

# Enviro-News

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### Green Drinks

Join others to network and enjoy conversation with environmental folks at 5:30pm on **Thursday, July 13th** at 12 Gates Brewery, 180 Earhart Dr, Williamsville, NY 14221. in Williamsville. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

### Reinstein Woods Artisan Market and Barbecue

Friends of Reinstein Woods invites the WNY community to its annual Artisan Market on **Saturday, July 15** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reinstein Woods, 93 Honorine Dr. Depew, NY 14043. This year's market will feature more than 35 artisans and vendors selling handmade jewelry, soy candles, organic vegetables, paintings, photographs and more. The event, sponsored by M&T Bank, will also feature live music from The Buffalo Ukulele Club, face painting, kids' crafts, a basket raffle and barbecue dinner from BW's Smokin' Barrels Barbeque. All proceeds go to furthering Friends of Reinstein Woods's mission: to promote knowledge of nature through awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of the unique and diverse environment of Reinstein Woods and its programs. Patrons can buy their barbecue tickets and get a sneak peek at participating artists and vendors by visiting <https://reinsteinwoods.org/>. Each dinner includes a choice of chicken and ribs or vegetable lasagna entrée, two sides, a roll and butter. Barbecue tickets are \$16 and will be on sale through **July 5**, 2023. Limited dinners will be available the day of the event. Tickets are also available by mail using the order form available at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/artisan-market/>.

### Dare to Repair Café: Fix it, Don't Ditch It

Have a broken small appliance, lamp, electronics or zipper on clothing? The next Dare to Repair Café will be held from **11 am to 2pm Saturday, July 15** at Delevan-Grider Community Center, 877 E. Delevan, Buffalo. Bring your broken items to see if volunteers can fix them for free. Items include small appliances, clothing and tile. See more [here](#). [Register](#) to attend.

### Free Electronics Recycling

Sunking will offer a free electronics recycling on **July 15**. You **MUST** register to get a timeslot for this event. The dropoff will be at Western New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office, 1200 E and West Rd., West Seneca. [Register](#)

### July Skyrides and Bike Activities

On **Sunday July 16**, GObike and Independent Health are back at Outer Harbor for our biggest event yet! The Skyride will take off from the Outer Harbor's Lakeside Bike Park (leave at 8:45am). SkyRace will offer a USA Cycling-sanctioned race up and down the Skyway at full speed (7am). The post-party begins at 10:30am in the Outer Harbor's concert venue. Post-party event is open to everyone, registrants and non-registrants alike. For registrants age 21+, two tickets for refreshments will be included in your packet. Not riding but want to attend the bash? Additional beer and snack tickets will be on sale for \$5. Early registration ends **July 10**. [Registration links](#) for all provide more info.

## Household Hazardous Waste Dropoffs

Erie County residents have the option of using the County's "Voucher Drop-off program" which enables residents to bring up to 50lbs. of eligible hazardous waste to the Hazman facility in Tonawanda at no cost. Again, preregistration for this service is required. For more info go to [erie.gov/recycling](http://erie.gov/recycling) or Hazman directly at 998-8073 or call 716-858-6800. Erie County will hold the next collection event on **July 8** from 8:30am to 1pm in Elma, NY and a final collection event on September 30 in Buffalo, NY. Registration for these events will be open one month in advance of their date at [erie.gov/recycling](http://erie.gov/recycling). For more info or to ask questions please email us at [recycle@erie.gov](mailto:recycle@erie.gov) or call our HHW Hotline at (716) 858-6800.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddles Up Niagara

Paddles Up Niagara will be held on **Saturday, July 29 from 7am to 1pm** at Beaver Island State Park 2136 West Oakfield Road, Grand Island. Activities are planned throughout the free event. Guides and safety paddlers will be on hand to assist and answer your paddling questions. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper will have some staff safety paddlers and YELP students participating during the day. [Registration and details.](#)

## Niagara County Residents: Waste Events Available

For upcoming household hazardous waste (hhw) events, paper shredding or a voucher program for hhw, visit <https://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/events>. Events are scheduled from June 3 to November and require registration and proof of residency. Next event is a paper shredding and paint collection at July 29 at Starpoint Schools.

## 2023 Fish Stocking Program

This is the annual sale of bass and minnows to assist landowners with managing fish in their ponds. For more information click on the [order form](#) and order your fish today. **Orders due by July 10, 2023 and Pick up July 15, 2023 at 10:00 am.**

## EPA Extends Comment Period for the Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution

EPA extended the deadline for comments on the [Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution](#) to **July 31, 2023**. Submit your comments [through the docket by clicking here](#). EPA is seeking public comment from a broad array of organizations engaged in post-consumer materials management and infrastructure including state, tribal, territorial, and local governments; industry; researchers; academia; non-profit organizations; community groups; and international organizations. Comments will inform the Agency's efforts to finalize the strategy and work with organizations to implement the actions.

## Summer Teacher Institute: Outdoor Connections

Join other teachers at the Summer Teacher Institute from **August 1-3**. This 3-day workshop will feature award-winning environmental activity guides, naturalist skills such as plant and animal identification, NYS learning standards connections, field trips, and more! Materials fee \$35. The workshop is 9am to 3:30 each day. Register online at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/>.

## "The Whale Speaks"

Typography of Women presents "The Whale Speaks" For the Love of Our Planet, a play at Shea's 710 at 7:30pm on **August 5**. Celeste Lawson a BIPOC artist wrote the environmentally focused play featuring a BIPOC cast. [Tickets.](#)

## The 3rd Annual Roaming Gnome Festival

The Roaming Gnome Festival will be held on **Thursday August 24** from 10-2 outdoors at the Central Library in Buffalo. Save the date for our free family friendly environmental festival at the Central Library. Any questions please email [recycling@erie.gov](mailto:recycling@erie.gov).

## Darwin Martin Home and Garden Tours

[Home & Garden Tours](#) will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays from June to September at [Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House](#), 143 Jewett Pkwy, Buffalo. The 90-minute tour introduces visitors to the unique relationship between the landscape and home that Frank Lloyd Wright designed for the Martin Family. [Advance ticket purchase is required.](#)

### **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Update: Your Input is Needed!**

Transportation is critical for access to jobs, health care, education, and a range of other services and opportunities. The Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) is conducting a brief survey as part of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Update which seeks to improve transportation for persons with disabilities, older adults/seniors, and individuals with lower incomes in the Erie and Niagara Counties. [Take the survey.](#)

### **Urban Treks Challenge**

The 2nd Annual Western New York Urban Treks Challenge is brought to you by Outside Chronicles and the Black Rock Riverside Alliance (BRRAlliance). This challenge was created to get people out on our urban trails during our beautiful Buffalo summers. The WNY Urban Treks Challenge includes 16 treks, each with a unique landmark. The landmarks include monuments, bridges, and trees. Each park has a highlighted 'Suggested Trail' that takes you past each Challenge Landmark. The challenge runs **June 15th—October 15th**. For more info or to register, visit <https://outsidechronicles.com/urbantreks/>.

### **Guaranteed Ride Home Program Makes Carpooling and Transit Stress-Free**

Erie and Niagara County residents who regularly commute by carpool, vanpool, public transit, walking or biking are eligible for the free Guaranteed Ride Home Program (GRHP). When you need to leave work unexpectedly for an emergency, and can't use your regular mode of commute, we'll get you to your destination by Lyft, Uber, taxi or public transit—up to two rides per month and \$50 per trip, up to \$200 per year (limitations apply). Click the link below to learn more about terms and conditions, and to register for the program. If you have additional questions about the Guaranteed Ride Home Program, please email [info@gobuffaloniagara.org](mailto:info@gobuffaloniagara.org). [REGISTER FOR GRHP](#) Find a carpooling partner through [511NY Rideshare!](#) Use the *free* [Commutifi](#) portal! Get rewarded for driving less with \$50 Shop 716 gift card giveaways each month.

### **DEC Launches New York Harmful Algal Blooms Notification and Reporting System**

DEC and the NYS Department of Health have started the 2023 online New York Harmful Algal Bloom System (NYHABS) interactive map. DEC is asking the public and trained algal bloom samplers to send reports of HABs with photos electronically via a [simple, mobile phone-friendly form](#). Once evaluated by DEC and DOH, reports are posted to the [NYHABS page](#) providing easy access to inform the public about HAB locations in New York. Most algae blooms are harmless. However, exposure to toxins and other substances from certain HABs can make people and animals sick. HABs have been monitored closely across New York State since 2012. DEC's Division of Water recently published an analysis of HABs titled: "[Detections of cyanobacteria harmful algal blooms \(cyanoHABs\) in New York State, United States \(2012–2020\)](#)."

### **Environmental Working Group Provides List of Verified Sunscreens**

While sunscreens protect us from damaging UV rays, they can also expose us to harmful chemicals. Oxybenzone, a hormone-disrupting sunscreen chemical which has been shown to absorb through the skin, has declined in usage due to consumer demand. Check out their [list of sunscreens](#) to educate yourself.

## **Legislation to Allow Electronic Repairs.**

The [Digital Fair Repair Act](#) is a new law that should make it easier for consumers to repair certain electronic devices, including laptops and smartphones, thereby saving money and reducing harmful e-waste. The law compels manufacturers doing business in the state to make repair parts, tools, and documentation, including schematics, available to the public, something companies had not been required to do in the past. It goes into effect on **July 1, 2023**. This should increase the availability of electronic device repair and bring down prices. Until now, independent repair businesses haven't always had the tools and information they needed to fix broken devices, forcing consumers to go back to the manufacturers for repairs or to just buy replacements. The new law is meant to increase competition for repair work—and let consumers fix their own gadgets if they feel technically capable. The law covers electronic devices purchased at retail, including devices popular with consumers like laptops, smartphones, and tablets. It does not apply to so-called white goods, an industry term that typically refers to big appliances like refrigerators and washing machines.

## **Amazing New Bioplastic Made from Crab Shells**

A new bioplastic has recently been developed made from discarded crab shells, with a bit of wood pulp. This completely compostable film is flexible, transparent, and even suitable for food packaging. Also, its production process doesn't release any harmful toxins, unlike the wasteful process of making plastic. [Read more.](#)

## **Unique Penn Dixie Finds**

An unlikely discovery has been made in Hamburg, New York, and the story has made its way across the nation. This April, two off-duty members of the Penn Dixie educational team, Jonathan Hoag and James Hanna, uncovered the well-preserved remains of a mysterious and exceedingly rare animal – a 'Carpoid' – amongst the rocks at Penn Dixie. The remains represent an entirely new species of primitive Paleozoic echinoderm, previously thought to have gone extinct over 25 million years before the rocks at Penn Dixie were deposited. The Penn Dixie carpoids are a 'Lazarus taxon:' an animal that disappears from the fossil record, then reappears much later. Much like the biblical Lazarus rising from the dead, a Lazarus taxon rises figuratively from the graveyard of global extinction. The coelacanth, a lobe-finned fish which is still found today, is perhaps the most famous example of a Lazarus taxon. [Read more.](#)

## **Participate in the Canalway Challenge**

Sign up, set your personal mileage goal, and start your adventure along the canals that transformed America through the Canalway Challenge. Earn recognition and rewards when you log your miles during Cycle the Erie Canal or on your own. Free. [canalwaychallenge.org](http://canalwaychallenge.org)

## **'Clean. Drain. Dry.' Your Watercraft to Protect Waters from Aquatic Invasive Species**

DEC reminds boaters to clean, drain, and dry their boats and trailers and disinfect their fishing gear before recreating in New York's waters to prevent the spread of harmful aquatic invasive species (AIS). Watercraft inspection stewards (boat stewards) are deploying across the state to educate and assist the public in cleaning equipment this season to prevent the introduction and spread of non-native plants and animals in New York waterbodies. Visit DEC's website for [more tips on how to clean, drain, and dry](#) watercraft, fishing equipment and for more info about [New York's Watercraft Inspection Steward Program](#).

## **New York's Economywide Cap-and-Invest Pre-Proposal Webinar Series**

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) are hosting a pre-proposal webinar series to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the rulemakings under development for the Cap-and-Invest Program in New York State. This is the first set in a series of webinars to inform the public and encourage written feedback during the initial phase of outreach. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available on the [New York Cap-and-Invest website](#). For a full list of webinars, visit [here](#). For more information, including instructions on how to provide comments, please visit the [New York Cap-and-Invest website](#).

## **TAD Talks Sustainability Podcasts**

Many companies have been purchasing carbon offsets to achieve their Net Zero goals. Are carbon offsets right for you and your company? Are carbon offsets actually effective and how should they be used? In this episode, Tad and Julianna answer these questions and discuss decarbonization, science-based targets, and the steps in the decarbonization roadmap. Tad also explains what carbon offsets are, the standards and requirements for carbon offsets, and what the future could look like for carbon offsets. [Listen here.](#)

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

LEED Green Associate is a credential which will enhance your professional credentials, open doors to new job opportunities and help advance your career in the green building industry. [Register for a live webinar](#) (next date is April 15 from 1 to 5:30pm) or start today with an on-demand recorded workshop completed anytime at your own pace from Leading Green. Cost: \$200 - Students can use the coupon code 'green' for \$50 off (Discounted course price \$150). Save your seat by registering for our live or self-paced options. - <https://leadinggreen.com/online>.

## **NYSAR<sup>3</sup> Annual Conference & Trade Show**

NYSAR<sup>3</sup> (New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling) Annual Conference is planned for **November 14-16, 2023**, held in Cooperstown, NY. For more details visit: <https://www.nysar3.org/page/annual-conference-23.html>.

## **The 2023 IBirdNY Challenge is Back**

The [2023 IBIRDNY Challenge](#) is back and better than ever! Birders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to see or hear and record any 10 bird species of their choosing, with opportunities for both youth and adult participants to win great birding prizes. New this year, the challenge will run from March 1–November 1, observation logs may be submitted via an online form, and all participants will receive a commemorative challenge patch! For more information, including ideas on species to observe and places to go, visit the [I Bird NY webpage](#).

## **Help Wheels for Workers Provide Transport for Re-settling Families**

Wheels for Workers 716 (WW716) is a new non-profit, supporting Buffalo's large number of re-settling families. Their mission is to provide bicycles and helmets to our newest neighbors who wish to work but lack basic transportation. WW716 collects bikes at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14226, while Journey's End Refugee Services connects them to our new neighbors, linking ride-ready bikes to work-ready Buffalonians. WW716 needs: bikes and bike parts, donations, volunteers, and help spreading the word! To get in contact visit their [Facebook page](#).

## **Have an Apiary?**

As of December 23, 2021, all beekeepers in NYS are required to register with Ag and Markets and renew their registration annually regardless of whether you are selling nucleus colonies or queens or not. It only takes a few minutes to do, and then you will get notifications of any disease issues in your area. [Learn more.](#)

## **Erie Community County Climate Action Plan and Volunteer Opportunities**

Erie County Climate Action has completed their draft community climate action plan! Working groups, consisting of County staff and community stakeholders have been developing goals, strategies, and action items to help mitigate climate change effects in the WNY area. The full draft of the county plan is [here](#). If you're looking for ways to get involved, consider joining the [Ambassador Program](#). Ambassadors play a vital role in bridging the gap between local government and community members. Check out <https://www3.erie.gov/climateaction/> for more info on Erie County's climate efforts and ways to be involved.



## Free Complete Streets Workshops for Communities

In partnership with the New York State Department of Health, Urban Cycling Solutions offers a FREE complete streets and active transportation training to communities throughout New York State. Training includes detailed instruction on the complete array of complete streets topics and is available to New York State Communities on a first come, first served basis. Please [fill out this online form](#) or email [info@urbancyclingsolutions.com](mailto:info@urbancyclingsolutions.com) to request a course in your community today!

## Western New York Young Birder Club

The [Western New York Young Birder Club](#) (WNY YBC) is designed to help connect young and young at heart people with birds. Young birders of all ages are welcome! The WNY YBC organizes monthly events, sends a monthly email newsletter including the "Bird of the Month" feature and updates on [club outings](#), and serves as a resource for the community to connect with family-friendly birding experiences. WNY YBC recognizes that birding is often a quiet and calm activity that doesn't always match the exuberance of young birders – thus they are creating a space where an enthusiastic joy in birds can take flight. The club currently has 48 members ranging in age from 2-14 with an average age of 7. Check out WNY YBC's [website to join](#), learn more, and to find events near you!

