# Enviro-News

# October, 2013

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#### **Newsletter Contents:**

Articles- including events, courses, local news, grants, positions Upcoming Activities Tips to Help the Environment

## Articles:

### **Buffalo: America's Best Designed City Film Premiere**

Western New Yorkers are invited to the free public premiere of a brand new short documentary that tells the story of Buffalo and its world class design. The premiere will be at 7pm on **Tuesday, October 1** at Larkin Square, 745 Seneca Street. To read more about the film, visit <a href="www.bestdesignedcity.com">www.bestdesignedcity.com</a>. The unveiling will coincide with the popular Food Truck Tuesday night in Larkin Square.

#### 2013 Conference on the Environment: A Bi-National Summit

The Conference on the Environment will take place at the Adam's Mark Hotel from **October 3-5, 2013**. Join environmental professionals and community leaders from the U.S. and Canada for learning and networking opportunities. Registration is \$120 and includes all sessions, select meals and a ticket to a Gord Downie concert on **October 3**. Visit coe2013.org for info or contact Peter Rizzo at peter@coe2013.org.

## An Evening with Gord Downie to Benefit Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper

Gord Downie—front man for the band, The Tragically Hip—will perform an evening of song and conversation on the environment on **October 3rd** at the Adam's Mark Hotel as kickoff for the Conference on the environment. Concert tickets are available to the public for \$25 at <a href="http://coe2013.brownpapertickets.com/">http://coe2013.brownpapertickets.com/</a>. Doors open at 6pm with performance at 7:30pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER.

Tony Ingraffea, Professor of Engineering at Cornell University, will speak at Canisius College on **October 3**, **2013**. Ingraffea, whose research concentrates on computer simulation and physical testing of complex fracturing processes, is a sought-after speaker who focuses on fact-based discussions of petroleum extraction using modern methods, including hydraulic fracturing. The talk will be held in the Montante Cultural Center on the Canisius College campus starting at 7:00 PM. More info can be found at <a href="https://www.sites.acs.or">www.sites.acs.or</a>.

#### Wild Edible Walk and Gourmet Dinner

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#### Wildlife Rehabilitation Course at Hawk Creek

A two-day wildlife rehabilitation course will be offered at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center on **November 9 & 10, 2013** from 12-4pm each day. Develop a sense of appreciation & the importance of preserving native wildlife. Learn how to lend a helping hand to injured, orphaned & distressed animals in your community, while preparing for the NYSDEC Wildlife Rehabilitators Exam! For more info, click here

## NYSAR3 Conference Educates on Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling

The New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3) invites you to our 24th Annual Conference and Trade Show, **November 13-14, 2013** and the Disaster Preparedness and Response pre-conference on November 12th at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, NY. These events offer an opportunity for participants to network with other recycling professionals, decision-makers, recycling coordinators, state and business representatives from across our region, as well as to hear the latest about recycling and composting trends, markets and policies. Please register by **November 4** (registration soon to be posted at: <a href="http://www.nysar3.org/">http://www.nysar3.org/</a>).

#### **BUILD Act Assists with Brownfield Redevelopment**

The Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act offers additional financial assistance for the costs associated with developing brownfields, parcels contaminated by previous industry. Clean energy projects are eligible for funding on these sites as well as funds for non-profits to conduct site assessments. For a summary, visit <a href="http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/build-act-section-by-section.pdf">http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/build-act-section-by-section.pdf</a>.

## **Green & Healthy Homes Program**

Interested in getting a new high energy efficiency furnace, a hot water tank installed, and attic insulation installed? Need basement rim joist insulation installed? You might want to check into the PUSH Green & Healthy Homes program. PUSH Green + Healthy Homes is PUSH Green's FREE weatherization program for eligible homeowners in the city of Buffalo. To find out more call 716.886.1780 and talk to one of Community Energy Advocates or visit <a href="http://www.pushgreenwny.org/green-healthy-homes-program">http://www.pushgreenwny.org/green-healthy-homes-program</a>.

# Be Green Organic Yards NY

Want a beautiful yard using organic practices without conventional pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, but need help to create and maintain it? Businesses that participate in DEC's Be Green Organic Yards NY program can take care of your lawn, plants, and trees organically. When you hire a Be Green business, only products and materials that meet DEC's conditions for organic management should be used in your yard. Homeowners and commercial customers looking for organic yard care can visit our web site for a list of Be Green Businesses.

