://www.platodalefarm.org/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Queen City Farm- www.queencityfarm.org/
Reigle's on theRidge- <http://www.localharvest.org/reigles-on-the-ridge-M48650>
Roots & Wings Family Farm- <http://www.rootsandwingsfamilyfarm.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
T-Meadow Farms- www.heritagebreedsusa.com/TMeadow.html
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>
NYSAWG Links to Farmers' Markets, CSA, Other farms- <http://www.nysawg.org/directory-of-farms.html>
Local Harvest (resource site)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>
NY Agri-women - <http://www.newyorkagriwomen.com/>

Local Tourism promoting Sustainability

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

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

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

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

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

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

Bottle and jar caps-Weisenbach Recycled Products in Ohio. CapsCando.com.

Bras- www.donateyourbra.com, www.brarecycling.us

Building materials- www.buffaloreuse.org

Carpet- WNY Professional Flooring, 864-3875

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

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

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/>

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

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

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

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

Envelopes, tyvek- < 25: Send to Tyvek Recycle, Attn. Shirley B. Wright, 8401 Fort Darling Road, Richmond, VA 23237. More than 25: call 866/33-TYVEK.

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

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

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

Mattresses- <http://www.triadrecycle.com/mattress.html>

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

Pantyhose/tights- NoNonsense.com/PantyhoseRecycling.aspx

Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery

Plastic shopping bags-groceries, many retailers

Recycling A to Z - realsimple

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

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

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

Toys, plastic- http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html

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

Water filters-Brita partners with preserveproducts.com/recycling

Yoga mats- RecycleYourMat.com

Education Courses or Certificates:

Energy University Website with Schneider Electric- [Courses](#) are free

Green Classroom Professional Certificate- Online courses, info [here](#)

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/>

Miscellaneous:

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

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php
Allegany Nature Pilgrimage	http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/
Alliance for the Great Lakes	www.greatlakes.org
American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate	www.wnyapa.com
Amherst Greenways	http://Amherstgreenways.org
Amherst State Park Arboretum	http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html
Animal Advocates of Western New York	https://www.facebook.com/aaofwny
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	https://www.facebook.com/AWAREWildlife
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Bless the Beasts Foundation	http://blessthebeastsinc.webs.com/
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	http://www.freewebs.com/bondlake/
Buffalo Architecture Foundation	http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow	www.buffaloudubon.org
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/
Brush Up Buffalo	www.brushupbuffalo.org
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Brownfields Opportunities Areas	http://buffalobrownfieldopportunities.com/
Buffalo CarShare	http://www.buffalocarshare.org/
Buffalo Central Terminal	http://buffalocentralterminal.org/

Buffalo Citybration	http://citybration.com/
Buffalo Complete Streets	http://buffalocompletestreets.org/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo First	www.buffalofirst.org/
Buffalo Food not Bombs	http://buffalofoodnotbombs.webs.com/
Buffalo Geological Society Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Green Code	http://www.buffalogreencode.com/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Green Expo	http://buffaloniagaragreenexpo.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Niagara 2050 Transportation	www.buffaloniagara2050.com
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/
Buffalo ReUse	www.buffaloreuse.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	www.buoe.org
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html

Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clarence Bluebird Trail	www.clarencebluebirdtrail.org
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.ccofwny.org/
Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	https://chautauquacce.shutterfly.com/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/
Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities	www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Designing to Live Sustainably	http://www.d2ls.org/
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York	http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie County Community College Going Green	http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Environment Management Council	http://www2.erie.gov/environment/

Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	http://www.eriectyfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Evergreen-Buffalo State College	www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen
Excalibur Leisure Skills	http://excaliburl.org
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
First Hand Learning	www.firsthandlearning.org
For A Clean Tonawanda Site	www.factsofwny.com/
Foundry	http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://www.gandermountain.com/store-locator/
Garden Clubs of WNY	www.gardenclubsofwny.com
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Beach Sweep	http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes Experience	http://www.thegreatlakesexperience.org
Green Development Zone	http://greendevelopmentzone.org/

Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Green WNY	http://greenwny.com/
Groundwork Buffalo	http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Healthy Kids Healthy Communities	www.healthykidshealthycommunities.org/communities/buffalo
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jssbuffalo.com
Lake Erie Forum	http://www.lakeerieforum.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.buffalolisc.org
Maddie's Pet Rescue Project	http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	http://mass-ave.org/
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	http://www.nannenarboretum.org/
National Buffalo Garden Festival	http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
Net+Positive	www.netpositivefoundation.org
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/

New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php
New York State Parks	www.nysparks.com
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/
New York State Soil and Water	http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Farm Bureau	http://niagarafb.org/
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 Frontier Botanical Society	http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsd1/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/
Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/
Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Niagara University Sustainability	http://www.niagara.edu/green/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Oakmossed Education	http://oakmossed.com

One Region Forward	http://www.oneregionforward.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
Primate Sanctuary	http://theprimatesanctuary.com
Regional Councils NYS	http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Renew Erie County	http://reneweriecounty.org/
ReNU Niagara	http://www.niagara.edu/renu/
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara
Slow Food Buffalo Niagara	http://www.slowfoodbuffaloniagara.org/
South Buffalo Alive	http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/
Sustainable Earth Solutions	www.sustainableearthsolutions.com

Tifft Nature Preserve	www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://www.tuscaroraenvironment.com
21 st Century Park on the Outer Harbor	http://21stcenturypark.org/
UB Student Association Environmental Affairs	http://www.sa.buffalo.edu/environmental
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/esw
UB ERIE Program	http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/
UB Office of Sustainability	http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html
UnwasteNY	http://www.unwasteney.org
Urban Design Project at UB	http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/
Urban Land Institute	http://newyork.uli.org/regional/
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	http://www.tscwny.org/
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.growwny.org/
Western New York Herpetological Society	http://www.wnyherpsociety.org/
Western New York Hiking Trails and resources	www.wnyhikes.com
Western New York Land Conservancy	http://www.wnylc.org/
WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY)	http://www.wnysnla.org/
Western New York Science Congress	http://wnysc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org

Western New York Stormwater Coalition	www.erie.gov/stormwater
Western New York Sustainability Plan	www.sustainable-ny.com
Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable	http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	www.wnysea.com
West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideministries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Kritters	http://www.wildkritters.com/
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://www.wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Education	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/