## How to file a report to the DEC

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

## DEC State Lands Kiosk Survey: Earn Prizes

DEC is seeking public input to help make improvements to informational kiosk signage on DEC properties by completing the new [DEC Kiosk Survey](#). Input from visitors' surveys will help DEC make improvements to kiosk signage throughout the state and enhance the visitor experience. Kiosks are small, open wooden structures that provide cover for educational and informational signs that feature trail maps, emergency phone numbers, and other important information. By taking the survey, participants will be entered into the survey sweepstakes which will have both monthly winners, who will a free subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine and a \$50 gift card, as well as a grand prize winner, who will receive a free subscription to the Conservationist and a \$200 gift card. Individuals can submit multiple surveys per month but can submit only one survey response per kiosk location. Additional information about the survey, sweepstakes, and the link to the survey can be found on [DEC's website](#).

## Have Environmental Concerns? Report Them

The public is invited to report environmental concerns to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Environmental and public health concerns may be about air quality; water pollution; dumping, burying or burning of chemicals or toxic waste; climate change; health; workplace condition; the application of pesticides and their effects on wildlife; wetlands destruction; medications; cosmetics; biological products; oil and chemical spills; and discriminatory environmental and health impacts caused by recipients of federal funds. To report concerns, contact Environmental Justice Coordinator Aaron J. Mango at 716-843-5700 or email [USANYW.Environment@usdoj.gov](mailto:USANYW.Environment@usdoj.gov).

## DEC Pesticide Advice

As of January 1, 2023, DEC reclassified certain neonicotinoid (neonic) pesticide products as "restricted use." Products containing imidacloprid, acetamiprid, and thiamethoxam that are labeled for foliar, widespread outdoor use, and/or seed treatment are no longer permitted to be applied by homeowners. These products contain chemicals like nicotine, and the reclassification was taken to protect New York's environmental resources - especially pollinators. If you are not a certified applicator, the product must be legally disposed of with a certified pesticide applicator or by taking to a Household Hazardous Waste disposal event. . Questions can be directed to DEC's Pesticide Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Section at 518-402-8727 or emailed to [pesticidecompliance@dec.ny.gov](mailto:pesticidecompliance@dec.ny.gov)

## **Tick App: Info for you, Data for Science**

[The Tick App](#) is a free app for your smartphone. The app contains information on ticks and asks you to log your daily activities to help researchers. You can even send pictures of your ticks for identification. The app allows people living in high-risk areas for Lyme disease to participate in a regional tick exposure and human behavior study.

[DOWNLOAD](#) a PDF that describes how to use The Tick App.

## **Municipal Training Resources from LEWPA**

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

## **Farmland Protection Grants Available**

The NYS Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the availability of funds for the [Round 18 Farmland Protection Implementation Grants \(FPIG\) Program – Conservation Easement Projects](#). The intent is to fund the implementation of certain farmland protection activities intended to maintain the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and its supporting land base and to protect the environmental and landscape preservation values associated with agriculture. Grant applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. The [RFA](#) will remain open and awards will be made until such time as available funds are fully committed, or the RFA is closed.

## **Soil Health Tool**

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#) is an interactive tool that will walk you through facts about soil's role in agriculture and supporting life on this planet, and what we can do to better manage our soil through conservation. A is for Assessment, B is for Biodiversity, C is for Cover Crop. Can you guess what Z is for? Learn what zymogenous means at the site.

## **Clean Energy Communities Program for Towns**

Is your WNY town a member of the Clean Energy Communities Program? Check out the map [here](#) to see towns that are in the program and the actions that they have taken to save energy and often costs for their town. If your town isn't one of them, ask your elected official why they haven't made a commitment to cleaner energy.

## **Make Cigarette Butts Part of Your Cleanups**

Littered cigarette butts: besides ugly to look at, they are hazardous to our kids, pets, wildlife and gardens. When left in the environment, littered cigarette butts [leach toxic chemicals](#), such as arsenic (used to kill rats) and lead, that may be carried as runoff to drains and end up polluting our rivers and lakes right here in Western New York. Because cigarette butts are primarily made of plastic filters that don't biodegrade, the butts that aren't eaten by wildlife simply pile up on shorelines or at the bottom of bodies of water. To find out how you can get involved, visit <http://tobaccofreewny.com/>.

## **Guide to Reduce Food Scrap Bin Contamination**

Food scrap bins that get contaminated with things like gloves, hairnets, plastic cups, and fruit stickers can derail an otherwise successful collection program. This new troubleshooting toolkit is designed to help you identify where and why contamination is happening, and—most importantly—find practical solutions to fix the problem. [The Food Scrap Contamination Guide](#) explains why bin contamination is a problem and offers simple-but-effective ways for you, your staff, and customers to work together to solve it. Less bin contamination is better for your budget and the environment—it's a win-win for your business and your customers.

### **Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials**

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

### **NYSERDA Green Jobs Green New York Energy Studies**

Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations can receive an energy study to help them identify opportunities to make their buildings more energy efficient. The energy study is a valuable tool to understand how to reduce energy usage and costs in your facility, and it provides a “road map” to plan for improvements that can be made as budgets permit. It includes: a comprehensive walk through of the facility; site staff interviews; utility bill analysis; fuel neutral, unbiased evaluation of potential low-cost/no-cost and capital improvement energy efficiency upgrades; and a report that outlines potential energy and cost savings opportunities for your facility. Once the study is complete, you receive assistance in identifying potential utility incentives and low-cost financing options to help take the next steps toward implementing energy saving projects. Small businesses with 100 or fewer Full-Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs) company-wide or not-for-profit organizations of any size are eligible for the program. For more information call Michelle Wooddell at 1-888-338-0089 or email [info@NYEnergyStudy.com](mailto:info@NYEnergyStudy.com).

### **Resources for Buying an Electric Vehicle and Charger**

Making the switch to an electric vehicle—and pairing it with an ENERGY STAR certified charger—is not only good for the planet, it could also save you \$1,400/year on fuel and car maintenance. Plus, with rebates and tax credits, you can save even more. [Learn about all the benefits today!](#) A [study](#) examined the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions from electric cars and combustion engine cars globally. Their analysis showed that only battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles have the potential to achieve life-cycle GHG emissions reductions needed to meet Paris Agreement goals.

### **Winter Wildlife Excursion to Yellowstone National Park**

From **December 8, 2023-December 17, 2023**, you can join Earth Spirit for an adventure. Experience Winter in Yellowstone through the eyes of experienced Naturalist Educators. This trip will be full of wildlife viewing opportunities and activities in this unique and historic location. Guests will be staying in one of two beautiful lodges just outside of the park where two gourmet meals per day will be prepared by our leaders and shared with the group. The focus of the trip is wildlife, and guests will be provided with Swarovski spotting scopes and led to viewing hot-spots throughout the Excursion experience in order to locate and view the animals each day. For info, visit <https://earthspiritedu.org/excursions/winter-wildlife-excursion/>

### **New York Great Lakes Shore Viewer**

DEC's [Great Lakes Program](#) has launched the [New York Great Lakes Shore Viewer](#), an interactive map that allows users to explore approximately 850 miles of New York's Great Lakes shorelines, including Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and many of the larger embayments. The viewer includes coastal oblique aerial imagery of the NY Great Lakes shorelines collected annually by citizen volunteers with the Civil Air Patrol – NY Wing in partnership with the DEC. Routinely updated and publicly accessible coastal oblique imagery is intended to support state resilience programs, promote ecosystem-based shoreline management, and assist with shoreline change monitoring.

### **Managing New York Forests for Birds**

The Audubon Society has a free, [downloadable guide](#) for landowners to provide guidance in improving habitat for birds. The guide identifies priority habitat and the importance of limiting habitat fragmentation for maintaining bird species. Share the guide with anyone that has forested land.



## Grants for Youth Field Trips

Did you know there is a **grant** to take youth on field trips? The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program (Connect Kids) is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history. Each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for Special Education students) for field trips to state and federal parks, education and nature centers, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas. Find out more about this innovative grant program at the [Connect Kids Grant page](#).

## Clothing Recycling in Schools

Project Green Schools is excited to partner with [Planet Aid](#) in order to help schools and communities work together with a unified goal of recycling 25,000 lbs of clothing and shoes. Both Planet Aid and Project Green Schools will support you with everything that you need to organize and promote your drive. [Click to register](#) to host a drive this summer or fall. Clothing drives are open to U.S. based schools and organizations that fall within Planet Aid's region.

## Black Faces in Green Spaces: Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers

Black Faces in Green Spaces: The Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers is a career resource guide developed in partnership with Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences. This guide introduces youth to the many jobs in the forest and conservation sector through the lens of Black Professionals currently working in the sector. The guide is designed for middle and high school students, pre-professional youth, parents, and natural resource professionals looking to increase diversity within the natural resources professions. [Download a free guide](#)

## Earth Rangers

Earth Rangers is a Canadian charity dedicated to empowering kids to take environmental action. Founded in 2004, Earth Rangers is active in Canadian schools, offering classroom resources as well as school assemblies and eco-clubs. It also offers professional development for teachers to develop lessons that counter eco-anxiety. Outside of the schoolroom, Earth Rangers provides parents with information and resources through a [blog](#) and engages with its youth membership [through its app](#). Downloading and activating the app enrolls the child as a member of Earth Rangers. Membership in Earth Rangers is free, but some activities do involve money. Kids can host an Earth Rangers fundraiser birthday party where donations are accepted in lieu of gifts (a themed party kit is available for purchase).

## Help Prevent Wasted Food

EPA's [Preventing Wasted Food in Your Community: A Social Marketing Toolkit](#) is now available! The toolkit is a resource for states, territories, local governments, Tribes, and nongovernmental organizations who want to start behavior change campaigns to help prevent food waste in their communities. The toolkit includes a planning process that uses social marketing principles to ensure communities are tailoring the campaigns to their communities' needs. The toolkit is accompanied by food waste prevention campaign materials created by municipalities and organizations that are available for use and customization by any community.

## Regenerate NY: \$850,000 in Grants Now Available for Eligible Private Forest Landowners

The 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supplying an important renewable resource. Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York State, may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$100,000, with a required 25 percent match. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, planting trees, soil scarification, removing competing vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment and growth, and installation of deer fence. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Applications can be [submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway](#) and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on **Oct. 6, 2023**, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Applicants need to establish an account in the Grants Gateway System. Once registered, applicants can search the Grants Gateway for "Regenerate NY."

## Swallow-wort Biocontrol Release!

WNY PRISM is excited to announce that in early June alongside our partners, NYISRI, CCE-Erie County, Genesee County Park and Forest and Town of Clarence, we released 80 *Hypena opulenta* pupae, the swallow-wort biocontrol agent, at two sites in western New York. We're so excited to work with our partners and volunteers to help monitor and collect important data on these moths! *Hypena opulenta* is a moth that feeds exclusively on the leaves of black and pale swallow-wort. After more than 10 years of research to verify safety to ecosystems, the moth was approved for field release by the USDA in 2017. Read more about swallow-wort biocontrol research [here](#).

## AI Allows Trees to “Talk” to Us

Trees have begun to “speak” using new sensors and generative AI. With [ePlant](#)'s new TreeTag, trees are not just silent witnesses to environmental changes anymore; they have become environmental sensors. The TreeTag uses artificial intelligence to present its information in a conversational manner sending data to the cloud. [ChatGPT](#) uses the information to explain a tree's condition through a text conversation with a homeowner or a forestry researcher. The experience is like chatting with a friend, but it might be about how much water the tree needs to be healthy or a report on its growth and the carbon it has captured as it grows. TreeTags are solar-powered, and installation involves placing them onto the side of a tree using a screw. Tree responses are measured using a plunger on the device that rests against the tree bark to detect tiny changes in size that indicate various stresses, such as lack of water. It also includes accelerometers to identify trees at risk of falling and a humidity sensor to capture local weather data. [Read more](#).

## Help Track Spotted Lanternfly

[Spotted lanternfly \(SLF\)](#) is an invasive pest that feeds on a variety of plants including grapes, hops and maple trees, posing a severe threat to New York State's forests and agriculture. SLF was first found in PA in 2014, and [several populations have since been found in NY](#), including Buffalo as of September 2022. SLF's preferred host plant, tree-of-heaven (TOH), is already found in many locations across New York State. Help survey for SLF and TOH by picking a location, surveying it 2-3 times throughout 2023 and reporting your observations. Visit the [NY iMapInvasives website](#) to learn about the project and sign up for a grid square on the map to monitor.

## WAVE Volunteers Needed

Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE) is a participatory citizen-based water quality assessment program developed by DEC. The purpose of WAVE is to enable citizen scientists to collect biological data for evaluation of water quality on wadeable streams in New York State. The WAVE data augment the professional monitoring conducted by the DEC Stream Monitoring and Assessment Section. Interested in participating? Register at [Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators \(WAVE\) Program Overview & Updates \(ny.gov\)](#). For more information please visit the [NYSDEC WAVE webpage](#).

## Evening with Tony Hiss Recording

If you were unable to attend, or would like to watch it again, the WNY Land Conservancy has uploaded the program to their YouTube channel. You can view it [here](#) (or click on the video to the right). Feel free to share the video with your friends and colleagues, and consider subscribing to our channel. This event was part of our effort to save the Floating Fen in Chautauqua County by the end of this year. To learn more, visit [wnylc.org/floatingfen](http://wnylc.org/floatingfen)

## Online Tool to View Earth's Changes

Google Earth Engine's new tool, [Dynamic World](#) was built in collaboration with the nonprofit [World Resources Institute](#). Dynamic World pulls from satellite data to create detailed maps in near real-time. It gives users the ability to zoom in on the planet in 10-by-10 meter squares from satellite images collected every two to five days. Artificial intelligence is used to categorize each pixel into nine classes that range from bare ground to trees, crops, and buildings. The tool allows users to explore and track and monitor changes in these terrestrial ecosystems over time.

## Clean Energy Educators Institute: Free Training

The [NYS Clean Energy Educators Institute](#) is a four-day program designed for NYS educators teaching grades 4-12 who are interested in bringing clean energy education into their classrooms. This summer, we're running two separate Institutes: Long Island at Hofstra University | July 17-20, 2023, and Albany at Capital Region BOCES | July 24-27, 2023. Through this Institute, educators will have access to expert speakers, valuable resources, and leadership opportunities. They will receive CTLE credits, lesson plans, and materials for their classrooms, all while learning about the latest in clean energy education. This program is available at no-cost to educators! To ensure equitability, priority will be given to educators who teach in [disadvantaged communities](#); however, all educators who fit the criteria are welcome to apply.

## Seeking a Career in the Clean Energy Field?

NYSERDA has paid internship and fellowship programs that can help jumpstart your future in the clean energy field. Check out their programs and resources at <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Workforce-Development-and-Training/For-Job-Seekers-and-Students>.

## New Resource Site for Internships and More

The new [NOAA Student Opportunities Website](#) has gone live. NOAA has opportunities for students of any level — from kindergarten through high school, undergraduate and graduate, and even recent graduates. Opportunities include one-day events, summer internships at NOAA, multi-year fellowships, and more.

## EPA Invites Youth to Serve on National Environmental Youth Advisory Council

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established its first-ever [National Environmental Youth Advisory Council \(NEYAC\)](#). The NEYAC will provide independent advice and recommendations to Administrator Michael S. Regan on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities. The NEYAC will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth communities. EPA seeks applications for youth to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC. Selected applicants will contribute to a balance of perspectives, backgrounds, and experience of the council and will be appointed by the Administrator. All NEYAC members will be between the ages of 16 and 29. As part of the agency's commitment to centering environmental justice communities, at least 50% of the overall membership of NEYAC will come from, reside primarily in, and/or do most of their work in disadvantaged communities. Applications are due by **August 22**. EPA will host a virtual application webinar during which the public can ask EPA staff questions live. The webinar will be on Zoom on August 7 at 12–1 p.m. ET; register at <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJl5d-ivqzgjG4ydJgf5MNumYVeFnHGdtM>

## Keep the Old Car or Buy an Electric: Environmental Dilemma

If you have been questioning whether to upgrade your vehicle, consider the embodied energy in your existing car. Manufacturing and materials for a vehicle contribute to its overall energy use. For a discussion on the tradeoffs, read [here](#).

## Teacher's and Home-Schooling Resources

[MIT Climate Educator Guides](#) -Flexible, adaptable, and classroom-ready climate change activities. Integrate solutions-oriented climate change education into any high school subject.

[TILclimate Podcast](#)-In 10(ish) minutes, MIT experts cut through the jargon to demystify climate change. Listen to podcast episodes as professional development or classroom assignments.

[MIT Climate Portal](#)-Learn about climate change straight from MIT experts. Read explainers on a wide range of topics in science, technology, and society. Ask your own climate questions.