#### Gleaning: A Way to Increase Food for Communities

It is estimated that 96 billion pounds of crops are left in the field each year in the United States due to labor costs, harvesting ability, market fluctuations and consumer demand for "perfect" produce. b2 480.3-tet b2 480.3-ter s andushsgor C-s of the consumer demand for "perfect" produce. b2 480.3-tet b2 480.3-ter s andushsgor C-s of the consumer demand for "perfect" produce. b2 480.3-tet b2 480.3-ter s andushsgor C-s of the consumer demand for "perfect" produce. b2 480.3-tet b2 480.3-ter s andushsgor C-s of the consumer demand for "perfect" produce.

# **COLLECTED:** College Campuses Earn \$ Rewards for E-cycling

FundingFactory has launched <u>COLLECTED</u>, the free electronic waste (e-waste) recycling program for college campuses. COLLECTED enables higher education institutions to exchange e-waste for cash or rewards, while preventing millions of pounds of harmful waste from reaching landfills. COLLECTED pays higher education institutions for collecting used inkjet and toner printer cartridges, cell phones, MP3 players, digital cameras and laptops. Through online accounts at <u>FundingFactory.com</u>, participants can track their reuse and recycle rates, raw materials breakdown, carbon emission offsets, as well as shipments and earnings.

## **Biobulb Seeks Funding**

Increasing attention to biological systems and their operations has drawn designers to study phenomena like bioluminescence—the emission of light by living organisms. A team of students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison has proposed to integrate it into a common industrial object. The student finalists in #CrowdGrant Challenge have proposed the commercialization of Biobulb—a microbe-powered lightbulb. The technology utilizes Escherichia coli bacteria that are genetically engineered to bioluminesce. The organisms will derive energy from growth media, and use ambient light to make their own food. The bulb life is uncertain, but may last several months with repeated recharging via light. Donations of \$100 earn a starter kit to make a Biobulb at home. Info

#### Online Courses for Aspiring, New, and Experienced Farmers

Are you interested in creating a farm business plan for the first time, or maximizing the efficiency of your current market strategies? With courses ranging from berry, poultry, vegetable, and organic production to financial planning and goal setting, Cornell Small Farms Program seeks to meet the educational needs of farmers of all experience levels and interests. The interactive 5- to 7-week courses are led by experienced educators and farmers who want to help you start or diversify your farm business. Read full descriptions of all upcoming classes and register at <a href="http://nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/">http://nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/</a>. Reserve your seat soon as some courses fill quickly!

## **Glean NY Accepting Tax Deductible Food Donations**

Fruit and vegetable growers with good food that doesn't have a market are encouraged to donate produce to food banks throughout the state under an initiative, "Glean NY." The Glean NY project hopes to increase the donation of nutritious fresh food that might not otherwise be harvested due to weather damage, crops fruiting at unusual times, irregular sizes, cosmetic damage, or other reasons. Donated produce does not have to be washed or graded. In some instances, food banks can supply field crates, and pickup food at the farm. Food banks own refrigerated trucks and can arrange pickup of donations within a day or two of receiving a call. For information about donating, call the Food Bank Association of New York at (518) 433-4505.

#### **Advanced Bird-Friendly Wildlife Habitats**

Do you want to have a bird-friendly habitat? Besides using bird feeders with store-bought seeds, you can use some of the tips below to offer them a welcoming environment. Plant Natural Feeders-Birds use feeders to supplement the natural foods they find in the landscape. By planting shrubs, trees and other plants, you'll feed birds with seeds, berries, nuts, sap and nectar as well as shelter and nesting places. Once planted, they'll provide free bird food for years to come. Even if you can't provide food, a simple bird bath with clean water will attract plenty of birds to your yard. Replace the water every three days to keep the bath clean and to avoid mosquito problems. Make your own suet by recycling bacon grease. Next time you fry up a batch of bacon, pour the grease into a plastic container and freeze it. You can then put it out in a suet cage or mesh onion bags as a high calorie treat for birds such as woodpeckers, jays and chickadees. Grow Your Own Feeders - Plant sunflowers instead of buying e sunflower seed. The flowers look beautiful and also provide nectar for bees and other beneficial insects. In the fall, cut the flower heads and hang them in the yard as home-grown bird feeders. For more info, visit here!

