

## August, 2022

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### Articles:

#### Free Community Tree Steward Workshop

A Community Tree Steward Workshop will be held on **August 5, 2022** from 9am to 3pm at the Erie County Fire Training Center, 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY or virtually from your home or Wyoming County CCE. The workshop will cover the basics of street tree care and involving volunteers in your tree projects. Communities with two or more people attending will be eligible to receive a Community Tree Care Resource tool bucket valued at \$200. (Limited number available) All participants will receive printed workshop materials and access to the Tree Stewardship online curriculum. Free- Register at <http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/events>

#### Enchanted Wild Fest

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center will hold its annual Enchanted Wild Fest on **August 6, 2022** from 11am to 4pm. The Center is located at 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, NY 14170. Immerse yourself in your favorite movies and stories at Hawk Creek's NEW event, Enchanted Wild Fest! Journey through the Center to meet your favorite animals and your favorite characters! Animal encounters, activities for kids, games and characters await you! Refreshments, vendors, gift shop, flying bird show, wild cat chat and activities for all ages. Event parking is FREE and tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for veterans and seniors, \$9 for children, and \$35 for a family pass of up to 2 adults and 3 children (5-12 yrs). Children 4 and under are FREE. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or [online](#). Event is rain or shine.

#### Explore clean energy careers in New York!

Career exploration organization Roadtrip Nation is sending a team of young people out across New York State—for free! Along the way, they'll interview an inspiring and diverse array of professionals throughout the state about how they found their way into the world of clean energy. Filmed for the "Roadtrip Nation" public television series, this experience will showcase the stories of all kinds of professionals, from solar and wind energy technicians to clean transportation professionals. The roadtrippers will gain invaluable advice as they look ahead and try to chart their own course. Applicants can apply at the following link by **August 7th, 2022**: [rtn.is/clean-energy-app](http://rtn.is/clean-energy-app)

#### August Green Drinks

Join fellow environmentally minded individuals as we meet in person on **Thursday, August 11th** at 5:30pm at Steel Leaf Brewing Company (Eastern Hills mall) 4545 Transit Rd, Buffalo, NY 14221. The event is also listed on the [Green Drinks webpage](#). No reservations needed and great for networking and making new friends.





## Upcoming

## **Rafting and Rocks: A Canadian Adventure**

Join Earth Spirit on this condensed excursion in northern New York and Ontario, CA from **August 19-21**. Participants will drive as a caravan to multiple locations focused mostly upon the unique geology of the region. A stop at the famous Herkimer Diamond Mine to find precious gems, a whitewater adventure on the Ottawa River, a dive into the Bonnechere

## **Climate Solutions are Health Solutions: PUSH Green's Home Energy Efficiency Program**

A new report released by Partnership for the Public Good studied the health, housing, and climate impacts of the [PUSH Green](#)







## **Soil Health Tool**

[The ABCs of Soil Health](#) by USDA NRCS in 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.

## **Funding for EV Charging Stations**

Through [Charge Ready NY](#), NYSERDA provides rebates of \$4,000 per charging port for Level 2 charging stations installed at public, workplace, and multi-unit dwelling parking lots. This could add up to a savings of 30% to 80%, depending on station and installation costs. Additional incentives of \$500 per port may be awarded for installations within [disadvantaged communities](#). Most utilities now offer [incentives for installing charging stations](#) that can cover most of the installation costs and can be used in tandem with [New York State](#) and [federal](#) tax credits.

## **Nourish New York**

The Nourish New York initiative reroutes New York's surplus agricultural products to the populations who need them most through the state's food banks. The program also provides much-needed support for the food producers and farmers who have lost markets as a result of the COVID

### **Regenerate NY Cost-Share Grants Available for Forest Landowners**

Do you own between 10 and 1,000 acres of forest land and have an interest in improving your woods? DEC's Regenerate NY program provides cost-share grants to New York landowners looking to enhance forest regeneration on their property. Landowners who want to plant trees, control competing vegetation, restore a degraded forest stand, or exclude deer are encouraged to apply for project funding. To find out more about getting funding for your forest, please [visit DEC's website](#). Applicants will need to apply through [Grants Gateway](#). Private landowners are encouraged to team up with a [cooperating forester](#) for application support. Check out the [Regenerate NY webpage](#) for info.

