

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute

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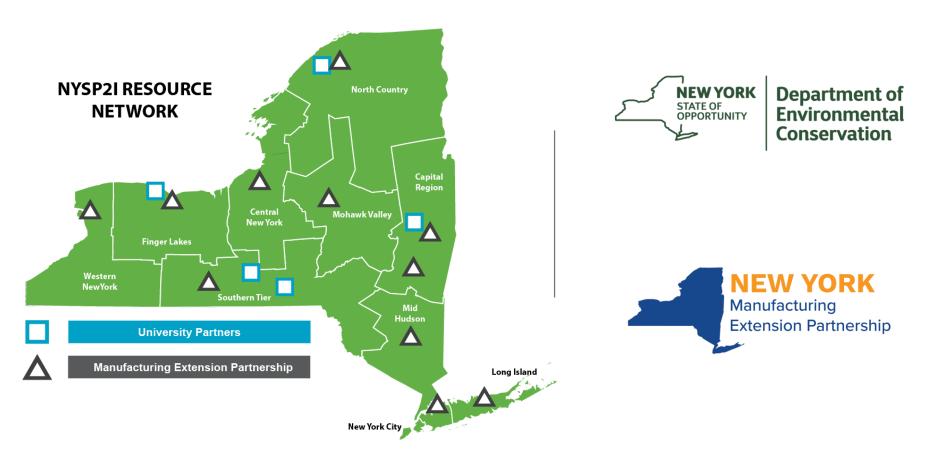




NYS Pollution Prevention Institute

- HQ at RIT
- Established in 2008
- \$3.9M in annual NYS funding administered through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- Focus areas include:
 - Sustainable Manufacturing Assessments
 - Supply Chain Sustainability
 - Technology Commercialization
 - Food Waste Diversion
 - Emerging Contaminants
 - Outreach & Education
 - Research & Development







Assistance for NYS Companies, Municipalities & Non-Profits

- Must be NY-based
- Typical project cost range is \$15K \$50K
- NYSP2I funding offsets most of the project cost to the organization
 - Expenses are non-capital expenses
 - RIT's engineering, technical and project management services
- Post-project reporting
- Typical project takes about 2 6 months



Impact Across NYS

- Almost 300 companies assisted to date
- R&D projects totaling \$2.7M funded to solve industry problems
- Over \$1.7M invested in over 100 communities in NYS









NYSP2I Can Help Businesses

- Focus the goal and scope of an project.
- Design a study that meets their needs.
- Support product development, manufacturing, and supply chain by identifying areas for environmental improvement.
- Identify opportunities for results to help increase market share and meet customer demands.





Make a difference.

Staples recycles your ink and toner cartridges.

Staples is committed to recycling or reusing 100% of a cartridge's components, ultimately limiting the number of cartridges sent to landfills. The remanufactured toner process emits 60% fewer carbon equivalents than manufacturing a new cartridge. And each remanufactured toner helps save 2 quarts of oil.¹

Cartridges that cannot be reused are recycled to create new products. The process is as follows:





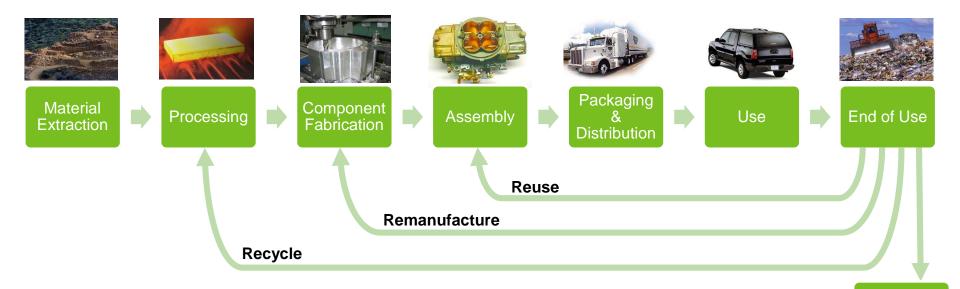




Waste Treatment

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

LCA is a technique used to quantify the environmental impact of a product or process from raw material acquisition through to end-of-life disposition.

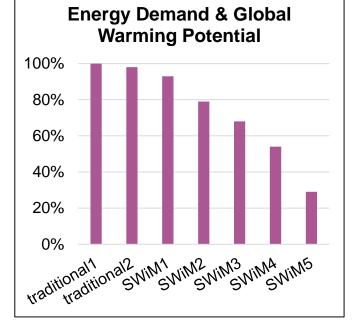




Cost and Environmental Impact of Alternative Process

- Challenge: Quantify cost and environmental impact of a snow- and ice-management removal process at 7 Syracuse-area grocers
- Solution: streamlined LCA, focused on mass of salt and global-warming potential
- Impact of results:
 - 1. Increased client base
 - 2. Focused company's data collection
 - 3. Hot spot analysis identified opportunities and tightened up process





Normalized Cumulative



NYSP2I Can Help Non-Profits & Municipalities

- Outreach and Education
 - > Case Studies, Webinars & Conferences
- Funding
 - > Community Grants Program
 - > College Council Grant
- Brief Assistance or Technical Support
 - > Sustainable Food Program
 - > Recycling (Glass)



Outreach & Education

Goals:

- Enhance community awareness
- Engage new private & public stakeholders
- Broaden Community support and engagement in pollution prevention activities
- Increase knowledge about pollution prevention and adaption of p2 behavior change

Support:

- Training events- webinars, conferences, workshops
- Educational materials
- Brief Assistance and referrals







Community Grants Program

Since 2008, NYSP2I's Community Grants Program has over 500 applicants from across New York State and supported **113** community grant projects with over **\$1.7** *million* worth of funding.