#### **Find and Share Raptor Hot Spots**

Looking for a great local viewing spot for Bald Eagles or have a hawk migration location to share with fellow bird lovers? Check out Audubon's raptor map—

#### Green Building Labels: What do they really mean?

With the plethora of certifications and labels for green buildings, products and materials, it is difficult to know what they all signify. Check out an online guide that spells out the types of certifications and the process here.

# **Food Day Resources Available**

<u>2012 Choices for Sustainable Living</u> from the Northwest Earth Institute provides updates to the previous edition on ecological principles, food, community, consumption, the economy, and includes a new section on transportation.

#### **Contest and Award Opportunities**

<u>Spirit of Innovation Challenge</u> for teams of students to create commercially viable products or services to address issues of global sustainability for the benefit of humanity. This competition is free and open to students, ages 13-18, from around the world. Teams from afterschool programs, science clubs, homeschool organizations and charter schools are also encouraged to participate. Deadline for the 2013-2014 one-page abstract qualification round is **October 24**.

Recycle-Bowl is a comprehensive nationwide recycling competition for elementary, middle and high-school students. Be one of the first 1,000 schools to register, and receive a Recycle-Bowl coordinator toolkit! Competition takes place from October 21 – November 15, 2013 and all public, private and charter schools are eligible. Track and report how much your school recycles for a chance to win prizes!

<u>Solve for Tomorrow</u> and win Samsung Technology for Your School. Are you and your students innovative? Do you think you can use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to help solve an environmental challenge in your local community?

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades 5-12 who are volunteering in their communities. Youth who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. Local Honorees are selected in November and from these winners two State Honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. Out of the State Honorees, ten National Honorees are selected to receive an additional award of \$5,000 as well as a \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit organization of their choice. The application deadline is **November 5, 2013** 

American Alliance of Museums: Museums Connect

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

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. In the Education category, Cisco supports technology-based solutions and education models that enable children to master knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The Economic Empowerment category focuses on programs that provide technology-based solutions to underserved populations transitioning from education to workforce, or re-entry to workforce. Through the Critical Human Needs category, Cisco grants help overcome the cycle of poverty and dependence by supporting organizations that address the basic needs of underserved communities, with a focus on clean water, food, and shelter. Organizations can begin the application process at any time. Take the Eligibility Quiz to see if you can apply.

#### **Employment and Internship Opportunities**

Executive Director, NOFA-NY- Northeast Organic Farming Association NY is seeking a dynamic Executive Director to lead the organization. The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to organic agriculture as well as experience in non-profit management and fundraising. NOFA-NY's Executive Director oversees a vibrant member-based organization representing over 1,500 certified organic and sustainable farms in New York and a dedicated staff of 11. The position is based in NOFA-NY's Rochester office.

Communications Manager, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy-full-time, experienced Communications

<u>Dragonfly Swarm Project</u>-Dragonfly swarms are a rarely observed natural phenomenon and are difficult for any one person to research. This project depends on reports made by people like you who have observed swarms to answer questions about why these swarms form, the conditions under which they form, and to help explain the benefit of these swarms to the environment. With your help, scientists now know more about this fascinating behavior than ever before and are starting to understand how a group of dragonflies benefits us all.

**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 <a href="mailto:jim@excaliburls.org">jim@excaliburls.org</a> or visit

# **Upcoming Community Activities:**

#### Tuesday, October 1

**Putting Your Garden To Bed Work(ing)shop**-5pm at Pelion Community Garden 206 Best Street, Buffalo by Caesandra Seawell. Free but must pre-register. To register, please contact us at 716-783-9653 or <a href="mailto:programs@grassrootsgardens.org">programs@grassrootsgardens.org</a>. Please review our workshop policies located in the "How We Grow" section of the website, we look forward to another knowledge filled workshop series!

**Trail Tuesdays-** 6:30-7:30pm. Assist with projects to maintain and improve ecosystems at Reinstein Woods. There is something for almost every age and ability! Refreshments provided. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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

Massachusetts Avenue Project Tours – Tours of our farm at 389 Massachusetts Avenue will be held every Tuesday at 4pm. Suggested donation of \$2 per person. No need to call ahead, just show up on time!