### **Kick-off the Camping Season Right and Earn NY Camping Rewards**

Do more of what you love and earn rewards while doing it! Sign up for the [NY Camping Rewards program](#) and earn 10 points for every dollar that you spend on overnight accommodations at all New York State Campgrounds. Start earning points on your upcoming reservations as soon as you are enrolled in the program. This is an online program, so there is no physical card to keep track of. [Enroll](#) and start earning today!

### **Farm to School Program in New York Awards Local Districts**

New York's Farm-to-School program promotes the purchase and use of New York State grown food in meals served in cafeterias of K-12 schools. With over 700 school districts in New York State, there is great opportunity to see the many benefits of farm to school programs expand across the State, including preparing children to learn; improving student health and well-being; strengthening the local economy; and building healthy communities. Additionally, the program helps schools and farms address the challenges that make procuring, storing, and serving local food difficult. Projects

## **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

## **Focus on Forest and Wood Products as Natural Solution to Address Climate Change**

View a [recorded](#) webinar discussing how managing forests and using wood products can offer solutions to addressing climate change. Are you a landowner who is interested in managing your forest? DEC's new [Benefit Your Land with a Plan \(PDF\)](#) booklet can provide insight into the many benefits that your land can offer. The guide also gives guidance on finding a forester who can help you establish a stewardship plan for your forest. Stewardship plans are documents that guide the actions a landowner should take in order to maintain a healthy forest that can be enjoyed now and by future generations. Check out [the guide \(PDF\)](#) and other [resources for private landowners on our website](#).

## **Global Oceanic Plastic Waste: Reckoning with the U.S. Role**

An estimated 8 million metric tons (MMT) of plastic waste enters the world's ocean each year - the equivalent of dumping a garbage truck of plastic waste into the ocean every minute. Plastic waste is now found in almost every marine habitat, from the ocean surface to deep sea sediments to the ocean's vast mid-water region, as well as the Great Lakes. The National Academies of Sciences has published a report that responds to a request in the bipartisan Save Our Seas 2.0 Act for a scientific synthesis of the role of the United States both in contributing to and responding to global ocean plastic waste. Read it [here](#).

## **2022 New York Harmful Algal Blooms Notification and Reporting System**

## **Help Track Spotted Lanternfly**

[Spotted lanternfly \(SLF\)](#) is an invasive pest from Asia that feeds on a variety of plants including grapes, hops, and maple trees, posing a severe threat to NY forests and agriculture. SLF has been found in several locations in NY but has not yet spread to much of the state. One potential pathway for the spread of SLF is its preferred host plant, tree of heaven (TOH), which is already found in many locations across NY. Learn more about the insect [here](#). We are seeking volunteers like you to look for SLF and TOH in your area. Visit the [NY iMapInvasives website](#) to learn about the project, and sign up for a grid square on the map to monitor.

## **Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Management**

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA, *Adelges tsugae*) is an aphidlike, soft-bodied insect, almost too small to see with the naked eye. Native to Asia, HWA was first reported in the eastern United States in the 1950s. It has since spread to 20 states and two Canadian provinces. HWA feed on tree sap by inserting their mouthparts at the base of the needles and removing plant fluids. Their feeding causes the needles to turn gray, die, and drop from the tree. Branch dieback progresses from the lower branches to the top of the tree. Severe infestations may bring about premature needle drop, reduced twig growth, dieback, and tree death. [Info and resources](#).

## **Meet the Earthworms of New York**

There are only a few native earthworms in New York State, which are all found in undisturbed habitats. Invasive earthworms transform soil and can have negative impacts on other organisms, including groundnesting birds,

## 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 electric vehicles have the potential to achieve the magnitude of life-cycle GHG emissions reductions needed to meet Paris Agreement goals.