[NEEF SunWise Program](#)- environmental and health education program for K-8 children about sun safety, UV radiation, and stratospheric ozone. The free toolkit includes over 50 cross-curricular, standards-based activities that encourage young people to explore, assess, and understand their natural environment and how it affects their health.

[Data Puzzle: Wind Farms of the Future](#)-middle and high school students analyze and interpret patterns in surface roughness and wind speed across the United States to identify suitable locations for the construction of future wind farms. The resource includes a teacher guide, slide deck, and student worksheet.

[Keeping a Bird Watching Journal](#)-Bird Watcher's Digest shares some encouraging guidelines for keeping a bird watching journal that apply to bird watchers of all ages. Not sure what bird you hear while journaling? Try the [Merlin Bird ID app's](#) Song ID feature to help you identify who's singing.

[NSTA Lesson: How can where you live affect your risk of experiencing asthma?](#)-High school students will gather, read, and evaluate scientific information to investigate why the Bronx, New York City as a whole, and Detroit have higher asthma hospitalization numbers than New York State and Michigan.

[The Equity Compass](#) helps users adopt a social justice mindset when developing and reflecting on their policy and/or practice. View the video on YouTube using the link above and learn more about the project [here](#).

[Inclusive Science Communication Starter Kit](#) is intended to help anyone who communicates with others about STEM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine) to do so in ways that seek and value a wide variety of perspectives, recognize how a person's multiple identities might affect their relationship with STEM, and yield equitable outcomes that build and sustain trust.

[Earth Day Careers and Teaching Resources Page](#)-Scholastic SUPERSTEM created this collection of articles, videos, and teaching resources for educators and students. Each article showcases a STEM professional who incorporates a passion for protecting Earth in their work.

[Light Pollution Activity from Voyageurs Conservancy](#)-This three-part activity introduces the concept of light pollution, demonstrates its adverse effects, and allows students to investigate mitigation practices. Schedule a virtual lesson with Voyageurs Conservancy to learn about the importance of night sky preservation.

[Do the Rot Thing: A Teacher's Guide to Compost Activities](#)-The activities in the "Do the Rot Thing" guide are hands-on and encourage student exploration and learning. The guide is broken into four main sections: Introductory Activities, Basic Compost Activities, Worm Compost Activities, and Spreading the Word: Students Teaching Composting.

[Our Beautiful Planet](#) is a series of compelling 5-7 minute science films highlighting the cutting-edge research that climate scientists are doing to solve some of the world's most pressing issues. Each video has an accompanying lesson that provides opportunities for students to make sense of the climate change phenomena presented in the videos. In addition each film comes with a community outreach guide offering ideas for hands on involvement.

[Earth@Home!](#) Since our launch in 2020, Paleontological Research Institute has added over 300 pages of information about Earth Science of the United States!

"[Plastic Pollution and You](#)," a 15-lesson curriculum focused on a human-induced threat to the health of New York's marine and freshwater aquatic ecosystems.

[One Health](#)-Developed by the University of Rochester Medical Center's Life Sciences Learning Center, this series of lessons for grades 9-12 introduce students to the concept of One Health, the connections among human health, the health of animals, and the health of the environment.

[Ocean of Opportunity](#)- for students 9-13 to introduce them to the blue economy.

[Virtual Field Trip: You're the Scientist! Citizen Science, Frogs, and Cicadas](#)-Students in Grades 3-8 can participate in the Nature Conservancy's virtual field trip that centers around the impact of citizen science. The virtual field trip contains a video, teacher guide, and student activities.

[Curriculum with a focus on dogs](#)- includes K-12 material and lesson plans for language arts, math, science and social studies.

[Wicked Plastics Problem](#)- Class exercise on plastics and solutions for undergrads and advanced high school.

[2022 update of the National Marine Ecosystem Status website](#)-The site provides a view of important data - including human actions and needs, so users can get a holistic understanding of how U.S. marine and Great Lakes ecosystems are doing. This is the first year the website provides Great Lakes data. This website is easy enough for High School students to use, yet robust enough to satisfy a discerning researcher.

[Curriculum: Environmental Justice](#)-Dive into practicing environmental justice with your students with this great resource from the [Smithsonian Science Education Center](#). This guide supports students in learning how they interact with their environment, how different communities are impacted by specific environmental issues, and how to look for innovative solutions.

[Climate Change Impacts on Biodiversity](#)-Video and activity.

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

[Becoming a Climate Change Educator Toolkit](#)- a back-pocket resource for planning lessons.

["Climate Solutions, in No Particular Order."](#) is a 30-video playlist of 60-second videos that each addresses an important climate change mitigation strategy.

["In the Greenhouse."](#) is an 18-video series of 5-15 minute video lessons addressing the science concepts that underlie climate change and opportunities to take action.

[Plastic Pollution and You](#)-NYSG's "Plastic Pollution and You" is a 126-page, 15-lesson curriculum focused on a man-made threat to the quality of New York's marine and freshwater aquatic ecosystems.

[Additional resources](#)

## Contests, Fellowships and Awards

[Teacher Award for Mexican Monarch Adventure](#)-Each recipient will be awarded one space on our January 14, 2024 [Kingdom of the Monarchs](#) adventure (a \$4,795 value), plus free roundtrip airfare to Mexico City, where the trip begins and ends. Scholarship winners will learn about this astounding natural phenomenon as they witness millions of monarchs gathering at their winter roosting sites in Central Mexico's forested highlands. Past grant recipients have seen firsthand the economic benefits of butterfly ecotourism to local communities and have learned about forest conservation efforts in the monarch sanctuaries from naturalist Expedition Leaders, who have exclusive access to resources from World Wildlife Fund scientists. The Monarch Butterfly Scholarship Grant is open to any person in the United States who is an environmental educator, including preschool, elementary, middle and high school teachers; college professors; educational exhibition curators; nonprofit outreach specialists; textbook authors; documentary producers; and more. [Apply online](#) by **September 3, 2023!**



## Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Social & Economic Impacts of PFAS in the Great Lakes](#)- A letter of intent is requested by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, and full proposals are due on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Work can be conducted anywhere in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain regions in support of the program priorities.

[USDA National Agriculture in the Classroom Grant Program](#)- will support projects that increase agricultural literacy through K-12 education. Eligible applicants will: ensure that future generations are agriculturally literate; encourage K-12 educators to integrate information about the food and agricultural system across curricula; and support a network of partners to carry out the program at the State and local levels. Deadline: **July 6, 2023**.

[Glass Recycling Foundation \(GRF\)](#)-funding for two categories of projects. Eligible grantees include non-profit entities, municipal governments, public waste management districts, glass collectors, material recovery facilities (MRFs), glass beneficiaries, and manufacturers. Includes pilot projects and education projects. Deadline: **July 7**.

[Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems Request](#) seeks creative and visionary applications that take a systems approach for projects that are expected to significantly improve the supply of affordable, safe, nutritious, and accessible agricultural products, while fostering economic development and rural prosperity in America. Deadline **July 13**.

[Green Our Planet Grant Programs](#)- providing grants to 250 schools this fall to help fund the implementation of the Hydroponics STEM Program and the GardenConnect STEM Program. Deadline: **July 21 for next round**.

[Air Quality Monitoring Grant](#)- to support community-driven projects to improve air quality and help advance the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The Air Quality Monitoring Grant will support eligible community-based not-for-profit organizations working in disadvantaged communities throughout the state that are disproportionately burdened by pollution. Deadline: **3 p.m. on July 26th**

[Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants](#)-Community-based organizations can apply to receive up to \$100,000 in funding for projects that address environmental and public health concerns of residents in impacted neighborhoods. Deadline: **3 p.m. EST on July 26, 2023**.

[Consolidated Funding Applications](#)- Deadline: **July 28<sup>th</sup>**

- [DEC Climate Smart Communities \(CSC\) Grants](#)
- [DEC Water Quality Improvement Project \(WQIP\) Program](#)
- [DEC Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant](#)
- [DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program \(EPG\)](#)
- [EFC Green Innovation Grant Program \(GIGP\)](#)
- [DOS: Smart Growth Program - Community Planning & Zoning Grant 2023](#)
- [DOS Countywide Resiliency Planning Grant 2023](#)
- [DOS Local Government Efficiency Program 2023](#)

[Gravelly & Paige Grants for STEM Teachers 2022-23](#)-Grants will be up to \$2,000 for awarded STEM programs/projects. Deadline: **July 31**.

[Brownfields Job Training Grants](#)- will support local environmental job training programs and environmental workforce in underserved and overburdened communities. Deadline: **August 2**.

[2023 Funding Opportunity Announcement for Energy Improvements at Nonprofits](#) - applications that address energy efficiency upgrades, which enable scalable impacts, create innovative partnerships, and leverage funding and economies of scale. The Teaming Partner List allows organizations who may wish to participate on an application to express their interest to other applicants and to explore potential partnerships. Any organization that would like to be included on the "Teaming Partner List" should fill out the Microsoft form (also located at: <https://www.energy.gov/scep/renew-americas-nonprofits>). Deadline: **August 3**.

[Climate Resilient Farming](#)-Funds for projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change to enhance the on-farm adaptation and resiliency to projected climate conditions. Deadline: **August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

[Urban and Community Forestry Grant](#) Applicants may apply for up to \$100,000 to fund tree inventory, community forest management planning, tree planting, or tree maintenance projects. Applicants in smaller communities may apply for up to \$75,000. In Grants Gateway site, search for “tree”, DEC01-UCF2-2023 is the opportunity for tree planting and tree maintenance projects. Deadline: **August 16, 2023**.

[USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#)- projects may include a range of on-the-ground conservation activities implemented by farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners. Applications deadline: **August 17, 2023**.

[PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program](#) for Transportation-The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration has a grant opportunity that funds projects to address climate resilience of transportation systems including the use of natural infrastructure. Also called nature-based solutions, these strategies reduce flood risks, erosion, wave damage, and heat impacts while also creating habitat, filtering pollutants, and providing recreational benefits. Deadline: **August 18, 2023**.

[Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#)- funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for investing in holistic, collaborative approaches to coastal resilience at regional scales. Projects will need to consider four overarching priorities: *risk reduction; regional coordination and collaboration; equity and inclusion; and enduring capacity*. Deadlines: For the letter of intent: **Monday, August 21, 2023**.

[Clean School Bus Program Grants](#)-The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency anticipates awarding approximately \$400 million in competitive grant funding under the Clean School Bus Grants Program. The program will fund the replacement of existing school buses with clean and zero-emission school buses. Deadline: **August 22**.

[Toshiba America Foundation Education Grants](#)- awards grants to support innovative STEM educational programs. Grades K-5 teachers are invited to apply for grants up to \$1,000 by October 1, 2023. Middle school and high school teachers are invited to apply for grants up to \$5,000 (apply by **September 1, 2023**) and greater than \$5,000 (apply by November 1, 2023).

[VELA Education Fund Micro Grants](#)- provide \$2,500 or \$10,000 to everyday entrepreneurs—students, parents, educators, and community leaders—who are building unconventional learning ecosystems within their communities. Deadline: **October 6, 2023**.

[Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative](#) funding opportunity-NOAA envisions making between 10-20 awards under this competition, at amounts ranging from \$500,000-\$10 million each, to establish programs aimed at training people for and connecting them with good jobs related to climate resilience and assisting employers in developing a 21st century workforce that is climate literate, informed by climate resilience, and skilled at addressing consequent challenges. Subject to the availability of funds, NOAA is seeking qualified organizations to lead partnerships to place workers in quality jobs that enhance climate resilience. This opportunity is open to state, tribal, territorial and local governments, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations in coastal states or territories. **Letters of Intent are due at 11:59 pm Eastern on November 30, 2023**. Final submission due by Feb. 13, 2024.

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

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

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

[Groundswell Grants for Black Buffalo](#)- stabilization funds awarded to Black-owned and Black-led nonprofits and small businesses working in East Buffalo. From payroll and operating expenses to essential supplies and facilities improvements, these investments help each organization thrive, both in the wake of trauma and well into the future, strengthening their ability to continue serving our shared community. Deadline: **Rolling**.

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

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

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

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

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

[Global Youth Mobilization Grant](#)-Do you have an idea for a solution to overcome a community challenge created by the COVID-19 pandemic? Any young person between the ages of 14 – 30 can apply for funding from \$500 – \$5,000. All you need to do is complete a short application form setting out your idea, what you want to achieve with the funding and upload a short video explaining why you should be awarded the funding. Deadline: **Rolling**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Food Waste Grants](#) –reimburses businesses that generate over one ton of food waste per week to offset cost of select technologies and equipment that reduce or divert that food waste from landfill or incineration. Projects must reduce and/or divert wasted food at a NYS business including, but not limited to, supermarkets, restaurants, and hospitals. Deadline: **Rolling**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Executive Director: Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy](#)- Deadline: Until filled.

[Water Quality Technician-Erie County Soil and Water](#)-Knowledge of natural resource conservation with emphasis on nonpoint source pollution and water quality BMPs. Deadline: **July 20.**



[Museum Eclipse Coordinator: Buffalo Science Museum](#)- Part-time, August thru May 2024.

[Animal Care Manager: SPCA Erie County](#)

[Behavior Assistant: SPCA Erie County](#)- Seasonal, part-time.

[Summer Camp Counselor: SPCA](#)- Seasonal, part-time.

[Community Education Specialist: SPCA](#) – Fulltime.

[Sustainability and Resiliency Planner - University at Buffalo](#)

[Sustainability & Clean Energy Internships - Erie County](#)

[Multifamily Community Energy Advocate: PUSH Buffalo](#)- Deadline: **July 31**.

[Sustainability Coordinator: Village of Lancaster](#)-The successful applicant will play an instrumental role in our sustainability and resilience work, which includes implementing our Climate Smart Communities awarded grant project for a community-wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Village and Town of Lancaster along with a Climate Action Plan for Village operations. Deadline: Until filled.

[GObike - Office Manager](#)

[GObike - Junior Planner](#)

[Director of Preservation Services](#)- Preservation Buffalo Niagara. Open until filled.

[Environmental Scientist/Wetland Scientist](#)

[Staff Assistant for Office of Sustainability at SUNY Oneonta](#)

[Environmental Justice Organizer](#)-Clean Air Coalition for our [American Axle/Delavan-Grider campaign!](#) On the East Side of Buffalo. Deadline: **Until filled**.

[Museum Caretaker](#)- Fulltime at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village.

[GOBIKE](#): Two Paid Education Interns in Erie And Niagara County.

[TEEN TREKS](#) - Bike Trip Leaders. Looking for enthusiastic bike trip leaders possessing good sense, tireless energy, and a great enthusiasm for travel. Teen Treks is a summer bicycle touring program for youth ages 12-18. Our trips are 1-8 weeks long and we travel in small groups of 10 teens with 2 trip leaders. Trips cycle throughout popular touring locations in Europe, the US, and Canada, camping outdoors and staying in hostels along the way.

[WNY PRISM Education and Outreach Assistant](#) – **Immediate Opening! Position is open until filled and review of applications will begin immediately.**

**Watercraft Inspection Steward/Environmental Educator** –Stewards will perform voluntary watercraft inspections, remove, identify and dispose of aquatic plants found on watercraft, and educate patrons about aquatic invasive species. Opening is for the Niagara Region (Wilson Tuscarora, Fort Niagara, Big Six Mile Creek). To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and three references in one attachment to [mbroda@esf.edu](mailto:mbroda@esf.edu).

[Communications Internship: Field and Fork Network](#)- June through August.

[Exhibit Technician](#)-Buffalo Museum of Science. Deadline: **until filled**.

[Mobile Market Specialist](#)- part-time. Massachusetts Avenue Project. Deadline: **until filled**.

[Preservation Buffalo Niagara Planner](#)-Deadline: **open until filled.**

[Preservation Buffalo Niagara Director of Operations and Grant Management](#)- Deadline: **until filled.**

[AmeriCorps Vista Outreach Coordinator for Field and Fork Network](#)-Open until filled.

[Executive Director](#)-Genesee Land Trust. Open until filled.

[Development & Marketing Associate](#): Friends of Reinstein Woods is seeking a full-time Development and Marketing Associate. Deadline to apply: **until filled.**

[Reinstein Woods AmeriCorps](#): NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Reinstein Woods is seeking an enthusiastic person to serve in a 10-month AmeriCorps position through the Student Conservation Association's NYS Parks Corps. Open until filled.

[Pollution Prevention Engineer](#)-Golisano Institute for Sustainability, CIMS Pollution Prevention Institute.

[Senior Pollution Prevention Engineer](#)- Golisano Institute for Sustainability, CIMS Pollution Prevention Institute.