**10th Year Annual Tuesday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle**- Come join the guides and instructors of PPP every Tuesday for a paddle for relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. We meet at the store (1000)

Cats Are Not Dogs- Jamestown Community College, Falconer Dr. from 6:30-8pm. Common wisdom is that cats are mysterious, aloof and can't be trained. Cats are dogs, but they can be understood. They may seem aloof but they are also loveable, and want to please, and yes, they can be trained. Learn about feline behavior and what you can do to make your cat part of your household and your best friend. Instructor: Susan M. Ewing, writes a biweekly column "The Pet Pen" for the Post Journal, and has written for Kittens USA and Cats Magazine. Cost: \$29. Carnahan Bldg., Room 123. Register at 716-338-1005. <a href="http://www.sunyjcc.edu/continuing-education">http://www.sunyjcc.edu/continuing-education</a>

Gord Downie Concert - 2013 Conference on the Environment: A Bi-National Summit-Adam's Mark Hotel. Concert tickets only are \$25. Please visit <a href="mailto:coe2013.org">coe2013.org</a> for more information or contact Peter Rizzo atpeter@coe2013.org.

#### Friday, October 4

**2013** Conference on the Environment: A Bi-National Summit-Adam's Mark Hotel from October 3-5, 2013. The conference is dedicated to helping environmental and planning practitioners, non-profit and community organization representatives, and the public respond to opportunities and challenges and explore the real-world application of the latest environmental trends. Registration is \$120 and includes all conference sessions and select meals. Please visit <a href="mailto:coe2013.org">coe2013.org</a> for more information or contact Peter Rizzo atpeter@coe2013.org.

#### **Colloquium:**

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

-9am to noon. 1st Sunday of every month from April-November. 279 Northampton, Buffalo. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensVinery?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensVinery?fref=ts</a>

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**2013 C-SAAHN 'IMAGINE' Lecture Series**-Noon to 1pm @ Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Ring of Knowledge area, free. Noon - 12:30 P.M. "IMAGINE The Arts as Our Universal Language: In Pursuit of Happiness" "How the Earth Was Made: The Great Lakes & New York" - Smithsonian CHRONICLES . 12:30 - 1:00 P.M. - "IMAGINE Exploring Nature: Celebrating Milestones of Science and Imagination" Twan Leenders, President, Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, Jamestown, NY

**Kenmore Garden Club: A Tree Grows in Ken-Ton-**10 a.m.The Kenmore Garden Club will meet in the Kenmore United Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd. corner of Delaware Rd., Kenmore. Town forester Jack Schifferli will give a presentation titled "A Tree Grows in Ken-Ton."

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**Flight of Five Restoration Kick-Off-** 9am-2pm, Canal Street Gazebo, Lockport. The City of Lockport will join the New York State Canal Corporation in celebrating the official commencement of restoration of

**Enchanted Forest**- This special event is a nighttime visit with the forest animals at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Walk along trails lined with glowing jack-o-lanterns where an animal awaits to tell you about its life. The animals are portrayed by costumed interpreters, and they are all very friendly! It is a program for all ages. At the end of the walk, let us treat you to cider and a snack! Advanced registration is required. No ticket sales at the door. Available time slots are 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 pm.

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

**Wellness Walk**-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tifft volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggesteyet.

Autumn Air Gorge Hike- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Whirlpool State Park. Take in the sights, sounds and

- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Let's explore nature in a different light....

moonlight! This 1 mile hike will roam through the forest and wetlands of our Eshelman property. We'll listen for the sound of the wild night life, pause to view the full moon through a telescope and binoculars, and ends at our campfire ring for some moon folklore and toasted marshmallows. \$5 for current members All others, \$10.00 per person (which can be deducted from a new Pfeiffer membership). Family group rate \$20.00 (not suitable for children under the age of 5). There are no flashlights permitted on

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**35th Anniversary of the Love Canal Crisis**-Center for Health, Environment and Justice fundraiser honoring Lois Gibbs. 6PM-9PM, Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, 28 Old Falls St., Niagara Falls; Purchase Tickets at <a href="https://lovecanal35thniagarafalls.eventbrite.com/">https://lovecanal35thniagarafalls.eventbrite.com/</a>

WNYEA Waste & Pollution Working Group Meeting-4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at