### Farm Energy Audits

NYSERDA offers free energy audits to identify energy efficiency measures for eligible farms and on-farm producers, including but not limited to: dairies, orchards, greenhouses, vegetables, vineyards, grain dryers, and poultry/egg. In addition, greenhouse facilities can receive a free benchmarking report that describes their energy use intensity and benchmarks their facility against an anonymous aggregate of peer facilities. Farms must be customers of a New York State investor-owned utility and contribute to the System Benefits Charge (SBC). Check your current electricity bills. Farms can request an energy audit or a greenhouse benchmark report through the [Agriculture Energy Audit Program](#).

### Recycle Right Website

Learn more about recycling in New York with the new website: <https://recyclerightny.org/>. Resources and info on how to recycle and where you can recycle are shared. Funding opportunities for recycling programs and ideas are also listed.

### 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](#).

### Free *Conservationist for Kids* Magazines and NY State Parks Passes for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

*Conservationist for Kids*, the nature and environment magazine for kids in New York State contains information and activities about New York State's environment, and ways to explore outside. If you are a fourth-grade teacher in New York State and are not already receiving *Conservationist for Kids* for use in your classroom, you can email the editor at [KidsConservationist@dec.ny.gov](mailto:KidsConservationist@dec.ny.gov). To see back issues, lesson plans, and other activities, including Educator resources and Family Resources, visit the [Conservationist for Kids magazine page](#). New York State Parks will accept the National Park Service's Every-Kid-in-a-Park pass upon presentation for free entry into all State Parks and for tours at Historic Sites. For more information on activities 4th graders can do at NY State Parks & Historic Sites with this pass, and how to receive it, [visit the Connect Kids 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.









[Greening STEM Activities, Lessons and Curricula](#)- Grade 1 through high school.

[EarthX Virtual Field Trip](#)-Focusing on solutions to environmental issues presented in the EarthX free K-12 STEAM curriculum, these short 5-10-







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

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

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

[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, WNY Land Conservancy](#) - Interviews begin in August.

[GIS Intern: Erie County Department of Environment and Planning](#) – Applications due **August 17, 2022**.

[Malthouse and Orchard Fieldwork Position: Niagara Malt](#)





[Tree Pictures for NASA Data Verification](#)- NASA would like you to take a picture of a tree, please. The space agency's ICESat

**Scinight: Wild Edibles For Beginners**-7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. There is a buffet of edible plants at your feet! Learn the basics of common wild edible plants identification. Nibble on wild plants in the classroom, play a matching game, and practice identification during a guided trail walk. Rain or Shine. Age: 18+. Cost: \$15 per person, 10% off for BMS Members,



**Nature at a Snail's Pace**-9 to 11am at Beaver Island Nature Center. Join a Forest Therapy Guide and awaken your senses, be in the present, slow down and reconnect with nature. The walk will conclude with tea under the trees. (tea not provided). For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

**Volunteers for Stiltgrass Removal**- 9am to noon at [Cazenovia Creek WMA](#). WNY PRISM needs volunteers to remove Japanese stiltgrass, a high priority, early detection invasive species, from areas in West Seneca. [Japanese stiltgrass \(\*Microstegium vimineum\*\)](#) was recently found in parts of Western New York. The plant is simple to ID and easy to pull. Registration is required. [Register here](#). Light refreshments will be provided, as will



## Friday, August 12

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 to 9:30pm Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour with a Park Naturalist. For information and registration call (716)282-5154.

## Saturday, August 13

**Home & Garden Tours at Darwin Martin House**- 10:30 a.m. at [Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House](#), 143 Jewett Pkwy, Buffalo. This 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.

**Fossil Hunting for Beginners**-10am to noon at Penn Dixie. New to fossil hunting? Learn the tricks of the trade from Director of Education & Paleontologist, Dr. Holly Schreiber and/or Director of Science, Catherine Konieczny, M.S. Tour the site and learn all the best spots to hunt for fossils. 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 borrow from our limited supply. No experience necessary. All ages welcome — this program will run rain or shine, dress for the weather. Included with admission or FREE for Penn Dixie members. Select "Fossil Hunting for Beginners" tour-time option when registering online, for no additional charge. [Register online here.](#)

**WNY PRISM Summer Saturdays Walk and Talk Series**-10am to noon at Town of Boston Park. Join WNY PRISM for our Summer Saturdays Walk and Talk series. While we hike, PRISM staff will discuss how to identify the invasive species present at each location, management techniques, and answer any questions attendees may have. [Register here.](#)