[Malthouse and Orchard Fieldwork Position: Niagara Malt](#)- Part-time (20-30hrs/week) with flexible hours for orchard work.

[Associate Curator](#)-Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: until filled.

[Aquarist 1](#)- Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: until filled.

[Aquarist 2](#)- Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: until filled.

[Zoological Supervisor](#) Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: or until filled.

[Community Engagement Manager](#)- Aquarium of Niagara. Deadline: or until filled.

[Education Program Specialist](#)-Buffalo Zoo.

[Buffalo Farm to School Americorps Positions](#)- **Open until filled.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Citizen Science

[Become a Water Reporter](#)- Download the App and record signs of water pollution, plastic debris or wildlife issues.

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

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

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

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

[Salt Watch](#)- Take the pledge and collect data on your local waterways to monitor road salt effects.

[Caterpillars Count](#)

[Bumblebee Watch](#)

[Quercus Quest](#)- is investigating how this exchange of genetic material allows oaks to adapt to new environments, and how oaks then shape the populations of insect and fungal species that depend on them. Your data collected as part of this campaign will be used to understand the relationship between climate and leaf and flowering phenology in eastern white oak, bur oak, and their relatives.

[Other Citizen Science Programs](#)

[More](#)

## Upcoming Community Activities:

### Friday, June 30

**Tree and Wildflower Exploration**- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Join us as we explore the park in pursuit of the different trees and wildflowers within the park! For [information](#) and registration call (716) 282-5154.

**Volunteer in Olmsted Parks: Invasive Species**-9am to 12pm @ Delaware Park. [Register](#).

### Saturday, July 1

**Joint Venture 2023**-1pm. *Rooted Lounge 69 Allen Street, Buffalo, NY*. Buffalo's first cannabis-forward bike ride is back! Raising awareness of New York's historic passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, Slow Roll Buffalo invites you to join us July 1 for the second annual Joint Venture. A 15 mile SQUAD-led ride highlighting cannabis-forward organizations in Buffalo includes infused refreshments, brunch, a ride-themed goodie bag, admission to the exclusive post-ride afterparty and more. Part of Slow Roll Buffalo's Ticket To Roll Series, this limited-capacity, ticketed ride is a fundraiser in support of Slow Roll's nonprofit mission to provide inclusive cultural experiences that connect people, places and causes by bicycle. Your generous support helps keep our Monday community rides free for all. This ride is only appropriate for those 21 years of age and older, but young at heart. [Get Tickets](#) \$50.00 – \$60.00

**First Saturday Stream Explorers**-9am to 11am. Hosted by Cub Scout Pack 591 and WNY Trout Unlimited, this free monthly family-friendly program will explore fishing, stream ecology and conservation. St. John Paul II Church, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View. Some sessions are indoors, but some will include outdoor activities. To register or find info, email [outreach@wnytroutunlimited.org](mailto:outreach@wnytroutunlimited.org). Calendar at <https://wnytu.blogspot.com/p/event-calendar.html>

**Marvelously Misty Saturday Stroll**-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a wonderful weekend walk! This guided expedition is a fun, fact-filled journey detailing the marvels of Niagara. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Friendly or Fierce? Forest Animal Walk**-9:30am. What animals live in the forest at Reinstein Woods, and are they friendly or fierce? Find out on this family-friendly walk. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

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

**1st Saturdays Volunteering Pelion Outdoor Classroom**-10am to noon at City Honors School. [Info](#).

**Evening Wildlife Walk with Earth Spirit**-6:30pm-8:30pm. Birdsong Nature Trails, Orchard Park. Enjoy an evening walk with Naturalist Sandy Geffner along the paths through open field, forest, and wetlands in search of the crepuscular, or evening active, critters. This will be a gentle walk over paved or maintained trails and is appropriate for all ages. Binoculars are recommended but not required. [Register](#)

**Day of Play at Veterans Canal Park**- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Stop out for the fun and say hi! Bring a lunch, or support a local food/ice cream truck. Public grills are available for use. Free public boat and kayak launch, lawn games, and LIVE MUSIC! No tickets or registration required. Follow this event on the Town of Amherst [social media page to receive updates](#) and special announcements as they are released. Location: Amherst Veterans Canal Park – 146 Brenon Road, Amherst, NY 14228

**Milk, Sugar, Science: Engineering Ice Cream**-1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst. \$20 Youth Fee \$10 Adult Fee. Who doesn't like some ice cream on a hot summer's day? Come explore the journey of milk from cow to ice cream as we make our own ice cream to try. Participants will also learn how methods of making ice cream have changed over time as food engineers have developed many different processes for making ice cream. We will compare Almanzo's ice cream recipe, from *Farmer Boy*, to the recipe we use to make our ice cream (and do a taste test too!). <https://bnhv.org/bnhv-events/milk-sugar-science-engineering-ice-cream>

**Buffalo Astronomical Association Public Night Viewing**- 8:45pm to midnight at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center in North Java. Observatory open rain or shine.

**Nature Painting**-12 to 3pm. Join Volunteer Naturalist/Artist, Judy Light, for an artsy afternoon! Judy will lead you through a step-by-step painting of a songbird. All supplies necessary will be provided at no cost. Anyone younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Send an email to [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/leave a message at 612-759-8662. This program is held entirely indoors. Dress comfortably and in clothes that could possibly get paint on them. Cancellation notices will appear on Facebook and to any provided contact information from the registration process.

**Free Family Fishing Day!**- 3 to 5pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

## Sunday, July 2

**Scenic Sunday Stroll**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Begin your day with beauty and enjoy the wonders of Niagara Falls on a guided journey through the park. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Akron-Newstead Garden Walk**-Ten different varieties of gardens including natural habitats, roses, perennials, annuals, water features, hardscapes and history of gardens to will be on display to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of [Akron-Newstead](#) starting at 2:00PM. From 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM Leisurely enjoy the evening hours with illumination to create a tranquil setting. Hours:2:00 PM – 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Tour is free and self-guided. Maps are available at: Pixleys Surefine, 81 Buell St., Akron, NY 14001.

### Monday, July 3

**Let Freedom Ride**-6:30 to 10pm at *Tow Path Park Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, NY*. Meet at 6:00pm, roll at 6:30pm on a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops to regroup and learn about different parts of Buffalo, guided by Slow Roll's SQUAD of volunteers and accommodating all skill levels. With a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social, each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup and meet neighborhood stakeholders before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music and fellowship. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. No gas guzzlers or training wheels are permitted. Slow Roll Buffalo is a registered New York State 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our many other generous community partners help to keep Slow Roll Buffalo free and inclusive to all; a one-time annual registration is required either online or onsite before the ride. [Info](#).

**Monday Meanders**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll on the Gorgeview path with us and discuss birds, trees, and everything in between! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

### Tuesday, July 4

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

### Wednesday, July 5

**Buffalo River Paddle to Depart from Red Jacket Park**- 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Join us in a kayak paddle along the Buffalo River which will leave from Red Jacket Riverfront Park. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper will offer kayaks and safety equipment. Space is limited and registration is required. [Register](#). People should arrive by 5:30 p.m. and the tour will begin soon after. We will be off the water by 8 p.m. For more information, contact Wendy Paterson at [wpaterson@bnwaterkeeper.org](mailto:wpaterson@bnwaterkeeper.org). And view the flyer below for other events at Seneca Bluffs.

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Whirlpool Wednesday**-9:00 AM at [Whirlpool State Park](#). Enjoy an invigorating hike to the Whirlpool Flats and back. Participants on this challenging hike will be rewarded with stunning views of the rushing rapids and bragging rights. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required



## Thursday, July 6

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

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**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

**Beekeeper discussion in Warsaw**-6:30pm. Wyoming County Agriculture & Business Center 36 Center St., Warsaw. Beekeeper Discussion Group Comb Honey Production/Mite Test Discussion and Demonstration The discussion and Q&A will be led by Dan Chasey of Castile Cider Mill/Genesee Valley Apiaries. Contact Donald Gasiewicz or Alesia Ackerman to RSVP; 585-786-2251

**Healing by the Water**-5 to 8pm at Broderick Park, foot of Ferry near Niagara. Weekly through Sept. 7. Music, food, vendors, learn about the Underground Railroad.

**Open Gardens**-10am to 8pm variable. Visit Open Gardens in Buffalo, Lockport, Akron, Gasport, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Lakeshore, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Derby, Alden, and Lancaster. [Purchase](#) your Open Gardens guide for all the information and dates open.

## Friday, July 7

**Free Beginner Learn to Fish Series**- 4 to 6pm at Buffalo Harbor State Park, 1111 Fuhrmann Blvd, Meet at Shelter 3 parking. No fishing license needed, all equipment and instruction provided. Required [registration-Denise Clay@fws.gov](#) or 585-948-7042.

**What's Bugging You First Fridays**-12 to 12:30pm virtual presentations on practical solutions to pest problems. In this monthly virtual series, we'll explore timely topics to help you use integrated pest management (IPM) to avoid pest problems and promote a healthy environment where you live, work, learn and play. What is IPM? It's a wholistic approach that uses different tools and practices to not only reduce pest problems, but to also address the reasons why pests are there in the first place. Each month, our speakers will share practical information about how you can use IPM. Details and registration information can be found at: <https://nysipm.cornell.edu/whats-bugging-you/first-friday-events/>. Topics: Pest of home berry plants, spiders in the house.

**Beach Cleanup**-8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at [Woodlawn Beach State Park](#). Volunteer your time to help clean up the beach. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei.

**Falls Friday**-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Enjoy a leisurely learning experience on a guided tour of part of the park! No registration required.

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Birds and Brews: Say Cheese Pizza**- 7 to 8:30pm at 1771 Love Rd., Grand Island for owl trivia, prizes and more.

**Owl Prowl: Margery Gallogly Nature Preserve**-9:00 PM to 10:30 PM. Join Buffalo Audubon and Western New York Land Conservancy for an Owl Prowl in the Margery Gallogly Nature Center. We will be looking for Eastern Screech-owls that rely on this suburban nature preserve for year-round habitat. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Binoculars will be provided. Donations are gratefully accepted. [Register.](#)

**Open Gardens**-10am to 8pm. Visit Open Gardens in Buffalo, Lockport, Akron, Gasport, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Lakeshore, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Derby, Alden, and Lancaster. [Purchase](#) your Open Gardens guide for all the information and dates open.

## **Saturday, July 8**

**Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection**- 8:30am to 1pm by reservation at [www.erie.gov/recycling](http://www.erie.gov/recycling)  
Event will be in Elma with exact location given in registration. We are collecting all types of paint and batteries, as well as hazardous materials like solvents and pesticides.

**Draves Arboretum 5th Annual Open Tour**- 1:30 pm. [Draves Arboretum](#) is offering an opportunity to learn more about the arboretum and experience the woody species collections. Curator Thomas Draves will be giving a guided tour of the arboretum that will include its history, species identification lessons, and answer any questions regarding the arboretum and its collections. Thomas has over 40 years of experience in the tree and landscape industry and has been an ISA Certified Arborist for many years. The tour begins at 1:30 pm and is approximately two hours in length. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. The cost is \$12. To register, [click here](#).

**1st Saturdays Volunteering at Pelion Outdoor Classroom** – 10am to noon at City Honors School. [Info](#).

**Fossil Hunting for Beginners**-10am to noon at Penn Dixie. New to fossil hunting? Learn the tricks of the trade while touring the site with one of our trained educators! During this two hour tour, we'll teach you how to find, dig, and preserve all the fossil treasures you find. Bring your own tools or rent from our limited supply. No experience is necessary. All ages welcome — this program will run rain or shine, dress for the weather. [Register](#).

**Parks Adventure Bus**-[Fort Niagara State Park](#). Located on the shore of Lake Ontario, Fort Niagara State Park is a large park with unparalleled views of Toronto, Canada on clear days. There are multiple trails for walking the historic campus that features old Navy barracks and the Old Fort Niagara living history museum. Free scavenger hunt kit upon arrival, guided bird walk, swimming pools and water slide, playgrounds, soccer fields, hiking, and picnicking, visit historic Old Fort Niagara (fees apply) adjacent to the state park. [Park Adventure Bus](#).

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Summer Wildflowers**-10am. Search for seasonal wildflowers and learn about their uses and folklore. For adults and children ages 10 and older. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

**BAA Star Watch Night in Wilson**- 7:30pm in Calvin E. Krueger Park, 350 Ontario St. #18, Wilson 14712. Telescopes will be available but bring your own if you have one. Weather-dependent. Info: 716 879-3115. <https://www.facebook.com/people/Wilson-Star-Search/100067930632211/>

**Forest Bathing—Connecting with Nature**-9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#)  
Awaken your senses, be in the present, slow down and reconnect with nature. The walk will conclude with tea (not provided) under the trees. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration: Required*

**Birding for Beginners**-10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Tweet, Tweet! Learn about the birds we commonly see in the park before taking a walk to see what we can find! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration: Required*.

**Walks and Wags**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Enjoy a leisurely walk with your dog and a Park Naturalist. It is not necessary to have a dog to participate, however, all dogs must be up-to-date on immunizations, leashed, and under control. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration: Required*.

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**Backyard Gardening: A Horticulture Series**-Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, in the Administration Building. Saturdays, 10:30am-12:30pm. \$25 per class/ \$22.50 per class for Members. [Register](#).

**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

**There And Back Again Hiking Essentials Workshop**-Tiff Nature Preserve. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Learn the basics of day hiking with a hands-on workshop, laminated reusable checklist, and brief trail tour. *Advance registration required. Space is limited.* \$10 per person\*, Ages 12+. [Register](#).

**Town of Amherst Garden Walk**-10am to 4pm. Garden descriptions and locations available a week before the event at local Amherst Garden Centers This is a free and self-guided tour. Contact: [amherstgardenwalk@yahoo.com](mailto:amherstgardenwalk@yahoo.com), Facebook: Amherst Garden Walk.

**Springville Concord Garden Walk**-10am to 4pm. The gardens of Springville and those in close proximity to it are open for your pleasure. They include interesting features, beautiful and unique creations, and well planned garden spaces. All are handicapped accessible. Booklets, including map and raffle tickets for door prizes, are available at The Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street. The tour is free and self-guided Contact: [SpringvilleConcordGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:SpringvilleConcordGardenClub@gmail.com) or Facebook: SpringvilleConcordGardenClub.

**North Tonawanda Garden Walk** 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. You will find historic homes, water features, a variety of garden styles, shade gardens, and pollinator friendly sites. Maps are available at the Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry Street, North Tonawanda, NY, 14120 as well as online and at select houses. Contact: [www.ntgardenwalk.com](http://www.ntgardenwalk.com), facebook.com/ntgardenwalk. The garden walk is free and self-guided.

**Buzz Around Hamburg Garden Walk**-10am to 4pm. Visit Memorial Park to shop at the garden vendor fair and pick up the map (Memorial Park Bandstand Lake & Union Streets Hamburg, NY 14075) with descriptions of the gardens that vary from formal to whimsical, including sunny poolsides, shady waterfalls, rainbows of perennials, organic vegetables, colorful containers, and more.

**Town of Amherst Garden Walk**-10am to 4pm. Garden descriptions and locations available a week before the event at local Amherst Garden Centers This is a free and self-guided tour. Contact: [amherstgardenwalk@yahoo.com](mailto:amherstgardenwalk@yahoo.com), Facebook: Amherst Garden Walk.

**Buffalo Bonsai Society**-Meeting at 1pm in the first-floor environment lab of the STEM building at Erie County Community College North Campus, 6205 Main St., Amherst. Dan Zac will give an introduction to Bonsai.

**Native-Led Hike**-1 to 3pm. Join Marv Jacobs, Seneca Elder and Volunteer Naturalist for an afternoon of indigenous storytelling and medicinal plant knowledge while taking a stroll through the Headquarters Trail. This trail will wind through grassland, forest habitat, and marshland with a variety of wildlife to be seen and heard. Location: 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013. Registration Information: Pre-registration is required. Send an email to [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) or call/leave a message at 612-759-8662. If you have them, bring along your binoculars and favorite field guide. These items are also available to check-out at no cost at the front desk. This program is held entirely outdoors, please dress appropriately for the weather. Cancellation notices will appear on Facebook and to any provided contact information from the registration process.

## Sunday, July 9

**Scenic Sunday Stroll**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Begin your day with beauty and enjoy the wonders of Niagara Falls on a guided journey through the park. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration: Required*

**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

**Forests and Fields**-10:00am-12:00pm at Knox Farm State Park, East Aurora. Join fellow outdoor enthusiasts on this walk that will parallel the [Outside Chronicles](#) WNY Hiking Challenge route through Knox Farm State Park. Participants will learn about the park and the unique features of the woodlands and fields throughout and will feature a stop at the challenge landmark! This program is being offered FREE thanks to [Outside Chronicles](#). [Register](#)

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**Bug Off**- 1pm to 3pm at Bond Lake Environmental Center. For more information, call Linda Harvey, 716-232-1065. 2571 Lower Mountain Rd., Ransomville.