**Natural Adventure Tour with RTPI-** 9am to noon at Roger Tory Peterson Institute, 311 Curtis St., Jamestown 14701. Instructor Terry Mosher taught environmental literature and other English courses at SUNY Fredonia for 37 years and is a longtime student of birds and wildflowers of Chautauqua County. Cost: \$20 per person. View flocks of migrating waterfowl – ducks, geese, swans, and others – on our county's lakes and ponds. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be available to borrow. 716.665.2473, ext. 228 or www.rtpi.org for reservations. Info at mbaldwin@rtpi.org

**Horticulture I Certificate Class**-Buffalo & Erie County Gardens with David Clark, Horticulturist, 11am-1pm. Each Certificate Series - Garden Members \$105, Non-Members \$130, Cost for individual classes - Garden Members \$20, Non-Members \$25. Join us for an entertaining garden education! David has a wealth of knowledge and is able to convey his subject with infectious enthusiasm. These classes are for those who just want to know more than garden basics. All classes are held in the Administration Building. Call 716.827.1584 ext. 291 for information. HCP 202 – Advanced Propagation. <a href="www.buffalogardens.com">www.buffalogardens.com</a>

Attracting Birds to Your Yard-11am – 12pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center (<u>map</u>). Hone your skills and learn how to attract birds to your yard. The program will include a session for youth on building a simple bird feeder. And while they are building their feeders, an adult program will be presented on ways that you can attract more birds to your yard. Donations. (585) 457-3228.

**Owl Prowl at North Tonawanda Audubon Preserve-**7:00pm – 8:30pm. Join in a nocturnal search for owls. Meet at Raymond Street Entrance. Donations. (585) 457-3228 for reservations.

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#### Thursday, October 31

**After-School Escape**-4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. Enjoy a one-hour program for kids featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K through 5. No registration required.

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Monroe Co. Erosion & Sediment Control (DEC endorsed) Training-8am –

**Day of the Dead Walk**- 10:30 AM. What connects Reinstein Woods to the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos? In this program, learn which beautiful creatures visit both the Woods and Mexico. Registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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**Boy Scout Merit Badge in Environmental Science**- 10am – 3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center (map). Call 585-457-3228 to register and learn prerequisites. Cost: \$12.

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

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**Volunteer Day Garden of Stewardship-**9am to noon. 1st Saturday of every month from April-November. 208 East Eagle, Buffalo. <u>Info</u>

# **Tips for the Environment:**

- 1. Dry out your latex paint for disposal- dried latex paint is not a hazard. If you have a little paint at the bottom of the can, allow it to dry and then you can toss it in household trash. Consider donating cans with usable quantities to schools, theatre groups and others who may need smaller amounts for projects. More info here.
- 2. Check out the Materials Exchange for industry-related goods- Mat Ex is a web-based listing of materials that companies have in surplus (packing materials, containers etc.). Check it out if you need

#### **GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental**

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

#### Additional calendars with local events-

http://artvoice.com/calendar

http://buffalorising.com

http://wnyscienceleaders.ning.com/

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

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

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

http://www.buffalo.edu/calendar

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

# Additional local blogs and websites-

ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to <a href="mailto:zaczek@prodigy.net">zaczek@prodigy.net</a>

New York Outdoors Blog- http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com

Buffalo Barn Raisers - http://www.buffalobarnraisers.com/

Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <a href="http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.com/">http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.com/</a>

Buffalo New York Outdoors- http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors

Buffalo Issues Alert- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/

Buffalo Promise Neighborhoods- <a href="http://buffalopromiseneighborhood.org/">http://buffalopromiseneighborhood.org/</a>

Buffalo Tours- <a href="http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/">http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/</a>

Buffalo Green Fund-<a href="http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/">http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/</a>

Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <a href="http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/">http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/</a>

Caf

Eco-Island Nature Center-

T-Meadow Farms-

**Education Courses or Certificates:**Energy University Website with Schneider Electric- Courses are free

Brush Up Buffalo

Buffalo Zoo www.buffalozoo.org

Center for Environmental Information (Rochester) <a href="http://ceinfo.org/">http://ceinfo.org/</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>

Citizens Campaign for the Environment www.citizenscampaign.org

Citizens' Environmental Coalition <u>www.cectoxic.org/index.html</u>

Citizens Regional Transit Corporation www.citizenstransit.org/

Clean Air Coalition of Western New York http://www.cacwny.org/

Clean Communities of Western New York <a href="http://www.ccofwny.org/">http://www.ccofwny.org/</a>