**Ticket to Roll: Donut Roll**-10am to 3pm. Whether you prefer glazed, cream or jelly, join us August 13th as we celebrate the yummiest of sugary snacks on the Donut Roll! Your ticket includes a SQUAD-led 19-mile ride with stops for donut treats, ending at Flying Bison Brewing for post-ride sustenance crafted by chef Lucille Altieri, an exclusive cask-tapping of Flying Bison's Father Jud Brown Ale, a commemorative t-shirt and more! [Tickets.](#)

**Fern Foray**-10am. Become familiar with the fabulous ferns that fill our forest floor with feathery fronds. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required unless otherwise noted; call (716) 683-5959.

**Buffalo Bonsai Society**- meeting at 1 p.m. 3 at the Critchen Restaurant, 3377 Clinton St., West Seneca.

**A Day at the Pond at Beaver Meadow**-9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Join Naturalist Breton for a day at the pond! We will be sampling one of our ponds at Beaver Meadow for pond life. Non-members \$15/BAS Members \$10. [Register for A Day at the Pond](#)

**Walking Tour of Hoyt Lake**-10am to 11:30am. Join Jim Mendola, volunteer historian on a walking tour around Hoyt Lake, presented by M&T Bank. The tour is approximately 90 minutes. Please bring water to stay hydrated. Suggested donation of \$5 per attendee. \*Limited to 10 attendees per tour!\* To register, please email [Zhi@bfloparks.org](mailto:Zhi@bfloparks.org) or call/text 716-495-7880.

## Sunday, August 14

**Graycliff Landscape Tours**- 10:30 a.m. every other Sunday. Graycliff is located at 6472 Old Lake Shore Rd., Derby. The landscape tour is a 90-minute experience that focuses on the history and restoration of Graycliff's historic gardens and grounds. It includes the first floor of the main house, designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright created the initial design of the landscape, and you'll hear about the important additional designs of Ellen Biddle Shipman, a pioneering Arts and Crafts landscape designer whose classic garden designs are known throughout the country. The tour is led by a docent who has specialized knowledge related to the plant life on the property. Tickets are \$35 the public and \$20 for students. Graycliff members also save (login online for benefits, or call Graycliff staff at 716-947-9217). [Book your tour here.](#)



## Thursday, August 18

**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.*

**Night Walk for Adults**-8:30pm. Search for owls, bats, beavers, and moths on this quiet evening stroll. For adults only. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required unless otherwise noted; call (716) 683-5959.

**Decarbonizing Buildings: A Primer for the Systems Thinker**-1:15 to 2:15 PM EDT. Register if you can't attend and get the video link. [Register](#)

## Friday, August 19

**Goat Island Evening Walk**-7:30 to 9:30pm Explore and experience the beauty of Niagara Falls at night on a guided tour with a Park Naturalist. For information and registration call (716)282-5154.

**“Implementing genetics into fisheries management: Case studies in Alaska fisheries”**-1 to 2pm. Webinar. [Add to Google Calendar.](#)

## Saturday, August 20

**Community Work Day**- 9 a.m. to noon at [North Tonawanda Botanical Garden](#), 1825 Sweeney St., North Tonawanda. Volunteers from the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden will lead community volunteers in various garden projects. Take gloves and water and dress for the weather. This activity qualifies for Community Service Hours. Tools and instruction will be provided. Contact [ntbgo@hotmail.com](mailto:ntbgo@hotmail.com) for more information.

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**Stroller Strut**-10am. Bring your stroller or wagon and share a sensory exploration of nature with your young child. For children ages 3 and under. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required unless otherwise noted; call (716) 683-5959.

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

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**Urban Run Series: Plogging Run**-11am start at Flying Bison Brewery. Free food, music and drink specials. [Info.](#) Plogging is a Swedish activity that combines jogging with community cleanups. Exercise and feel like you are making a difference.

**Stargazing In Hamburg**-8 to 10pm. Join us at Penn Dixie for an out-of



**Allegheny State Park Botanical Hike**-9am to 5pm. This event is sponsored by the New York Flora Assn, NFBS members are welcome to attend. Hike leader will be Erik Danielsen. Call Joanne Schlegel if you wish to attend, 716-835-6042.