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**Grand Island Garden Walk**-10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Come visit Grand Island, the Heart of the Niagara. The Grand Island gardens offer a range of unique styles, themes, and a wide variety of plants from native to exotic. While there, take advantage of our miles of nature trails, the eight-mile walk/bike path along the West River, or explore two State Parks at Beaver Island and Buckhorn. Maps are available on the day of the walk at the Town Hall, 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island ([map](#)). Tour is free and self-guided. Contact: [grandislandgardenwalk@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandgardenwalk@gmail.com), [GrandIslandGardenWalk.com](http://GrandIslandGardenWalk.com), Facebook: Grand Island Garden Walk

**Snyder-CleveHill Garden View**- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This 20th-annual tour includes about 25 private gardens in the neighborhoods of Snyder and Cleveland Hill. Gardens of all shapes, types, and sizes are set against a backdrop of 1910 to 1950 architecture. Many garden styles and plant types are represented, as are water features and garden structures. Some gardens have been published locally and nationally in *Garden Gate* magazine, *The Buffalo News*, *Buffalo Spree* and online. Don't miss garden structures and water features. Maps are available at Trillium's Courtyard Florist 2195 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14226 ([map](#)). A \$2 donation is appreciated, but not required; tour is self-guided. Contact: [nyderclevehillgardenview@gmail.com](mailto:nyderclevehillgardenview@gmail.com) Facebook: [SCHGardenView](#)

## Monday, July 10

**One Road Ride**-6 to 10pm. *Carlton Street Carlton Street, Buffalo*. Meet at 6:00pm, roll at 6:30pm on a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops to regroup and learn about different parts of Buffalo, guided by Slow Roll's SQUAD of volunteers and accommodating all skill levels. With a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social, each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup and meet neighborhood stakeholders before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music and fellowship. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. No gas guzzlers or training wheels are permitted. Our many other generous community partners help to keep Slow Roll Buffalo free and inclusive to all; a one-time annual registration is required either online or onsite before the ride. [Info](#).



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**Danger Season: Wildfires, Fossil Fuels, and Extreme Heat**- Webinar 4:00–5:00 p.m. ET. [Register for the webinar today](#). *The Fossil Fuels Behind Forest Fires* report is the latest in a series of groundbreaking source attribution studies by UCS scientists. This virtual event will give you a behind-the-scenes look at this analysis, the idea behind the work, and insight into our research and advocacy to reduce the threat of Danger Season.

## Tuesday, July 11

**Hamlin Park Plant Walk**-6:30pm-8:30pm at [Hamlin Park](#), East Aurora. No matter where you live in WNY, you pass nutritious edible and medicinal plants along every sidewalk and in every lawn. This leisurely walk is for folks who want to feel acquainted with common edible + medicinal plants in our neighborhoods and backyards. (No prior experience required.) You'll leave feeling comfortable identifying a range of useful plants, and you'll know whether there are poisonous look-alikes to watch out for in our region. We'll discuss some safety considerations when harvesting plants in suburban, urban, and rural areas, such as pesticide application and lead in soil. Sustainable harvesting considerations will also be addressed. Investment: \$22 for adults. Your kids come free! \*Do you use a wheelchair, walker, or have other needs related to a disability? Please get in touch so we can make this event work for you! RAIN DATE: July 18th, 6:30pm—8:30pm. Get more details and [register here](#).

**1st Tuesdays Volunteering at Pelion Outdoor Classroom** – 4 to 6pm at City Honors School. [Info](#).

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**Riverline Art Program Presentations**-Join us anytime between 2 and– 7pm at Undergrounds Coffee House, 580 South Park Avenue (corner of South Park Avenue and Hamburg Street) to view the three Community Art Program proposals. The artists will be there to describe their ideas, and we will have activities for children and refreshments for all.

## Wednesday, July 12

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

**Firefly Walk**- 8:30pm. Experience the bioluminescent world of fireflies on this guided walk. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

**Group Bike Rides**-every other Wed. through Aug. 23. Meet at the shop at 5:30 pm. All riders must [Pre-Register](#) and electronically sign their ride waiver every week. Ride announcements start at 6:00 pm and rides leave directly after. Every week we offer 5 different routes with varying speeds to accommodate every riders interests. All rides are designed to have us all get back at roughly the same time for our post ride social hour! [Info](#).

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**Whirlpool Wednesday**-9:00 AM at [Whirlpool State Park](#). Enjoy an invigorating hike to the Whirlpool Flats and back. Participants on this challenging hike will be rewarded with stunning views of the rushing rapids and bragging rights. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Litter Hurts All Creatures Webinar**- 11:30AM-12:30PM ET. This webinar will focus on the effects of litter on our land and air-based ecosystems and wildlife, including mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and insects. Panelists will share community-based solutions happening around the country to mitigate litter and help safeguard our earthly companions. They will also suggest sustainable practices we can adopt to protect the health of our communities. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**Wilkeson Point Walk**- 5pm. Created in 2013, this park provides a fishing pier, kayak launch, wind sculptures, and connects to the Outer Harbor's 3-mile wellness trail. We will dive into the impacts of severe weather and discuss ways we can better prepare for storms in the future. Meet us at the park entrance - <https://goo.gl/maps/o3sdA3nwLGQdfNp3A>. Questions? Contact Emily at [edyett@bnwaterkeeper.org](mailto:edyett@bnwaterkeeper.org)

**Hamburg Garden Club**-10:00 am, hosting a tour to "The Blueberry Treehouse Farm". The farm is located at 1897 Davis Rd, West Falls, NY 14170. The guides are owners Rico and Jyl Rivera. Learn how they brought this farm back to life. They made some exciting and fun changes as they developed a family business. Guests are welcome. If you are interested, please make your reservation at [lonabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:lonabutler4@gmail.com)

**Behind-The-Scenes Collections Tours: Geology Rocks!**-Buffalo Science Museum, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Holmes! What kind of rock is this? Sedimentary, my dear Watson. Learn why this and other CoRn Y jokes are funny by investigating the Museum's Geology Collection. What you see on display is just the tip of the iceberg. Come behind the scenes and see the rock cycle, marvel at our minerals and discover our large fossil collection. \$30 per participant. [Register](#). **Ages 18+**

#### Thursday, July 13

**Green Drinks**- 5:30pm at 12 Gates Brewery, Williamsville. The event is also listed on [Facebook](#) and on the [Green Drinks webpage](#).

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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**Ready for EVs Webinar**- 1 to 3pm. The NFPA and Clean Cities has teamed up for this opportunity to learn and discuss how Western New York can best prepare for the growing amounts of electric vehicles. During the webinar there will be opportunities to learn, discuss, and network with other community leaders and members who share similar interests in integrating EVs into our community. We will cover topics such as possible EV hazards for first responders, preventative safety measures for maintaining EVs, along with general information on how EVs and EV safety affect the community. [Register](#).

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

**Healing by the Water**-5 to 8pm at Broderick Park, foot of Ferry near Niagara. Weekly through Sept. 7. Music, food, vendors, learn about the Underground Railroad.

**Open Gardens**-10am to 8pm variable. Visit Open Gardens in Buffalo, Lockport, Akron, Gasport, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Lakeshore, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Derby, Alden, and Lancaster. [Purchase](#) your Open Gardens guide for all the information and dates open.

**GBNRTC Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting**-9:30am *meeting will be broadcast live for public viewing on GBNRTC's Facebook Page [facebook.com/GBNRTC](https://facebook.com/GBNRTC)*. Discussion of transportation events, planning initiatives, and projects with [GBNRTC Member Agencies](#). PCC meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of every month (see our [event calendar](#) for specific times and locations).

**Heartlight at the Harbor**- 5:30, Outer Harbor. Come rock out for a good cause at this family-friendly concert featuring Nerds Gone Wild! Child and Family Services is hosting its annual Heartlight at the Harbor fundraiser, presented by West Herr! There will be lots to do for all ages including games, food trucks, bubble activities from Explore and More, and a human-powered sno-cone machine (think of a hamster wheel, but with a person inside)! All proceeds of Heartlight at the Harbor will benefit the programs at Child and Family Services. Support children and families in Western New York with your ticket purchase! This evening promises epic waterfront views, excellent tunes and tons of family fun. [Tickets](#) are only \$20 for standard admission and \$75 for VIP access.

**Green Development Zone Tour**-5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. In 2008, PUSH Buffalo established the Green Development Zone (GDZ) – a 25-square block area on Buffalo's West Side that is the hub of PUSH's programming and the heart of our community-driven work. Our work in the GDZ encompasses green affordable housing construction, community-based renewable energy projects, housing weatherization, green jobs training, green infrastructure, and vacant land restoration projects, to name a few. Join us for a tour to see for yourself! Register at [Green Development Zone](#)

#### Friday, July 14

**Family Forest Friday**-10am. How much rain will a tree absorb in a year? How much carbon does a pine tree hold? Answer these questions and more on this interactive family nature quest. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

**Falls Friday**-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Enjoy a leisurely learning experience on a guided tour of part of the park! No registration required.

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Songbird Stroll**-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Slow-paced hike on Beaver Island's wetland hiking trail. Learn about the fundamentals of birding, including how to sight and identify songbirds. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Beneficial Bugs**-01:00 PM - 02:00 PM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Visit the nature center in Fort Niagara State Park to learn about the bugs that help nature thrive, and how they benefit us! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Watercolor Along the Water**-1:30 PM - 03:30 PM at Enjoy creating art outside! Learn more about the waters of the Niagara River—and how to watercolor paint them! No prior artistic experience necessary; all are encouraged to attend and create! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Owl Prowl: North Tonawanda Audubon Preserve**-9 to 10:30pm. Join Buffalo Audubon and Western New York Land Conservancy for a nocturnal hike through the Klydel Wetlands in North Tonawanda. We will be looking for Eastern Screech-owls that rely on this suburban nature preserve for year-round habitat. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Binoculars will be provided. Donations are gratefully accepted. [Register](#).

**Open Gardens**-10am to 8pm variable. Visit Open Gardens in Buffalo, Lockport, Akron, Gasport, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Lakeshore, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Derby, Alden, and Lancaster. [Purchase](#) your Open Gardens guide for all the information and dates open.

**Lockport in Bloom**- Twilight tour 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Maps: 623 Locust Street, Lockport, NY 14094 Contact: 716-940-1096, [lockportinbloom@yahoo.com](mailto:lockportinbloom@yahoo.com) Facebook: [Lockport In Bloom](#), Free citywide walking/driving tour of the gardens and public parks throughout the city/town of Lockport, New York.

**City of Tonawanda Garden Walk**- 8:30 to 11pm. Donation Tour is free and self-guided. Contact: 716-957-4177

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## Saturday, July 15

**Backyard Gardening: A Horticulture Series**-Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, in the Administration Building. Saturdays, 10:30am-12:30pm. \$25 per class/ \$22.50 per class for Members. [Register](#).

**Conservation Day on Bidwell Parkway**- At Farmers Market 8am to 1pm.

**Friends of Reinstein Woods Artisan Market**-11am to 4pm. Join us as we celebrate local artists and vendors and the great outdoors! Our annual artisan market is a great opportunity to give back while also supporting local artists. More than 30 WNY-based artists will show off their nature-inspired jewelry, clothes, notecards, and paintings. Plus, get your vegetables and honey from a couple of local farms! Admission is free (\$2 donations to Friends of Reinstein Woods appreciated). BBQ chicken and rib meals will be available for sale. Rain or shine event. For more information, visit [www.reinsteinwoods.org](http://www.reinsteinwoods.org)

**Night Observations at Penn Dixie**-9pm along with our friends from the [Buffalo Astronomical Association](#), will map the night sky — including stars, planets, constellations, and deep space objects — for you using a variety of telescopes and specialized equipment. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, warm clothing, blankets, and food/beverages. We’ll have plenty of telescopes, but you can bring yours along, too, if you’d like some expert advice. Thanks to the generous support of the Town of Hamburg and Southtowns Regional Chamber of Commerce, there is no charge for our evening astronomy programs. No reservation is needed. Programs run for 2 hours depending on viewing conditions. Check our social media for weather-related updates (rain date 7/22). All ages welcome. Registration is not required. [www.penndixie.org](http://www.penndixie.org)

**Marvelously Misty Saturday Stroll**-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a wonderful weekend walk! This guided expedition is a fun, fact-filled journey detailing the marvels of Niagara. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Fun Facts ROCK (Literally)**-10:00 AM - 12:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Paint some rocks with fun facts on the bottom and then take a guided walk around Goat Island to place the "Fun Fact ROCKS" around the park! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Sunset Saunter**-8:00 PM - 09:00 PM at [Evangola State Park](#). Explore the shoreline of Lake Erie with a sunset walk. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

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**Intro to Natural Dyeing**- 1 to 3pm at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village. Ages 12+. 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst. [Tickets](#) \$20-25.

**Dare to Repair Café** -11 am to 2pm at Delevan-Grider Community Center, 877 E. Delevan, Buffalo. Bring your broken items to see if volunteers can fix them for free. Items include small appliances, clothing and tile. See more [here](#). [Register](#) to attend.

**Lockport in Bloom**- 10am to 4pm. Maps: 623 Locust Street, Lockport, NY 14094. Contact: 716-940-1096, [lockportinbloom@yahoo.com](mailto:lockportinbloom@yahoo.com) Facebook: [Lockport In Bloom](#), Free citywide walking/driving tour of the gardens and public parks throughout the city/town of Lockport, New York.

**Veterans Fishing Day**- 10am to 3pm. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office would like to invite all veterans and their families for an afternoon of fishing at Ringneck Marsh (no license required). This event will occur at Ringneck Marsh from 10am-3pm on July 15th. All equipment will be provided at no cost. Staff will be on-site and able to assist all anglers! Food and beverages will be provided thanks to the Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Email [logan\\_sauer@fws.gov](mailto:logan_sauer@fws.gov) for registration instructions. Location: Ringneck Marsh off Oak Orchard Creek Rd. Please contact or visit the refuge visitor center if you need help finding your way.

**Conservation Day at Bidwell Farmer's Market**-8am to 1pm. A butterfly release and green group gathering! Talk to local environmental organizations and pick up useful information. Bring the kids! Event takes place during the hours of the Elmwood Village Farmers Market on Bidwell Parkway.

**Free E-recycling Event**-8:30am to 2pm, registration required, ticket needed. WNY Developmental Disabilities Services Office, 1200 E and West Rd. , West Seneca. [Register](#)

**Williamsville Garden Walk**-10am to 4pm. Maps available on the day of the walk at Williamsville Village Hall 5565 Main Street Williamsville, NY 14221 and [Walkablewilliamsville.com](http://Walkablewilliamsville.com) Donation: Tour is free and self-guided.

**East Aurora Garden Walk**-10am to 3pm. Corner of South Grove and Prospect Street, East Aurora, ny ([map](#)) Donation: Tour is free and open to the public Maps are available on the days of the Garden Walk at Hamlin Park, at the corner of South Grove and Prospect Street.

**2023 Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk**-10am to 4pm and 8 to 10pm. Donation: Tour is free and self-guided. Maps: UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, Buffalo NY 14214 (off Englewood Ave south of Kenmore ave) and UHAA-St. Andrew's Sculpture Garden, 3107 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14215 (enter on Lisbon Ave side)

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## Sunday, July 16

**Skyride, Skyrace and After Party**- GObike and Independent Health are back at Outer Harbor for our biggest event yet! The Skyride will take off from the Outer Harbor's Lakeside Bike Park (leave at 8:45am). SkyRace will offer a USA Cycling-sanctioned race up and down the Skyway at full speed (7am). The post-party begins at 10:30am in the Outer Harbor's concert venue. Post-party event is open to everyone, registrants and non-registrants alike. For registrants age 21+, two tickets for refreshments will be included in your packet. Not riding but want to attend the bash? Additional beer and snack tickets will be on sale for \$5. Early registration ends July 10. [Registration links](#) for all provide more info.