Community Grants Program

- Who is eligible
- What type of projects
- Next Request for Application (RFA)
 - Early Spring 2020





CGP 2019 Grantees



2019 Community Grant Awardees

Buffalo

Teaching K-12 Pollution Prevention through Video, Art, and Sciences, Phase II will build on the Buffalo Zoo's previous Pollution Prevention through Art project, including rain barrel painting and single-use plastic bag art, by increasing student participation in the program and adding an informative video program.

Capital Roots

The Youth Engovernment for Community Change project aims to provide environmental justice neighborhoods with innovative food access and education programs that reduce the impacts of poverty, poor nutrition, and lack of access to healthful foods. Their job-readiness and youth leadership program trains students in data collection, public health education, and community engagement.

Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation

Citizen Science in NY School Communities will engage NY public school students as environmental health researchers to collect, analyze, and compare air-quality data from their neighborhoods to identify the sources of air pollution, connect the sources to human behaviors, and then develop prevention plans for their communities.

Clean and Healthy New York

Reducing Toxic Chemicals through Local Procurement will conduct research needed to develop materials to create awareness about chemical hazards in food service ware, identify safer alternatives, and promote nontoxic packaging.

Corn Hill Waterfront and Navigation Foundation

Environmental Education on the Erie Canal (E3C) aims to position the Erie Canal as a testbed for STEM education by educating teachers, students, and the community to raise the public's awareness of the sources and effects of water pollution.

Gowanus Canal Conservancy

Gowanus Blue Schools will implement a program and STEM curriculum model that addresses issues of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). Students will design comprehensive green infrastructure proposals on environmental justice topics and then present them at a final competition.

Healthy Baby Network

Environmental Reproductive Wellness for Black Women aims to create a community driven health education series targeting black women and girls with respect to personal care products and the development of a steering committee to champion black women's environmental wellness.



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2019 Community Grant Awardees Continued

Hudson River Park Friends

The Hudson River Park Community Compost Center Program will support and enhance their existing Community Compost Program by recruiting addition volunteers, sustaining and increasing the number of Community Compost Programs, extending outreach to parks and municipalities, and securing additional supplies and equipment.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc

The Microplastics Pollution Prevention Project will focus on training teachers in environmental justice communities because their experience educating showed greater potential impact in training educators who can deliver the curriculum to their students thus multiphying the impact of their work. The project will have a greater emphasis on plastics pollution prevention strategies.

Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency

Cafeteria Food Scraps Recovery Educational Video will produce a professional educational video to train students on how to implement a school-wide cafeteria food scraps recovery compost program and explore why it's beneficial to do so. It will serve as support to the NYS DEC Beynol Waste' solid waste plan.

Rockaway Waterfront Alliance

Living Classroom is a series of hands-on experiential learning workshops that empowers kids to address issues directly, giving them an opportunity to effect change. The program will grow students' sense of environmental stewardship, and their role in reducing pollution, with a goal of a behavioral change in diverting trash to recycling and compost.

SU Center for Sustainable Community Solutions

The Save CNY Wasted Food project aims to increase community support for local food recovery efforts that work to aid those facing food insecurity by engaging, educating, and empowering CNY residents about food waste, food insecurity issues, and food waste prevention practices they can adopt.

The Art Effect

The Creativity and Connection at the Fall Kill Creek project engages low-income youth and community residents alongside the creek to increase knowledge about environmental harms. Youth will research, clean, and monitor two sites, implement public education campaigns, and design and install public art encouraging them to become anhassadors for the environment.

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CGP Materials & Case Studies



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Human Impacts Stories Project Fosters Creativity through Sustainability

The Human Impacts Institute is an organization of social entrepreneurs who create and share innovative, approaches to tackings social and environmental issues. Founded in 2011 in Brooklyn, New York their programs pair artista and scientists to engage new audiences in climate change solutions, bring youth to the boardworm, and get policy makers' hands dirty as they care for local street trees. Their goal is to help people of diverse ages and backgrounds personally connect to the most pressing environmental issues of our times, and give them the tools needed to take positive, long-term actions.

CHALLENGE

North Brooklyn is a socio-economically undeserved region bearing a disproportionately high pollution burden; its residents may be vulnerable to health risks, which have been positively correlated to air pollution, water pollution, and chemical exposure.