**Canoeing the Beaver Pond at Beaver Meadow**-Join Naturalist Breton for a morning paddle on the Beaver Pond! We'll go over paddling techniques and provide all necessary equipment. Non-members \$15/BAS Members \$10. [Register for 9:00 AM Canoeing](#) or [Register for 1:00 PM Canoeing](#)

### **Sunday, August 21**

**Boating and Safety Outreach**-11am to 4pm at Buffalo Harbor State Park. New York State offers an abundance of scenic waterways for boaters (motorboats, personal watercraft, kayaks, canoes and stand up paddleboards) including hundreds of streams, lakes and rivers to enjoy. Embark on an adventure exploring new waters, all while experiencing first-hand New York's incredible natural beauty. Do it safely! Stop by for information and swag. For information call (716) 282-5154 registration is not required.

**Solar Viewing Sunday** –11 am to 1 pm for a solar viewing event at Penn Dixie! Observe the sun through a telescope (with a proper solar filter!), make a space-themed craft, and learn about our solar system's only star. All ages welcome! This program is free with park admission and free for Penn Dixie members! Pre-registration not required. [www.penn Dixie.org](http://www.penn Dixie.org)

**Wildflowers and Insects at Beaver Meadow**- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Join Outdoor Educator Lauren for a hike in search of wildflowers and the insects that they rely on for pollination! Non-members \$15/BAS Members \$10. [Register for Wildflowers and Insects](#)

**Wild Wing Festival Fundraiser**- 12 to 4:00pm at our Sanctuary Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Farm. There will be country music, "The RUSTIC RAMBLERS" food served by Lil's Deli, Guided bird tours, Tents provided in case of rain. Help us raise funds for the birds. ADMISSION is \$10 Adults, Under 12 are \$5, [www.gooseneckhillfarm.com](http://www.gooseneckhillfarm.com)

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**Seed to Supper Free Gardening Classes**-6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. [REGISTER](#). Class size limited to 25. Please register in advance by the Monday before the class. For accommodations contact [jah663@cornell.edu](mailto:jah663@cornell.edu) 5 days prior to your event. Harvesting and Healthy Home for Pollinators; Location: Wealth in Health Family Garden.

### **Thursday, August 25**

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

**Kayaking with Tina**-6:30 to 8:30pm at Beaver Island State Park. Are you looking to learn more about your kayak and equipment, or learn different paddle strokes and maneuvers? Look no further, join ACA (American Canoe Association) certified kayak i

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**Restoration Walk**-10am. Learn how Reinstein Woods is transforming an area dominated by invasive plants into a restored native ecosystem. Take home tips for native plantings and invasive species removal. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required unless otherwise noted; call (716) 683-5959.

**Beers, Bikes, and Barges Lockport**-12 to 4pm. Your ticket includes a SQUAD-led 10-mile ride highlighting our region's unique canal history, a refreshing pint of beer and afterparty courtesy of Lock 34 Bar & Grill, an exclusive commemorative t-shirt and more. [Tickets.](#)

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**Western New York Herbal Conference**- organized by [Reciprocal Roots](#) from 9am to 5pm at Singer Farm Naturals in Appleton, NY. Visit the [conference website](#) to purchase tickets and check out the lineup of presenters and vendors. Ticket includes all classes, workshops, and lunch.

**Urban Farms Day**-10am to 5pm. FREE, self-guided, featuring area Urban Farms. Visit [UrbanFarmDay.com](#). Join us again this year for more fun and learning; pick up your week's produce while talking with truly devoted and enthusiastic gardeners.

**Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market and Monarch Butterfly Release**-8am to 1pm. 10717 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031, USA. Join WNY PRISM at the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market in Clarence, NY. Stop by our table to learn about invasive species affecting your region and attend the Monarch butterfly release later in the day.

