

January, 2021

Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Meeting

Registration has opened for the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society's virtual conference, **January 12-14, 2021**. Activities include presentations, algal identification workshops, a poster slam, and a raffle. [Learn more and register here](#)

NOFA Winter Conference

Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) will have their winter conference online from **January 16 - 23, 2021**. Organic farming is rooted in health – of the soil, the farmer, and the community. And health is the foundation of resilience. The conference theme, *Rooted in Resilience*, reflects the ability of organic systems to embrace challenges: no matter whether it's a global pandemic, unprecedented weather, a new pest, or the loss of an important market. For nearly four decades, our conference has convened farmers, homesteaders, soil scientists, seedkeepers, and ag-vocates to work together and learn from one another. The mutual support and the generous exchange of knowledge is a hallmark of the

Master Gardener Education Day

The Master Gardener Education Day (MGED), organized by Cornell Cooperative Education, will be held virtually on **March 13, 2021**. MGED will begin at 9:00 AM and run until 12:45 PM via Zoom. The cost will be \$35 for the public and \$30 for out of county Master Gardeners and CNLP's. Registration will begin on January 1st . To register go to

Lead Pipes in your House? Get a Free Water Test

If you have determined your home has a lead service line, there are resources at your disposal. ([If you missed our last alert on how to determine if you have a lead pipe, click here](#)). Getting your water tested is an important next step to learn how much lead might be currently leaching from your pipes into your drinking water and the risks to your home. To receive a free lead testing kit through the mail, call (518) 402-7650 or [submit an online form to the NYS Department of Health](#). Once you receive your test results, we recommend that you inform your local water department and learn what options are available to help replace lead pipes. Check this [factsheet](#) to learn how to protect your household.

Detection Dogs Project Underway

In a collaborative project to try to monitor spotted lanternfly (SLF) spreading across the region, detection dogs are being trained and tested. In a survey trial run in a vineyard and adjacent natural area, the two dogs went right to work to sniff out the SLF egg masses sometimes faster than their human partners could record. The SLF tend to lay their eggs in hidden places or on the undersides of objects, rather than in open areas and the dogs demonstrated that they can find them when they aren't easily observed by humans.

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

Reuse Action helps deconstruct buildings to return building materials to the supply chain. Check out the video [here](#) for their recent work. The store will also take your used furniture, cabinetry or building supplies. Don't send them to the landfill, donate them to Reuse Action. Check out their website at www.reuseaction.com, call the store at 716-894-3366, or stop by 980 Northampton Street.

Personal Plastics Calculator

Environmental footprint calculators have been used for a number of years as a measure of personal impact. Now there is a calculator that allows you to assess your plastic usage in a week or year. While we may not have substitutes for all of the items, the first step

Understanding Your Carbon Footprint: A How-to Guide for Businesses

What is your carbon footprint? It is a measure of your climate impact. Almost every activity in your day-to-day life causes greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions can be quite obvious, like when you drive a car, or less clear, like those produced to provide a financial service. This [informative resource](#) provides a guide for businesses to better understand and develop a strategy for improving their environmental impact.

[Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation Youth Grants](#) of up to \$500 will support youth leaders ages 5-25 across the U.S. to turn their ideas into action and make an impact on the issue of childhood hunger. New this year is an option for a fundraising match grant, which includes \$100 for fundraising-related costs and a \$400 matching grant to a local hunger relief organization of your choice. Deadline: **January 22, 2021.**

[NFWF Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program](#)-The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), FedEx, Southern Company and BNSF Railway are soliciting proposals for local water quality, water quality monitoring, and source water

[Sustain Our Great Lakes 2021](#)- Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal and local governments. On **January 13th, 2021 at 11am**

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

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

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

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

[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.

[Toshiba America Foundation](#). Rolling deadline. Grades 6-12 Teachers. Under \$5,000. Inquiry based projects designed by teachers and teacher teams for use in the classroom. **Deadline for grants over \$5,000 is August 1.**

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First Day Lake and Forest Exploration-10am to noon at Evangola State Park. Celebrate the New Year and explore the park's beach, forest and wetland trails! *For more information & registration call (716) 549-1050.*

First Day Big Tree Hike-10am to noon at Knox Farm State Park. Start your New Year off right with an invigorating hike through Knox Farm State Park and visit the park's largest trees! *For more information & registration call (716) 549-1050.*

-2 to 4pm at Niagara Falls State Park. Join us for an afternoon stroll as we welcome the first day of the New Year at Niagara Falls! Along the way we'll share stories of America's oldest state park! *For more information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