Community Action Organization of Erie County <a href="http://www.caoec.org/">http://www.caoec.org/</a>

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo <a href="http://www.cfgb.org/">http://www.cfgb.org/</a>

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County <a href="http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org">http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org</a>

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County <a href="http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/">http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/</a>

Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County <a href="http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/">http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/</a>

Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities <a href="www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE">www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE</a>

Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State) www.dec.ny.gov/index.html

Designing to Live Sustainably <a href="http://www.d2ls.org/">http://www.d2ls.org/</a>

Earth Spirit Educational Services <u>www.earthspiritedu.org</u>

Edible Buffalo www.ediblebuffalo.com

Environmental Education Associates http://environmentaleducation.com/

Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York <a href="http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx">http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx</a>

Environmental Protection Agency <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2">http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2</a>

Local Office (716) 551-4410

Erie Canal Harbor Development <a href="http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/">http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/</a>

Erie County Community College Going Green <a href="http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html">http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html</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://www.erie.gov/environment/">http://www.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="http://www.eriectyfsc.org/">http://www.eriectyfsc.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 <u>www.ecswcd.org/</u>

Evergreen-Buffalo State College www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen

Excalibur Leisure Skills <a href="http://excaliburls.org">http://excaliburls.org</a>

Field and Fork Network <a href="http://fieldandforknetwork.com/">http://fieldandforknetwork.com/</a>

First Hand Learning www.firsthandlearning.org

For A Clean Tonawanda Site <a href="www.factsofwny.com/">www.factsofwny.com/</a>

Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge <a href="http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/">http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/</a>

Foothills Trail Club www.foothillstrailclub.org

Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings) http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp

Garden Clubs of WNY <u>www.gardenclubsofwny.com</u>

Garden Walk Buffalo http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/

Genesee County Nature Center www.gcv.org

Good Going WNY www.goodgoingwny.com

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary <u>www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com</u>

Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo www.grassrootsgardens.org/

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council <a href="https://www.gbnrtc.org/">www.gbnrtc.org/</a>

Great Lakes Beach Sweep <a href="http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/">http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/</a>

Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter

Green and Mean (it)

Green Development Zone

http://www.greenandmeanit.com/

http://greendevelopmentzone.org/

Green Options Buffalo

http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/

Green WNY

http://greenwny.com/

Slow Food Buffalo Niagara <a href="http://www.slowfoodbuffaloniagara.org/">http://www.slowfoodbuffaloniagara.org/</a>

South Buffalo Alive <a href="http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/">http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/</a>

SPCA serving Erie County <u>www.yourspca.org</u>

Street Synergy <a href="http://www.streetsynergy.org/">http://www.streetsynergy.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.growwny.org/">http://www.growwny.org/</a>

Western New York Herpetological Society <a href="http://www.wnyherpsociety.org/">http://www.wnyherpsociety.org/</a>

Western New York Hiking Trails and resources www.wnyhikes.com

Western New York Land Conservancy <a href="http://www.wnylc.org/">http://www.wnylc.org/</a>

Western New York Nursery and Landscape Association <a href="http://www.wnysnla.org/">http://www.wnysnla.org/</a>

Western New York Science Congress <a href="http://wnysc.org/">http://wnysc.org/</a>

Western New York Service Learning Coalition <a href="www.wnyslc.org">www.wnyslc.org</a>

Western New York Stormwater Coalition <a href="https://www.erie.gov/stormwater">www.erie.gov/stormwater</a>

Western New York Sustainability Plan <a href="https://www.sustainable-ny.com">www.sustainable-ny.com</a>

Western New York Sustainable Energy Association <a href="https://www.wnysea.com">www.wnysea.com</a>

West Side Ministries <a href="http://www.westsideministries.org/">http://www.westsideministries.org/</a>

West Valley Citizen Task Force <u>www.westvalleyctf.org</u>

Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes <a href="http://www.wildonesniagara.org/">http://www.wildonesniagara.org/</a>

Wild Spirit Education http://www.wildspirit.org/

Wind Action Group <a href="http://www.buffalowind.org">http://www.buffalowind.org</a>

Working for Downtown <a href="http://www.workingfordowntown.org/">http://www.workingfordowntown.org/</a>