**Campfire Night Hike at Beaver Meadow**- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Join us for marshmallows and s'mores around a campfire before a night hike at Beaver Meadow. We'll look for Screech-owls, Bats, and other nocturnal animals. Bring a flashlight and see what we can find! Non-members \$12/BAS Members \$8 or \$24 per family of 4. [Register for Campfire Night Hike](#)

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## Monday, August 29

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**Slow Roll Buffalo**-Be ready to bike at 6:30pm. Location and info at <https://slowrollbuffalo.org/schedule/>

**Tour of The Foundry**-6pm. View the community makerspaces and business spaces. 298 Northampton Street Buffalo, [https://www.thefoundrybuffalo.org/upcoming\\_events](https://www.thefoundrybuffalo.org/upcoming_events). Mondays.

## Tuesday, August 30

**Have You Had Your Vitamin Tree**-Noon to 1:30pm webinar. Draw your own conclusions between healthy trees and healthy people and how we can play an important role in this dynamic. [Register](#).

## Wednesday, August 31

**Harbor Hikes and More**-10am to 3:30pm at Buffalo Harbor State Park. Join a family friendly hike or make a craft to take home. Every Monday and Wednesday/ hikes at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and crafts start at noon. For information call (716) 282-5154 registration is not required.

**Waterfall Walk**-10am to 1:30pm at Knox Farm State Park. Embark on a journey to Knox Falls. This is an intermediate level hike designed for those who enjoy the thrill of a more demanding nature walk. Bring a bagged lunch, water and sturdy footwear. Knox Farm State Park. For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.

**Food Policy Council of Buffalo & Erie County Open Meeting**-4pm. [Info for online meeting](#).

## Thursday, September 1

**Wellness Walks**-10am to noon. Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour T2 0 3 60 2(i)11(n)-32( )50(u)-32ETQq0.0000095 EMC /P <</MCID 21>> BDC qt r

## **Public Comments, Civic Engagement and Activism**

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

**Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center**- Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are needed. Have a few hours a month to help introduce children and adults to the natural sciences? Call (716) 627-4566( )50(a3(d))33(i)11(l)11(d)

**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-



Listing of websites-[www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs](http://www.tinyurl.com/SustainabilityAndGreenJobs)

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

**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)

McCollum Orchards

Electronics- [www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html](http://www.greenergadgets.org/recycling-responsibly.html), most electronics stores, [www.sunnking.com](http://www.sunnking.com)  
City of Buffalo residents- 1120 Seneca Street, hours and info [here](#); Other residents, check with your towns.  
Envelopes, tyvek- < 25: Send to Tyvek Recycle, Attn. Shirley B. Wright, 8401 Fort Darling Road, Richmond, VA 23237. More than 25: call 866/33-TYVEK.  
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations  
Fishing line: Berkley Recycling, 1900 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-**

[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>





Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County

<http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County

<http://cceniagaracounty.org/>

Crossroads Collective

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

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Field and Fork Network



Hope Rising Together

<https://t101.com/>

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New York League of Conservation Voters	
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>
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.nywslac.org/">https://www.nywslac.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	
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	

Oakmossed Education

<http://oakmossed.com>

One Region Forward

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

Open Buffalo

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

Our Outer Harbor

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

Partners for a Livable WNY

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

Partnership for the Public Good

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

Paths, Peaks and Paddles

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

Roger Tory Peterson Institute

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

Science Demands Action

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

Secret Places of WNY

<https://www.insiders-outside.com/events>

Service Collaborative of WNY

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

Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)

[http://niagara647>> BDC TJETQ EMC /\(rg\)JTJETQ EMC](http://niagara647>> BDC TJETQ EMC /(rg)JTJETQ EMC)

Vision Niagara	<a href="http://visionniagara.org/">http://visionniagara.org/</a>
Voice-Buffalo	<a href="https://voicebuffalo.org/">https://voicebuffalo.org/</a>
Wellness Institute	<a href="https://creatinghealthycommunities.org/">https://creatinghealthycommunities.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.wynativeplants.org/">https://www.wynativeplants.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 Hiking Trails and resources	<a href="http://www.wnyhikes.com">www.wnyhikes.com</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 Congress	<a href="http://wnyssc.org/">http://wnyssc.org/</a>
WNY Seed Library	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/">https://www.facebook.com/wnyseedlibrary/</a>
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	<a href="https://wnyservicelearningcoalition.org">https://wnyservicelearningcoalition.org</a>