First Day at the Fort-2 to 4pm at Fort Niagara State Park. Join us for a tour of the Officer's Club to view the stunning murals and museum displays, followed by a walk to view the War of 1812 Cemetery, and the lighthouse overlooking Old Fort Niagara. (The Fort is Closed on New Year's Day.) *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*

First Day Hike-10am. Ring in New Year's Day with a hike led by a DEC Forest Ranger, who will discuss how to prepare for any outdoor adventure. Pre-registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

- 10am for 1 hr. I think we can all agree that putting 2020

Virtual Gardening Class: Raising Chickens with Katie Pfohl - 2pm. Sponsored by Grassroots Gardens and Urban Roots. Space is limited and [registration](#) is necessary. While the workshops are free to all, this year we are suggesting a \$5 donation to our partners at the Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust with the goal of supporting their efforts towards equity in local food systems. You can donate at <https://nefoclandtrust.org/reciprocity>

Sunday, January 10

Evangola cross-country ski- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A celebration of snow sports and a chance to try snowshoeing or cross

Beaver Meadow Birding-10am to noon. For info and to register call Buffalo Audubon at **585-457-3228**.

Sunday, January 17

Buckhorn Island cross-country ski- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A celebration of snow sports and a chance to try snowshoeing or cross-country skiing at your favorite state parks! (skis and snowshoes provided) Program location may be moved to a nearby park depending on snow conditions. *Call (716)549-1050 for the meeting place and equipment reservation.*

Learn to Cross-Country Ski-10am. Learn the basics of cross-country skiing before going on a short, guided ski tour at Reinstein Woods. \$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; call 716-683-5959.

Monday, January 18

Family Winter Play Day-1 to 3pm. For info and to register call Buffalo Audubon at **585-457-3228**.

Tuesday, January 19

Fun Facts with Kelly: Winter Trivia-6 to 7:30pm at DeVeaux Woods State Park. Come on out to play a game of trivia - Jeopardy style! From hibernation to migration and everything in between, compete with friend and foe for a chance to win a small prize! *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Virtual Program: Winter Wildflowers-10am. Explore the world of winter plants and see what next summer's wildflowers will look like. For adults only. Pre-registration required;

Snowshoe Fun!-11 am to 1pm at Golden Hill State Park. It's a fun time for all on snowshoes! Come for a snowshoe walk along the shore of Lake Ontario. (Weather Dependent) *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Knox Farm Cross-country ski-10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A celebration of snow sports and a chance to try snowshoeing or cross-country skiing at your favorite state parks! (skis and snowshoes provided) Program location may be moved to a nearby park depending on snow conditions. *Call (716)549-1050 for the meeting place and equipment reservation.*

Sunday, January 24

Knox Farm snowshoe- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A celebration of snow sports and a chance to try snowshoeing or cross-country skiing at your favorite state parks! (skis and snowshoes provided) Program location may be moved to a nearby park depending on snow conditions. *Call (716)549-1050 for the meeting place and equipment reservation.*

Tuesday, January 26

Virtual Program: Planting for Pollinators-10am. It's never too early to think about your summer garden! Discover how choosing the right plants can benefit wildlife while also beautifying your yard. Pre-registration required;[Register Here](#)

Planning for Emerald Ash Borer: Best Practices for Managing Adirondack Ash Woodlands (Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program) 10 to 11 a.m. Geared toward land and estate managers, woodlot owners, entities and municipalities, and homeowners with multiple acres, this workshop will review best practices in preparing for, limiting the spread of, identifying, and living with emerald ash borer. Find registration info [on APIPP's website](#).

Winter 2021 Virtual IMAGINE Series- 12:30 to 1pm. Speaker Schedule at [winter-2021-schedule/](#). Web link for all IMAGINE programs. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85839766406>, most Tuesdays.

Wednesday, January 27

West Valley Citizen Task Force meeting- 6:30pm. will be held via Zoom. Registration is required. For meeting information please visit the [West Valley Citizen Task Force meeting page](#).

Invasive Species Webinar: Tree of Heaven Biocontrol-11am . Join us for a presentation from Dr. Matt Kasson, Director of the International Culture Collection of (Vesicular) Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi (INVAM) & Associate Professor of Forest Pathology and Mycology, as he presents on *Tree-of-heaven Biocontrol*.
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How Parks can Make Communities More Sustainable and Resilient-1:15 to 2:45pm. Link and recording will be sent to all that [Register](#). Parks and recreation systems have evolved in remarkable ways over the past two decades. No longer just playgrounds and ballfields, parks and open spaces have become recognized as essential gre

Using a Meal Delivery System?-If it comes with gel-filled cold packs, consider what to do with them. Many are reusable, so share with others for their coolers or store a few for cold packs for injuries. Ideally, companies may offer a take-back program. You can also pass along these cold packs to nonprofits. Ask around at your local food bank, churches, schools, pre-schools, Meals on Wheels, and any other organization near you that prepares and moves food. If you decide to dispose of the gel in the bags, do not put the liquid down the drain, but dry it and put in the trash.