Particulate matter air pollution is produced mainly from diesel-huming vehicles and can cause long-term impacts in air quality and human health. North Brooklyn esperimers long-term health impacts from particulate matter air pollution derived mainly from diresel-homing vehicles. Term transport to and pollution derived unaily from diresel-homing vehicles. Term transport to making residential basalog and industrial facilities are often within close proximity, making residential vulnerable to industrial facilities are often within close proximity.

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Another risk to residents includes the widespread use of household hazardous chemicals. Harmful cleaning products can cause skin irritations, allergies, respiratory problems, cancer, developmental and reproductive toxicity issues.

SOLUTION

While addressing all of the above challenges was outside the scope of this project, they liukarise the great need for a community-based, participatory approach to pollution prevention. It is important to showcase resident's stories relating to pollutions in the community is paramount. Through the Human Impacts Stories project. Human Impacts Institute (HII) personalized pollution inmacts and enabled people to engage with tellow community members who are address them.

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SOLUTION

- Through the Human Impacts Stories project, Human Impacts Institute personalized pollution impacts and enabled people to engage with fellow community members who are experiencing these complex issues
- The Human Impacts Stories project developed and offered a successful series of community trainings, focus groups, and storytelling which culminated in the creation of a Climate silence event

RESULTS

- Four community trainings were held with a total of 56 participants
- Climate sHeros event was held at the French Consulate on June 17, 2015 to showcase a combined StoryCorps exhibit
- The Health and Consumer training materials were shared at an inaugural Youth Leadership Intensive at the Green School

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Hamilton County Implements Green Infrastructure to Manage Stormwater Runoff

 Challenge: Soil erosion, pollution and invasive species affect water quality and quantity in Hamilton County.
Solution: Rain garden, bioswale and rain barrel were installed at HCSWCD as educational tools for homeowners.

Impact of Results:

 Events and outreach reached over 6,400 people







College Council Grant

- Awards for up to \$5,000 for a NYSAR3 College Council Members or P2I affiliated partner school
- Deadline is will be March 13, 2020th
- Award will be announced on or before Earth Day 2020
- Projects should be commence by September 2020
- Link to Application





Sustainable Food Program

Why it matters

Who is eligible

- food production, processing, and manufacturing
- grocery
- food waste hauling
- K-12 education
- municipalities

What we do

- pathway utilization to improve cost efficiencies
- technology assessment and validation
- process-effectiveness and -efficiency studies
- sustainability strategy development and implementation
- environmental impact evaluation





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A Q&A GUIDE FOR

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Food Waste

P2 Tools/Resources – Food Waste e-book





Sustainable Food Program Resources

- Best practices (reduction/diversion)
- Source separation guidance
- Food donation guidance
- Self-assessment tools
- Food waste estimator tool
- Organic resource locator



Additional Funding

- DEC Food Scraps Reduction, Food Donation, and Food Scraps Recycling Grant <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/muniwebinarpres.pdf</u>
- Climate Smart Communities Grant Program https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html



Village of Clifton Springs WWTP Implements Municipal Food Waste Composting

- Challenge: 63 million tons of food wasted each year in US. Clifton Springs is aiming to reduce waste going to landfill
- Solution: Developed implementation plan to incorporate food waste into existing sludge composting operation
- Impact of results:
 - 1. Diverting 2k lb. food waste/month from 3 businesses
 - 2. WWTP expansion plan in place for full pilot program







NYSP2I Client Testimonials

"NYSP2I is a very thorough team. They are a pleasure to work with and they helped us to understand our product and its impact on a deeper level."

- Patrick Manian, Director of Operations; Ener.co, LLC "It was an absolute pleasure working with the NYSP2I team. Their resources, and networking were imperative to the success of our pilot program. The study has provided a clear path of direction to further expand our vision."

- Eric Merkley, Chief Operator Wastewater Department Village of Clifton Springs, New York

"Our project, thanks to NYSP2I support, was a success- we went beyond demonstration, and encouraged our community to take action and install green infrastructure at their own homes. We installed green infrastructure projects not only to protect water quality and quantity, but to demonstrate to the public that rain gardens, bioswales and rain barrels can be efficient and installed to prevent stormwater pollution" – Elizabeth Mangle, District Manager Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District "While at the Google headquarters in Mountain View, California, we were challenged to find a solution to the problem of CRT glass disposal. The results have assured us that this is a winning solution for the electronics, recycling and building industries: eliminating a growing waste glass problem and creating a superior product for green building." – Louis Grasso, Jr., Managing Partner, Urban Mining Northeast

"The LCA performed by NYSP2I's experts was useful in a number of ways. Results allowed our product designers to better understand how the choices they make affect the environmental impact of our EcoCuffs throughout their life. Operations that contribute significantly to environmental impact were identified and targeted to further reduce the impact of future designs. The LCA results validate and support our EcoCuff's environmental claims which help our customers make more informed purchasing and end of life management decisions. Working with NYSP2I helped us to better understand how to make more environmentally friendly products in the future." - Sean Karla, Senior Global Category Manager, Welch Allyn



Thank you



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