**Scenic Sunday Stroll**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Begin your day with beauty and enjoy the wonders of Niagara Falls on a guided journey through the park. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required



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**Birding on the Beach**-8:00 AM - 09:30 AM at [Evangola State Park](#). Start the morning off with a walk to the beach. Discover the birds that call Lake Erie Home! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Ecotour and Explore**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Explore the lagoon in Beaver Island State Park with certified kayak instructors! Learn how to kayak and take in your surroundings from the water as we navigate the wetland ecosystem. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

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## Monday, July 17

**Clean Air Ride**-6:30 to 10pm at *Norfolk Avenue Norfolk Ave & E Delavan Ave, Buffalo*. Meet at 6:00pm, roll at 6:30pm on a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops to regroup and learn about different parts of Buffalo, guided by Slow Roll's SQUAD of volunteers and accommodating all skill levels. As one of the world's largest free community bike rides, Slow Roll Buffalo's mission is to provide inclusive community experiences that connect people, places, and causes by bicycle. Founded in 2014 by non-profit volunteers, Slow Roll Buffalo connects communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels. With a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social, each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup and meet neighborhood stakeholders before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music and fellowship. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. No gas guzzlers or training wheels are permitted. Our many other generous community partners help to keep Slow Roll Buffalo free and inclusive to all; a one-time annual registration is required either online or onsite before the ride. [Info](#).

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**Battling Food Inequity with Just Access to Farmland**-5:30 to 7:30pm. Join SBR for the first event in our summer series on food equity with a tour of the Providence Farm Collective. The Providence Farm Collective (PFC) is a non-profit farm that provides access to rural farmland to under-resourced communities as well as farming and business education, technical assistance, markets, and the opportunity to farm for income. PFC's vision is to empower just and equitable access to food and farmland. The event will kick off with the Providence Farm's Monday Market, where the 20+ farms at PFC sell a wide range of seasonal produce, including unique, culturally important vegetables. A tour of the farm will follow (wear sneakers!). Networking opportunities and refreshments will be available concluding the tour. Providence Farm Collective, 5701 Burton Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127. [Get your tickets here!](#)

## Tuesday, July 18

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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## Wednesday, July 19

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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**Waterway Walking Tours – Broderick Park** -5 to 6pm. Broderick Park 1170 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY, United States. Join us to learn the ways Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper is working with the City of Buffalo to study our shorelines! [Info](#).

**Family Fish Night**-Tiff Nature Preserve. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Join in a sunset fishing experience off the Lake Kirsty fishing pier. Instruction, bait and rods are available for children ages 5-15 to borrow. *Advance registration required. Space is limited.* \$8 per child with an adult\*, Ages 5 to 15. [Register](#).

**Conquer the Soil: An Evening of Stories with Abra Lee**-5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Attend an evening of stories with Abra Lee, horticulturist, educator, and author of the forthcoming book *Conquer The Soil: Black America and the Untold Stories of Our Country's Gardeners, Farmers, and Growers*. Her work is centered on unearthing what she refers to as "love stories" on the richness of United States garden history and culture. The program will take place at the [Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor](#), 132 Broadway, Buffalo. Lee will share stories from 5:30 – 6:30 pm with a light reception to follow. Seating is limited for this free event, and [pre-registration](#) is required.

**Evening in the Garden talks in Jamestown: Biodiversity**-6pm. [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County](#)'s Master Gardener Volunteer Program will hold Evening in the Garden on the campus of Jamestown Community College, 525 Falconer St., Jamestown. The garden is located by the Physical Education Building on Curtis Street, right behind the tennis courts. Parking is located off Curtis Street. The garden is where gardening techniques are tested. This hands-on experience provides opportunities for questions and learning. Learn sustainable garden practices to support pollinators and wildlife.

**Hidden Voices: Why Inclusive Storytelling is Critical for Climate Solutions-** Noon ET webinar. Project Drawdown director of storytelling and engagement Matt Scott will discuss why the way we talk about climate and whose voices we uplift matter, and how can we use stories to “pass the mic” to those who frequently go unheard—and, in the process, bring effective solutions to life. [Register](#).

#### Thursday, July 20

**Beekeeping Class - Gardening for Your Bees-**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Masterson's Garden Center, Inc. [\(map\)](#). We're not just beekeepers here at Masterson's, we're passionate about gardening. Our nursery yard is stocked with plants that support pollinators, because we think that's important whether you are a beekeeper or not. [Register](#).

**Stroll at the Falls-**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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**Fun Falls Facts-**1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

**Clean Air Coalition General Meeting-** 5:30pm at office at Trinity Church (371 Delaware Avenue in downtown Buffalo.) [Please register to help us plan by clicking here](#).

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

**Healing by the Water-**5 to 8pm at Broderick Park, foot of Ferry near Niagara. Weekly through Sept. 7. Music, food, vendors, learn about the Underground Railroad.

**Open Gardens-**10am to 8pm variable. Visit Open Gardens in Buffalo, Lockport, Akron, Gasport, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Lakeshore, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Derby, Alden, and Lancaster. [Purchase](#) your Open Gardens guide for all the information and dates open.

#### Friday, July 21

**Falls Friday-**3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Enjoy a leisurely learning experience on a guided tour of part of the park! No registration required.

**Goat Island Evening Walk-**7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Twilight at the Museum: Sunset To Stars-Buffalo Science Museum from 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM.** These Friday night evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the rooftop deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited [tickets](#) available! All Ages.

**Open Gardens-**10am to 8pm variable. Visit Open Gardens in Buffalo, Lockport, Akron, Gasport, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Lakeshore, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Derby, Alden, and Lancaster. [Purchase](#) your Open Gardens guide for all the information and dates open.

**Ken-Ton Garden Tour-** Evening tour 8:30pm to 11pm. Aquatic and Fitness Center [\(map\)](#). Tour is free and self-guided. Maps: Aquatic and Fitness Center 1 Pool Plaza Tonawanda, NY 14223

**Lancaster Garden Walk-** 8:45 to 11pm night tour. [\(map\)](#) Tour is free and self-guided.

#### Saturday, July 22

**I BIRD NY-**10am. Join us to search for the birds that call Reinstein Woods home for the summer and start the I BIRD NY challenge. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

**Fossil Hunting for Beginners**-10am to noon at Penn Dixie. New to fossil hunting? Learn the tricks of the trade while touring the site with one of our trained educators! During this two hour tour, we'll teach you how to find, dig, and preserve all the fossil treasures you find. Bring your own tools or rent from our limited supply. No experience is necessary. All ages welcome — this program will run rain or shine, dress for the weather. [Register](#).

**East Side Garden Walk**- 10am to 3pm. Free. [Info](#). Martin Luther King, Jr. Park ([map](#))

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

**Parks Adventure Bus**-[Beaver Island State Park](#). Beaver Island State Park is located on the south end of Grand Island, and is home to a sandy beach, and Grand Island Historical Society, inside the 170-year old Villa at River Lea. Free scavenger hunt kit at the Nature Center, guided park walk, enjoy the sandy beach for swimming or sun, hiking, playgrounds, athletic fields, and horseshoeing. [Park Adventure Bus](#).

**Marvelously Misty Saturday Stroll**-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a wondrous weekend walk! This guided expedition is a fun, fact-filled journey detailing the marvels of Niagara. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration*: Required

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**Create Your Own Field Guide To Microplastics**- Tiff Nature Preserve. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Create Your Own Field Guide to Microplastics allows participants to scavenge for plastics in a meaningful way. Field Guides have been traditionally used to identify plants, wildlife, and minerals in the environment. As plastic continues to impact our ecosystems, we will use field guides to identify and better understand the lasting impact of plastic pollution with guest presenter and local artist Nicole Chockrek of Creatives Rebuild New York. *Advance registration required*. FREE! donations appreciated. Ages 18+. [Register](#).

**Ken-Ton Garden Tour**- 10am to 4pm. Evening tour 8:30pm to 11pm. Aquatic and Fitness Center ([map](#)). Tour is free and self-guided. Maps: Aquatic and Fitness Center 1 Pool Plaza Tonawanda, NY 14223

**Lancaster Garden Walk**- 10am to 4:30pm. ([map](#)) Tour is free and self-guided.

**Botanical Field Trip to Clear Lake Wildlife Management Area, Lawtons**-9am. A return trip to explore an old-growth area and a bog/fen. Meet at Home Depot parking lot on Mile Strip Road, east of I-90 exit 56. Bring lunch. Leader: Michael Siuta, 716-822-2544.

**Boat America Course**-8 hours, 9am to 5pm, Lewiston #2 Fire Co, 1705 Saunders Settlement Rd, Niagara Falls, NY 14092. \$40. [Register and info](#).

## Sunday, July 23

**Scenic Sunday Stroll**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Begin your day with beauty and enjoy the wonders of Niagara Falls on a guided journey through the park. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration*: Required

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**East Side Garden Walk**- 10am to 3pm. Free. [Info](#). Martin Luther King, Jr. Park ([map](#))

**Ecotour and Explore**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Explore the lagoon in Beaver Island State Park with certified kayak instructors! Learn how to kayak and take in your surroundings from the water as we navigate the wetland ecosystem. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

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**Lancaster Garden Walk**- 10am to 4:30pm. ([map](#)) Tour is free and self-guided.

### Monday, July 24

**Queen City Jazz Ride** -6:30 to 10pm at *Lafayette Square 415 Main Street, Buffalo, NY*. Meet at 6:00pm, roll at 6:30pm on a 10-mile roundtrip ride with two stops to regroup and learn about different parts of Buffalo, guided by Slow Roll's SQUAD of volunteers and accommodating all skill levels. With a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social, each ride features a different host site and unique route around the city, including stops to regroup and meet neighborhood stakeholders before returning to the starting point for an afterparty with food, drinks, music and fellowship. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. No gas guzzlers or training wheels are permitted. Slow Roll Buffalo is a registered New York State 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our many other generous community partners help to keep Slow Roll Buffalo free and inclusive to all; a one-time annual registration is required either online or onsite before the ride. [Info](#).

**Monday Meanders**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll on the Gorgeview path with us and discuss birds, trees, and everything in between! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

### Tuesday, July 25

**Sierra Club Niagara Group Monthly Meeting**-7:00-9:00 PM. Our meetings are packed with discussion of current environmental issues. We have continued to meet online with members and invited guests. If you are interested in joining us please send us an email at [niagarasierra@gmail.com](mailto:niagarasierra@gmail.com)

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

### Wednesday, July 26

**Group Bike Rides**-every other Wed. through Aug. 23. Meet at the shop at 5:30 pm. All riders must [Pre-Register](#) and electronically sign their ride waiver every week. Ride announcements start at 6:00 pm and rides leave directly after. Every week we offer 5 different routes with varying speeds to accommodate every riders interests. All rides are designed to have us all get back at roughly the same time for our post ride social hour! [Info](#).

**Food Policy Council Meeting-** 4 to 6pm virtual. Call 716-858-6014 or email [fpc@erie.gov](mailto:fpc@erie.gov) for more info.

**Walk and Talk: Genesee County Park and Forest-**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM; *Genesee County Park and Forest, 11095 Bethany Center Road, East Bethany, NY 14054.* Join a walk with WNY PRISM and learn about invasive species, ecology, spread prevention, native plants and more. This event is co-hosted by Genesee County Parks and Forest and the ACORNS (Association for Conservation of Recreational & Natural Spaces). Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/wnyprism8/2023-walk-and-talks>.

**Scinight: Physics Of Color-**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Buffalo Science Museum. What is color, really? What role does physics play in how we see the world? Investigate how light behaves in nature and get hands-on with color-mixing experiments. This workshop dives deep into the rainbow and will leave you seeing color in a brand new way. \$30 per participant. Ages 18+. [Register.](#)

**Behind-The-Scenes Collections Tours: Cabinet Of Curiosities-**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Take a peek into the Vertebrate Zoology Collection's spine-tingling Cabinet of Curiosities to explore the mind bending stories of some of nature's unique freaks, morbid mistakes, and seemingly scientific impossibilities! Marvel at obscure oddities, glimpse the wildly unusual, and satisfy your macabre interests. Feeling enticed yet? We invite (dare) you to join us for a hair-raising tour to get an eyeful of all this, and more. You truly never know what you might encounter in the Cabinet! \$30 per participant. Ages 18+. [Register.](#)

**Going Batty!**-8pm. Bats are amazing animals but are often misunderstood. Separate fact from fiction and learn about the only true flying mammals. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

**Stroll at the Falls-**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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**Whirlpool Wednesday-**9:00 AM at [Whirlpool State Park](#). Enjoy an invigorating hike to the Whirlpool Flats and back. Participants on this challenging hike will be rewarded with stunning views of the rushing rapids and bragging rights. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Virtual Environmental Bond Act Listening Session-** 6 to 8pm. Overwhelmingly approved by voters last fall, the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act prioritizes investments in environmental justice, climate change mitigation, shoreline restoration, flood resilience, water quality, open space conservation, recreational resources, and green jobs. Sessions will feature a presentation on the Bond Act and an opportunity for one-on-one discussion with State experts. Meetings will be open to the public. To register for these sessions, visit the [Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act webpage](#).

**Pollinator Gardens for Bees in Orchard Park-** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at The [Orchard Park Library](#) and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Erie Master Gardeners present Seed Lenders' Lecture Series. This is a FREE event, but registration is required. For more information, please call the Orchard Park Library at (716) 662-9851. S-4570 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park.

#### Thursday, July 27

**Stroll at the Falls-**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls-**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.



**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

**Butterfly Beauties**-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [Knox Farm State Park](#). Enjoy a relaxing walk-through wildflower meadows to explore the rich diversity of butterflies in the park. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei.

**Wonderous Water**-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take the road less traveled on this hike of the lower gorge with views of Niagara Falls as we learn about the Wonders of Water! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei.  
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**Bridging the Last Internet Mile in Rural Communities: A Whole Community Approach**- Free webinar from 1:15 to 2:45pm. [Register](#). In this webinar, we will explore the interconnectedness of rural infrastructures, including energy, water, mobility, and communications, and discuss how addressing these needs together can create new opportunities for rural communities.

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

**Healing by the Water**-5 to 8pm at Broderick Park, foot of Ferry near Niagara. Weekly through Sept. 7. Music, food, vendors, learn about the Underground Railroad.

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## Friday, July 28

**Falls Friday**-3:00 PM - 04:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Enjoy a leisurely learning experience on a guided tour of part of the park! No registration required.

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Exploration Experts**-1:00 PM - 02:00 PM at [Fort Niagara State Park](#). Venture throughout the park on a guided scavenger hunt. Talk about key characteristics to look for when identifying flora and fauna and win a small prize! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search #niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

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## Saturday, July 29

**Beekeeping Class: Hive Inspection JULY**- 2 to 3pm at Masterson's Garden Center, Inc. ([map](#)). We all know that we're supposed to inspect our hives. But what are we looking for in there? Join us in the apiary for a hand-on experience. We'll open up a hive together and see what the bees can teach us. From suiting up and lighting a smoker to proper hive etiquette to locating the queen, we'll share what we've picked up over the years. [Register](#).

**Jewels of the Sky**-10am. On this guided walk we will search for ebony jewelwings and tiger swallowtails as well as other dragonflies and butterflies that may be in flight. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Registration required; call 716-683-5959.

**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

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**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Paddles Up Niagara**-7am to 1pm at Beaver Island State Park 2136 West Oakfield Road, Grand Island. Guides and safety paddlers will be on hand to assist and answer your paddling questions. [Registration and details.](#)

**Botany Hike**- Beaver Island State Park, Grand Island. Botany hike, part of the 17th annual Paddles Up day. Leader: Ed Fuchs, 716-598-1307. Call for the time and meeting spot.

**Sunshine and Sand**-8:00 AM - 11:00 AM at [Beaver Island Nature Center](#). Enjoy learning about nature on a water-side weekend walk! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search #niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 PM - 09:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour. No registration required.

**Garden Walk Buffalo**- 10am to 4pm. The self-guided tour is absolutely free – no tickets required. Just pick up a map and start touring! More than 300 creative and gracious gardeners are looking forward to seeing you again – or for the first time. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

**Paper and Paint Recycling Event**- 10am to 1pm at Starpoint Schools, 4363 Mapleton Rd., Lockport 14094. Free, but [registration required.](#)

## Sunday, July 30

**Garden Walk Buffalo** -FREE, [info.](#)

**Scenic Sunday Stroll**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Begin your day with beauty and enjoy the wonders of Niagara Falls on a guided journey through the park. Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

**Fun Falls Facts**-1:30 PM - 02:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Be on the lookout for our "Fun Falls Facts" table with different topics each day! No registration required.

**Community Microplastics Clean-Up**- Tiff Nature Preserve, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Help in collecting small plastics that often get missed during clean-ups and are hard to remove from the environment. These small plastics cause significant damage and will continue to break-up and multiply unless removed from our ecosystems. [Advance registration required.](#) FREE\*. Ages 5+

**What do Owls Eat?**-1 to 3pm at Bond Lake Environmental Center. For information, call Candyce Harvey at 716-754-2446. 2571 Lower Mountain Rd., Ransomville.