Recycling of PPE-The disposable masks and gloves that have helped keep us safe during the pandemic have been accumulating in trash. Terracycle does sell post-paid boxes for collection of materials that can be returned to them for recycling. Check them out [here](#).

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

Volunteer opportunities are available at local organizations for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. Websites are listed later in the newsletter.

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

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

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

Buffalo Carshare- This new non-profit has brought car-sharing to Buffalo. Volunteers are needed for office help and promotion. Contact them at

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

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

Global Justice Ecology Project- volunteers needed for mailing and office support. <https://globaljusticeecology.org/>

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

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

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

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

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Please contact Garner Light at 772-5110 or glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://www.citybration.com>

<http://www.buffalospree.com>

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

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

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

<http://buffalorising.com>

<http://rochesterenvironment.com/calendar.htm>

<https://boredommd.com/>

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First Light Farm and Creamery- <http://www.firstlightfarmer.com/>
Five Loaves Farm- <https://5loavesfarm.org/>
Fleckenstein Farms-<https://www.fleckensteinfarms.com/>
Free Fallen Fruit Rescue-<https://www.facebook.com/freefallenfruitrescue>
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/>
Green Heron Growers- <http://www.greenherongrowers.com/>
Greys U-Pick- <http://gregsupick.com/>
Groundwork Market Garden- <http://www.groundworkmg.com>
Healthy Living Farm- <https://www.healthylivingfarm.com>
Kindred Kreek Farms- <https://www.kindredkreek.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
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
Rust Belt Harvest- <http://rustbeltharvest.org/>
Sinemus Farms- <http://www.sinemusfarms.com/>
Singer Farms Naturals-www.singerfarmnaturals.com
Teacup Farm- <http://www.teacupfarm.com/>
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Utley Acres- <http://utleyacres.com/>
Westside Tilth Farm- <http://westsidetilth.com/>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
WNY Farmers' Markets- http://www.singerfarmnaturals.com/wnyfarmers_market/
Local Harvest (resource site) Urban Farm

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

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

Batteries, rechargeable-

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County

Groundwork Buffalo	http://gwbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo	http://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center	https://www.hawkcreek.org
HEART Animal Rescue and Adoption	https://www.heartforanimals.org/
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	http://www.homeny.org/
Imagine Greater Buffalo Lifelong Learning	http://imaginelifelonglearning.com/
Inland Ocean Coalition-Buffalo Chapter	https://inlandoceancoalition.org/whoweare/chapters/buffalo/
Innovation Center Buffalo	http://innovationcenterbuffalo.org/
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	http://auduboncnc.org/

Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://nsswny.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Interfaith Power and Light	www.newyorkipl.org/
New York League of Conservation Voters	http://www.nylcv.org/
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	https://nysacc.org/
New York State Ornithological Association	http://nybirds.org/index.html
New York State Outdoor Education Association	http://nysoea.org/
New York State Parks	https://parks.ny.gov/
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Soil and Water	http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://nesawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York Upstate Chapter, Landscape Architecture	

Niagara Outfitters	https://niagaraoutfitters.com/
Niagara River Anglers Association	www.facebook.com/Niagara-River-Anglers-1013633888708865/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/
Niagara University Sustainability	http://www.niagara.edu/green/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Oakmossed Education	http://oakmossed.com
One Region Forward	http://www.oneregionforward.org/
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
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Pelion Garden	https://peliongarden.org
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Plant WNY	http://www.plantwny.com/
Pollinator Conservation Association	http://www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
Primate Sanctuary	http://theprimatesanctuary.com
PUSH Blue	https://www.facebook.com/PUSHBlueWNY/
Regional Councils NYS	http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
ReNU Niagara	https://levesqueinstitute.niagara.edu/

Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Restore our Community Coalition	http://rocbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Rise Up for Climate Justice	https://www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/
Rochester Environmental Groups	http://rochesterenvironment.com/EXTRA/enviromentalists.htm
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Science Demands Action	www.sciencedemandsaction.org
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://niagarsierraclub.com/
Slow Roll Buffalo	http://slowrollbuffalo.org/
South Buffalo Alive	