**Gooseneck Waterfowl Sanctuary Bird Watching** – 2 to 5 pm. You will be escorted by a guide who will teach you the various species of waterfowl. You will be given lettuce to feed the geese and floating fish food to feed the 1,000 Koi fish in the pond. You will walk in the 6 covered acres along with the flying birds. You will be up close and eye to eye with the birds. Cost is \$10 /adult, \$5 for children under 12.

## Monday, July 31

**Monday Meanders**-9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Take a stroll on the Gorgeview path with us and discuss birds, trees, and everything in between! Registration required. REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS IS NOW OCCURRING THROUGH EVENTBRITE! Search niagaranyeei. *Registration:* Required

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## Tuesday, August 1

**Summer Teacher Institute: Outdoor Connections**-9am to 3:30pm. This 3-day workshop will feature award-winning environmental activity guides, naturalist skills such as plant and animal identification, NYS learning standards connections, field trips, and more! Materials fee \$35. Register online at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/>.

**1st Tuesdays Volunteering at Pelion Outdoor Classroom** – 4 to 6pm at City Honors School. [Info](#).

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## Wednesday, August 2

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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**GBNRTC Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting**-9:30am *meeting will be broadcast live for public viewing on GBNRTC's Facebook Page <facebook.com/GBNRTC>*. Discussion of transportation events, planning initiatives, and projects with [GBNRTC Member Agencies](#). PCC meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of every month (see our [event calendar](#) for specific times and locations).

## Thursday, August 3

**Stroll at the Falls**-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

**Stroll at the Falls**-3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at [Niagara Falls State Park](#). Join us for a casual stroll to Prospect Point and around Goat Island to view the Falls and explore what makes this park unique! No registration required.

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## Public Comments, Civic Engagement and Activism

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

**Public Comment Period to Close July 10** - DEC has released the [Draft Division of Materials Management Program Policy 7](#) - Biosolids Recycling in New York State – Interim Strategy for the Control of PFAS Compounds (DMM7) for a 60-day public comment period. DMM7 establishes interim PFOS and PFOA criteria for biosolids that are recycled in New York State and actions that will be taken by DEC based on those results. This interim policy will remain in place until EPA issues risk-based standards applicable to biosolids that will be recycled, and DEC completes a rulemaking to incorporate those standards, or more stringent standards if deemed appropriate. Persons wishing to comment on DMM7 have the opportunity to *submit written comments until July 10, 2023*. Comments can be submitted by email to [OrganicRecycling@dec.ny.gov](mailto:OrganicRecycling@dec.ny.gov). Please include "Comments on Draft DMM7" in the subject line of the email.

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

### Tips for the Environment:

- **Improve your home's energy use**-New Yorkers can get a free home energy assessment. If your home has drafts, leaks or gaps, it affects your heating AND your air conditioning. Summer is a great time to fix these issues. [Sign up](#) for a no-cost home energy assessment. A NYSEERDA participating energy professional will examine your home top to bottom then create a customized report that explains how to increase efficiency and energy savings.

### Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

**Buffalo 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-ctr/>.

**Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens**-Docents needed. Training is provided. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact [khammer@buffalogardens.com](mailto:khammer@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](mailto: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 Waterkeeper**- <https://bnwaterkeeper.org/programs/volunteer/> for opportunities.

**Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy** will assign volunteers to specific clean up and planting projects throughout the summer. Learn more at [bfloparks.org/volunteer](http://bfloparks.org/volunteer)

**Buffalo ReUse** can use volunteers for many things. To help, contact them at [volunteer@buffaloreuse.org](mailto: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](http://www.cacwny.org).

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

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

**Go Bike Buffalo**- If you're interested or want more information, [info@gobikebuffalo.org](mailto:info@gobikebuffalo.org)

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

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

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

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

**Iroquois Observations** offers free nature programs in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Please contact Garner Light at [glight@rochester.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:jssbuffalo@yahoo.com)

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

**Massachusetts Avenue Project** needs volunteers from the 1st week in April through October on Saturdays from 10-1 PM. <http://mass-ave.org/>

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



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

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

**Preservation Buffalo Niagara**-Interns & volunteers welcome. [www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org](http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org).

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Additional calendars with local events-**

<http://www.citybration.com>

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<https://boredommd.com/>

#### **Useful Tools:**

Wildlife Rehabilitator Search- [https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/sls\\_searches/index.cfm?p=live\\_rehab](https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/sls_searches/index.cfm?p=live_rehab)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bird Migration Explorer](#) provides migration data

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

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

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

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

[Ecosystem Restoration Handbook](#)

[Sustainable Gardening Library Resources](#)

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

[Buffalo B-WELL Videos](#)

<http://growitsaveituseit.com/>

[toolkit to reduce synthetic fertilizer use](#)

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

[Organics Communications Toolkit to Reduce Waste](#)

[Recycle Coach](#)-Erie County resident app for info on trash and recycling in their towns

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

### **Additional local blogs and websites-**

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

### **County/New York State Resources**

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

### **Green Jobs, Internships and Opportunities**

E-Magazine-<http://greenjobs.net/>  
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com>  
Listing of websites-[www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs](http://www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs)

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

Additional jobs- <https://www2.erie.gov/index.php?q=job-openings-community>

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

### **Youth Summer/Holiday Camps/Home School Series**

[www.aquariumofniagara.org](http://www.aquariumofniagara.org)

[www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org)

[www.buffalogardens.com](http://www.buffalogardens.com)

[www.buffscience.org](http://www.buffscience.org)

[www.tifft.org](http://www.tifft.org)

[www.buffalozoo.org](http://www.buffalozoo.org)

[www.penndixie.org](http://www.penndixie.org)

[www.yourspca.org](http://www.yourspca.org)

### **Grant Opportunities /Tools**

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

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/gan/>

[www.grantstation.com](http://www.grantstation.com)

[www.grantwatch.com](http://www.grantwatch.com)

[www.grantsalert.com](http://www.grantsalert.com)

<https://attra.ncat.org/index.php>

<https://grantsreform.ny.gov/>

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

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

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

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

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

Buffalo Organics/Foodscaping Project-<http://www.buffalofoodscaping.com/>

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

Common Roots Urban Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/CommonRootsUrbanFarm/>

Cool Greens Vertical Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/Cool-Greens-Vertical-Farms-2261876070712461/>

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

Dirt Rich Farm- <http://www.localharvest.org/dirt-rich-farm-M66269>

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

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

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

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

Farmthisway CSA - <http://www.farmthisway.com/>

Fenton's Produce- [www.fentonsproduce.com](http://www.fentonsproduce.com)

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

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

Fleckenstein Farms-<https://www.fleckensteinfarms.com/>

Food Future WNY- [www.foodfuturewny.org](http://www.foodfuturewny.org)

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

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

Gormley Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/gormleyfarms>

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

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

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

Happy Shacks Oils-free seed library <https://happyshackoils.com/>

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

Kindred Kreek Farms- <https://www.kindredkreek.com/>

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

Little Bear Farm- <http://www.littlebearfarm.harvesthand.com/>

Little Woods Farm-<https://www.littlewoodsfarmalden.com/>  
McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com/>  
Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>  
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>  
Niagara Malt- [www.niagaramalt.com](http://www.niagaramalt.com)  
Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com/>  
Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org/>  
Produce Peddlers-<https://producepeddlers.com/>  
The Promised Land- <http://promisedlandcsa.com/>  
Providence Creek Farm- <http://www.providencecreekfarm.com/>  
Roots & Wings Family Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/rootsandwingsfarm/>  
Root Down- [www.therootdownfarm.com](http://www.therootdownfarm.com)  
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>  
Singer Farms Naturals-[www.singerfarmnaturals.com](http://www.singerfarmnaturals.com)  
Teacup Farm- <http://www.teacupfarm.com/>  
Thorpe's Organic Farm- [www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com](http://www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com)  
Urban Fruits & Veggies- <https://buffalogogreen.org/urban-fruits-veggies/>  
Utley Acres- <http://utleyacres.com/>  
Westside Tilth Farm- <http://westsidetilth.com/>  
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>  
WNY Farmers' Markets- [http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers\\_market/](http://www.bestofwny.com/farmers_market/)  
Local Harvest (resource site with map of CSAs)-<http://www.localharvest.org/>  
Local Meats- <http://meatsuite.com/>  
NY State Fruit and Vegetable Harvest Calendar- <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HarvestCalendar.html>  
WNY Food Hub for Farmers-<https://www.edenvalleygrowers.com/wny-foodhub>

#### **Local Businesses with Classes and Workshops**

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

#### **Local Tourism promoting Sustainability**

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

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

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373  
Batteries, rechargeable- drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot  
Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>  
Books- [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org), [www.operationpaperback.org](http://www.operationpaperback.org)  
Bras- [www.donateyourbra.com](http://www.donateyourbra.com),  
Building materials- [www.buffaloreuse.org](http://www.buffaloreuse.org)  
Cars- <http://www.donateacar.com/>  
Cell Phones- Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities  
Clothing, general- Goodwill, Amvets, Salvation Army, St. Vincent Depaul Society, Ladies of Charity, Goodwill, Hearts for the Homeless -to see what is accepted <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>  
Clothing, formal/business- [www.donatemyweddingdress.org/](http://www.donatemyweddingdress.org/), [www.careergear.org](http://www.careergear.org), [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org)  
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's  
Computer disks, tapes and misc. techno"trash"- <http://greendisk.com/>, <https://www.decluttr.com>  
Computer equipment- local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers, Best Buy, SunKing drop-offs  
Construction Materials- Buffalo ReUse, Habitat for Humanity Restore  
Contact Lenses and Blister Packs- Bausch & Lomb program with [drop-offs](#) at eye care offices  
Drug disposal best practices and sites- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>,  
Electronics- [www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html](http://www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html), most electronics stores, [www.sunking.com](http://www.sunking.com)  
City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.

Envelopes, tyvek- contact us at 1-800-44-Tyvek® or 1-800-448-9835 for more information.  
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations  
Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18<sup>th</sup> St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.  
Fur coats (incl faux fur)- <http://coatsforcubs.com> (used for animal rehab for young animals)  
Furniture-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Amvets and other charities  
Gift cards and customer loyalty cards- <http://www.earthworkssystem.com/consumers.html>  
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>  
Greeting Cards- <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>  
Hazardous Household materials- <http://www.hazmanusa.com/>  
Household Goods (Appliances, Furniture, Kitchenware)-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Main St.) 882-3600,  
Ink cartridges-[RecyclePlace.com](http://RecyclePlace.com) and most manufacturers  
Mascara Brushes- Contact wildlife rehabilitation facilities or [here](#)  
Mattresses- <http://triadrecycle.com/mattress/> Hazman, Buffalo ReUse ReSource  
Medicines, expired or unused- [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water\\_pdf/guidance3.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf)  
Needles, Syringes etc.- <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access>  
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store  
Paint- <https://www.paintcare.org/>  
Pharmaceuticals-dropoff sites at [map](#)  
Plant pots- Mischler's Florist and Nursery, Lavocats Nursery, Lockwood's Nursery, Lowes stores, Home Depot  
Plastic shopping bags, cereal liners, packing pillows-groceries, many retailers, [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)  
Plastics 1-7- dropoff at Great Lakes Recycling, 22 Mechanic St, North Tonawanda, 716-692-3448  
Recycling A to Z - [realsimple](#)  
Shoes, athletic-[NikeReuseAShoe.com](http://NikeReuseAShoe.com), [Souls4Souls.org](http://Souls4Souls.org) and [OneWorldRunning.com](http://OneWorldRunning.com)  
Sports equipment-resell/trade at [www.playitagainsports.com](http://www.playitagainsports.com)  
Styrofoam- Thermal Foams, Inc. for clean, white Styrofoam at 2101 Kenmore Ave., 14207. Call first at (716) 874-6474.  
Tennis balls- <http://www.rebounces.com/recycle/>  
Toys, plastic or used- [http://dmpgreen.com/mail\\_in.html](http://dmpgreen.com/mail_in.html), [www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation](http://www.buffalony.gov/383/Streets-Sanitation)  
Underwear- <https://yourparade.com/products/second-life-recycling-kit>  
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>  
Water filters-Brita partners with [preserveproducts.com/recycling](http://preserveproducts.com/recycling)  
Wetsuits- <https://www.sugamats.com/recycling/>, <https://www.greengurugear.com/pages/recycling-to-upcycle-program>

### **Eco-volunteering with Travel:**

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

### **Education Courses, Resources or Certificates:**

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



## **On Demand Webinars:**

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

[Plan-It GEO](#)

<https://www.ceres.org/events/ceres-climate-week-nyc-2020>- CERES from NYC program in Climate Week EarthEcho [Youtube channel](#) Water Challenge [playlist](#).

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

## **Miscellaneous tools including videos and websites:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Archived EPA Climate Change Info.](#)

[www.epa.gov/climate-indicators](http://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators).

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

[Tool for Sourcing Local Meat](#)

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

[iMATTER Youth Movement to Spark Change](#)

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

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

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

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

[2018 Fuel Economy Guide](#)

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

[NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Webinar series](#)

[NOAA One Science Seminar Series](#)

[Green Restaurant sustainability tool](#)

[Mapping Climate Change.](#)

[Socially Responsible Investing and Banking](#)

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

[Promise of Biomimicry](#)

[Pollinators under Pressure](#)

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter

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

Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June

AIA Buffalo Western NY

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

Air and Waste Management Association

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

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

<http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/>

Alliance for the Great Lakes

[www.greatlakes.org](http://www.greatlakes.org)

American Planning Association-WNY Section/Upstate

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

American Meteorological Society-WNY Chapter	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/amswnychapter">www.facebook.com/amswnychapter</a>
Amherst State Park Arboretum	<a href="http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html">http://www.amherststatepark.org/ASP/Welcome.html</a>
Aquarium of Niagara	<a href="http://www.aquariumofniagara.org">www.aquariumofniagara.org</a>
Asha Sanctuary for Rescued Farm Animals	<a href="http://www.ashasanctuary.com/">http://www.ashasanctuary.com/</a>
Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora">https://www.facebook.com/aceseastaurora</a>
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	<a href="http://www.awarewildlife.com/">http://www.awarewildlife.com/</a>
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	<a href="http://www.bergenswamp.org/">http://www.bergenswamp.org/</a>
Birds on the Niagara	<a href="http://www.birdniagara.org/">http://www.birdniagara.org/</a>
Black Rock Riverside Alliance	<a href="https://brralliance.org/">https://brralliance.org/</a>
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/">https://www.facebook.com/BondLakePark/</a>
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	<a href="http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/">http://braddockbaybirdobservatory.wordpress.com/</a>
Buffalo Architecture Foundation	<a href="http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/">http://www.buffaloarchitecture.org/</a>
Buffalo Astronomical Association	<a href="http://buffaloastronomy.com/">http://buffaloastronomy.com/</a>
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center	<a href="http://www.buffaloudubon.org">www.buffaloudubon.org</a>
Buffalo Blueway	<a href="https://buffaloblueway.com/">https://buffaloblueway.com/</a>
Buffalo Central Terminal	<a href="https://buffalocentralterminal.org/">https://buffalocentralterminal.org/</a>
Buffalo Go Green	<a href="https://buffalogogreen.org/">https://buffalogogreen.org/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/">https://www.facebook.com/BNCRC/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Gardening	<a href="https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/">https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/</a>
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	<a href="http://www.buffalogardens.com">www.buffalogardens.com</a>
Buffalo Farm to School Program	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/">https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloF2S/</a>
Buffalo Geological Society	<a href="http://www.bgsny.org">www.bgsny.org</a>
Buffalo Heritage Carousel	<a href="http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/">http://buffaloheritagecarousel.org/</a>
Buffalo Maritime Center	<a href="http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/">http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/</a>

Buffalo Museum of Science	<a href="http://www.sciencebuff.org/">www.sciencebuff.org/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	<a href="http://bnhv.org/">http://bnhv.org/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	<a href="https://bnwaterkeeper.org/">https://bnwaterkeeper.org/</a>
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	<a href="http://www.bfloparks.org">www.bfloparks.org</a>
Buffalo Orienteering Club	<a href="https://buffalo-orienteeing.org/">https://buffalo-orienteeing.org/</a>
Buffalo Ornithological Society	<a href="https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/">https://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/</a>
Buffalo Recycles	<a href="http://buffalorecycles.org/">http://buffalorecycles.org/</a>
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	<a href="http://budc.ecidany.com/">http://budc.ecidany.com/</a>
Buffalo Zoo	<a href="http://www.buffalozoo.org">www.buffalozoo.org</a>
Burchfield Nature and Art Center	<a href="http://www.burchfieldnac.org/">http://www.burchfieldnac.org/</a>
Buffalo Women of Env. Learning/Leadership (BWell)	<a href="https://bwell.community/">https://bwell.community/</a>
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	<a href="http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html">http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html</a>
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	<a href="http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/">http://www.chautauquawatershed.org/</a>
Chestnut Ridge Conservancy	<a href="http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/">http://chestnutridgeconservancy.org/</a>
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	<a href="http://www.citizenscampaign.org">www.citizenscampaign.org</a>
Citizens Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	<a href="http://citizencoalitionwe.com/">http://citizencoalitionwe.com/</a>
Citizens for Regional Transit	<a href="http://www.citizenstransit.org/">www.citizenstransit.org/</a>
Clarence Bluebird Trail	<a href="https://1ambluebirdtrail.org/">https://1ambluebirdtrail.org/</a>
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	<a href="https://www.cacwny.org/">https://www.cacwny.org/</a>
Clean Communities of Western New York	<a href="http://www.ccofwny.org/">http://www.ccofwny.org/</a>
Coalition of Positively Charged People	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/">https://www.facebook.com/coalitionpositive/</a>
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	<a href="http://www.cfgb.org/">http://www.cfgb.org/</a>
Cooperation Buffalo	<a href="https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/">https://www.cooperationbuffalo.org/</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	<a href="http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/">http://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/</a>

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Chautauqua County	<a href="http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu">http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	<a href="http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/">http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	<a href="http://cceniagaracounty.org/">http://cceniagaracounty.org/</a>
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Wyoming County	<a href="https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/">https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/</a>
Crossroads Collective	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsBuffalo/">https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsBuffalo/</a>
Daemen University Center for Sustainability	<a href="http://www.daemen.edu/enviro-news">www.daemen.edu/enviro-news</a>
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/index.html">www.dec.ny.gov/index.html</a>
Designing to Live Sustainably	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/">https://www.facebook.com/d2lsBuffalo/</a>
Drave's Arboretum	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/">https://www.facebook.com/dravesarboretum/</a>
Earth Spirit Educational Services	<a href="http://www.earthspiritedu.org">www.earthspiritedu.org</a>
EforAll	<a href="https://eforall.org/ny/buffalo/">https://eforall.org/ny/buffalo/</a>
Environmental Advocates NY	<a href="http://www.eany.org">www.eany.org</a>
Environmental Education Associates	<a href="http://environmentaleducation.com/">http://environmentaleducation.com/</a>
Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2">https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2</a>
Erie Canal Harbor Development	<a href="https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0">https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0</a>
Erie County Climate Action & Sustainability	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sustainability</a>
Erie County Conservation Society	<a href="http://eccs-club.org/">http://eccs-club.org/</a>
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/</a>
Erie County Environment Management Council	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/</a>
Erie County Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.ecfarm.com/">http://www.ecfarm.com/</a>
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	<a href="https://www.ecfsc.org/">https://www.ecfsc.org/</a>
Erie County Parks and Recreation	<a href="http://www.erie.gov/parks">http://www.erie.gov/parks</a>
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	<a href="http://www.ecswcd.org/">www.ecswcd.org/</a>
Excalibur Leisure Skills	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/excaliburleisureskills/">https://www.facebook.com/excaliburleisureskills/</a>

Explore Buffalo	<a href="http://www.explorebuffalo.org">www.explorebuffalo.org</a>
Farm2Curb	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/farmtocurb">https://www.facebook.com/farmtocurb</a>
Field and Fork Network	<a href="http://fieldandforknetwork.com/">http://fieldandforknetwork.com/</a>
500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter	<a href="https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/">https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/</a>
Food Future WNY	<a href="http://www.foodfuturewny.org">www.foodfuturewny.org</a>
Foundry	<a href="http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/">http://thefoundrybuffalo.org/</a>
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	<a href="http://www.finwr.org/">http://www.finwr.org/</a>
Friends of Reinstein Woods	<a href="http://reinsteinwoods.org">http://reinsteinwoods.org</a>
Friends of Sinking Ponds	<a href="https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/">https://www.friendssinkingponds.org/</a>
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/">http://www.friendsoftimesbeachnp.org/</a>
Foothills Trail Club	<a href="http://www.foothillstrailclub.org">www.foothillstrailclub.org</a>
Gardens Buffalo Niagara	<a href="https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/">https://gardensbuffaloniagara.com/</a>
Garden Clubs of WNY	<a href="http://www.gardenclubsofwny.com">www.gardenclubsofwny.com</a>
Genesee County Nature Center	<a href="http://co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/inc.php">http://co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/inc.php</a>
Genesee County Village & Museum	<a href="https://www.gcv.org/">https://www.gcv.org/</a>
Global Justice Ecology Project	<a href="http://globaljusticeecology.org/">http://globaljusticeecology.org/</a>
Go Bike Buffalo	<a href="http://gobikebuffalo.org/">http://gobikebuffalo.org/</a>
Go Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://gobuffaloniagara.org">http://gobuffaloniagara.org</a>
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary	<a href="http://www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com">www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com</a>
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	<a href="http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/">www.grassrootsgardens.org/</a>
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	<a href="http://www.gbnrtc.org/">www.gbnrtc.org/</a>
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	<a href="http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/">http://greatlakescenter.buffalostate.edu/</a>
Great Lakes Research Consortium	<a href="https://www.esf.edu/glrc/">https://www.esf.edu/glrc/</a>
Habitat for Humanity	<a href="https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/">https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/</a>



Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	<a href="https://www.hawkcreek.org">https://www.hawkcreek.org</a>
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	<a href="https://www.heartforanimals.org/">https://www.heartforanimals.org/</a>
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	<a href="http://www.hocn.org">www.hocn.org</a>
Hope Rising Together	<a href="https://tlol.com/">https://tlol.com/</a>
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	<a href="https://www.homeny.org/">https://www.homeny.org/</a>
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	<a href="http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/">http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/</a>
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	<a href="https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/">https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/</a>
Innovation Center Buffalo	<a href="http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/">http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/</a>
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/">http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/</a>
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	<a href="http://auduboncnc.org/">http://auduboncnc.org/</a>
Jamestown Community College	<a href="http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability">http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability</a>
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	<a href="http://www.erie.gov/lewpa">http://www.erie.gov/lewpa</a>
Leadership Buffalo	<a href="https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/">https://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/</a>
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://www.lwvbn.org/">http://www.lwvbn.org/</a>
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	<a href="https://www.lisc.org/wny/">https://www.lisc.org/wny/</a>
Lyceum at Silo City	<a href="https://www.lyceumsilo.city/">https://www.lyceumsilo.city/</a>
Massachusetts Avenue Project	<a href="http://mass-ave.org/">http://mass-ave.org/</a>
Matt Urban Human Services Center	<a href="http://urbanctr.org/">http://urbanctr.org/</a>
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	<a href="http://www.messingerwoods.org">www.messingerwoods.org</a>
Nannen Arboretum	<a href="http://www.nannenarboretum.org/">http://www.nannenarboretum.org/</a>
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	<a href="http://Nature.org">http://Nature.org</a>
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	<a href="http://nsswny.org/">http://nsswny.org/</a>
New York Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.nyfb.org/">http://www.nyfb.org/</a>
New York Flora Association	<a href="http://www.nyflora.org/">http://www.nyflora.org/</a>

New York Forest Owner's Association	<a href="http://www.nyfoa.org">www.nyfoa.org</a>
New York Interfaith Power and Light	<a href="http://www.newyorkipl.org/">www.newyorkipl.org/</a>
New York League of Conservation Voters	<a href="http://www.nylev.org/">http://www.nylev.org/</a>
New York Power Authority	<a href="http://www.nypa.gov">www.nypa.gov</a>
New York Public Interest Research Group	<a href="http://www.nypirg.org/">http://www.nypirg.org/</a>
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	<a href="https://nysacc.org/">https://nysacc.org/</a>
New York State Ornithological Association	<a href="http://nybirds.org/index.html">http://nybirds.org/index.html</a>
New York State Outdoor Education Association	<a href="http://nysoea.org/">http://nysoea.org/</a>
New York State Parks	<a href="https://parks.ny.gov/">https://parks.ny.gov/</a>
NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	<a href="https://www.nysar3.org/">https://www.nysar3.org/</a>
New York State Sea Grant	<a href="http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/">http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/</a>
New York State Soil and Water	<a href="http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/">http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/</a>
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	<a href="http://nesawg.org/">http://nesawg.org/</a>
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	<a href="http://www.greenupstateny.org/">http://www.greenupstateny.org/</a>
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architects	<a href="https://www.nyuasla.org/">https://www.nyuasla.org/</a>
New York State Wetlands Forum	<a href="http://www.wetlandsforum.org/index.html">http://www.wetlandsforum.org/index.html</a>
Niagara County Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/">http://www.niagaracountyfarmbureau.com/</a>
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	<a href="http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/">http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/</a>
Niagara County Parks	<a href="http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/">http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/</a>
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	<a href="http://www.niagaraswcd.com">www.niagaraswcd.com</a>
Niagara Fishing Expo	<a href="http://niagarafishingexpo.com/">http://niagarafishingexpo.com/</a>
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	<a href="http://NiagaraFrontierBotanicalSociety.org">Niagara Frontier Botanical Society</a>
Niagara Outfitters	<a href="https://niagaraoutfitters.com/">https://niagaraoutfitters.com/</a>
Niagara River Anglers Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-101363388708865/">www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-101363388708865/</a>

Niagara River Greenway Commission	<a href="https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/">https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/</a>
Niagara University Sustainability	<a href="http://www.niagara.edu/green/">http://www.niagara.edu/green/</a>
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	<a href="http://nofany.org">http://nofany.org</a>
One Region Forward	<a href="http://www.oneregionforward.org/">http://www.oneregionforward.org/</a>
Open Buffalo	<a href="http://www.openbuffalo.org/">http://www.openbuffalo.org/</a>
Our Outer Harbor	<a href="http://www.ourouterharbor.org/">http://www.ourouterharbor.org/</a>
Partners for a Livable WNY	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/livablewny/">https://www.facebook.com/livablewny/</a>
Partnership for the Public Good	<a href="http://www.ppgbuffalo.org">www.ppgbuffalo.org</a>
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	<a href="http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com">www.pathspeakspaddles.com</a>
Pelion Garden	<a href="https://peliongarden.org">https://peliongarden.org</a>
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	<a href="http://www.penndixie.org">www.penndixie.org</a>
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	<a href="http://www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org">www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org</a>
People United for Sustainable Housing	<a href="http://www.pushbuffalo.org">http://www.pushbuffalo.org</a>
Plant WNY	<a href="http://www.plantwny.com/">http://www.plantwny.com/</a>
Pollinator Conservation Association	<a href="http://www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/">http://www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/</a>
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/">http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/</a>
Primate Sanctuary	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary">https://www.facebook.com/ThePrimateSanctuary</a>
Providence Farm Collective	<a href="http://providencefarmcollective.org/">http://providencefarmcollective.org/</a>
PUSH Blue	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/PUSHBlueWNY/">https://www.facebook.com/PUSHBlueWNY/</a>
Regional Councils NYS	<a href="http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov">http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov</a>
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html">www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html</a>
Restore our Community Coalition	<a href="http://roccbuffalo.org/">http://roccbuffalo.org/</a>
Retree Western New York	<a href="https://re-treewny.org/">https://re-treewny.org/</a>
ReUse Action	<a href="http://reuseaction.com/">http://reuseaction.com/</a>

Rise Up for Climate Justice	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/">https://www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/</a>
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	<a href="http://www.rtpi.org">www.rtpi.org</a>
Science Demands Action	<a href="http://www.sciencedemandsaction.org">www.sciencedemandsaction.org</a>
Secret Places of WNY	<a href="https://www.insiders-outside.com/events">https://www.insiders-outside.com/events</a>
Service Collaborative of WNY	<a href="http://www.tscwny.org/">http://www.tscwny.org/</a>
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	<a href="http://niagarasierraclub.com/">http://niagarasierraclub.com/</a>
Slow Roll Buffalo	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/slowrollbuffalo/</a>
South Buffalo Alive	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/South-Buffero-Alive-174141769403626/">www.facebook.com/South-Buffero-Alive-174141769403626/</a>
SPCA serving Erie County	<a href="http://www.yourspca.org">www.yourspca.org</a>
Street Synergy	<a href="http://www.streetsynergy.org/">http://www.streetsynergy.org/</a>
SUNY Fredonia	<a href="http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/">http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/</a>
Sustainability at Buffalo State	<a href="http://sustainability.buffalostate.edu/">http://sustainability.buffalostate.edu/</a>
Tifft Nature Preserve	<a href="http://www.tifft.org/tifft/">http://www.tifft.org/tifft/</a>
Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/">https://www.facebook.com/TonawandaCreek/</a>
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	<a href="http://www.tuscaroraenvironment.com">http://www.tuscaroraenvironment.com</a>
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Park on the Outer Harbor	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/21stCenturyParkOnTheOuterHarbor/">www.facebook.com/21stCenturyParkOnTheOuterHarbor/</a>
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	<a href="http://www.eswub.com/">http://www.eswub.com/</a>
UB Environmental Network	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/">https://www.facebook.com/UBEnvironmentalNetwork/</a>
UB Office of Sustainability	<a href="http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html">http://www.buffalo.edu/sustainability.html</a>
UB Regional Institute	<a href="http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/">http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/</a>
Urban Land Institute	<a href="http://newyork.uli.org">http://newyork.uli.org</a>
Urban Roots	<a href="http://www.urbanroots.org/">www.urbanroots.org/</a>
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	<a href="http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/">http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/</a>
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	<a href="http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/">http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/</a>

US Fish and Wildlife, Northeast	<a href="https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast">https://www.fws.gov/about/region/northeast</a>
Vision Niagara	<a href="http://visionniagara.org/">http://visionniagara.org/</a>
Voice-Buffalo	<a href="https://voicebuffalo.org/">https://voicebuffalo.org/</a>
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	<a href="http://nywea.org/">http://nywea.org/</a>
WNY Native Plants Collaborative	<a href="https://www.wnynativeplants.org/">https://www.wnynativeplants.org/</a>
Western New York AmeriCorps (Service Collaborative)	<a href="http://www.tscwny.org/">http://www.tscwny.org/</a>
Western New York Earth Day	<a href="http://www.wnyearthday.org/">http://www.wnyearthday.org/</a>
Western New York Environmental Alliance	<a href="http://www.wnyea.org">http://www.wnyea.org</a>
Western New York Family Nature Club	<a href="http://lthibault.wixsite.com/wnyfamilynatureclub">http://lthibault.wixsite.com/wnyfamilynatureclub</a>
Western New York Herpetological Society	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/wnyherpsociety">https://www.facebook.com/wnyherpsociety</a>
Western New York Land Conservancy	<a href="https://www.wnylc.org/">https://www.wnylc.org/</a>
WNY Mountain Bike Association	<a href="http://www.wnymba.org">http://www.wnymba.org</a>
WNY Nursery and Landscape Association (PLANT WNY)	<a href="http://www.plantwny.com/">http://www.plantwny.com/</a>
WNY Partnership for Invasive Species Mgmt (PRISM)	<a href="http://www.wnyprism.org">www.wnyprism.org</a>
WNY Permaculture	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/">www.facebook.com/WNY-Permaculture-1098493876841295/</a>
WNY Raptor Center	<a href="http://Wnyraptor.com">Wnyraptor.com</a>
Western New York Science Teachers	<a href="http://www.westernstanys.com/">http://www.westernstanys.com/</a>
WNY Seed Library	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/">https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/</a>
Western New York Soil Health Alliance	<a href="http://www.wnysoilhealth.com">www.wnysoilhealth.com</a>
WNY STEM	<a href="http://wnystem.org/">http://wnystem.org/</a>
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/environment/">http://www2.erie.gov/environment/</a>
Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable	<a href="http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/">http://www.wnysustainablebusiness.org/</a>
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/WNYSEA">https://www.facebook.com/WNYSEA</a>
WNY Peace Center Renewable Energy Task Force	<a href="http://wnypeace.org/wp/">http://wnypeace.org/wp/</a>



WNY Young Birders Club

<https://www.wnyybc.org/events>

West Valley Citizen Task Force

[www.westvalleyctf.org](http://www.westvalleyctf.org)

Wild Kritters

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

Wild Spirit Education

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

World on your Plate

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