



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

A Template for Community ReUse Centers in New York State



[Finger Lakes ReUse](#) taps used materials—too often wasted— to strengthen our economy, build community, and protect the environment by re-directing these resources from the waste stream into productive new uses. Finger Lakes ReUse operates a community-oriented warehouse, shopping, and educational center where the maximum reuse of materials is a priority; where living wage jobs are created and supported; where mentoring opportunities are available; and where education in the skills of repair and reuse is offered.

Project Description:

Finger Lakes ReUse developed and published the Community ReUse Center Template, an interactive online tool to assist communities in replicating the non-profit Community ReUse Center model they established in 2008. In partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County (CCETC), the template was designed and marketed as a tool for communities to transform liabilities (waste) into assets (revenue generators), thereby reducing solid waste generation, creating quality "green" jobs, and developing a skilled workforce.



Web links: fingerlakesreuse.org



Project Highlights:

- The [Community ReUse Center Template](#) was completed and viewed 1500 times within a 6 month period.
- Five (5) in-person workshops and webinars were held to promote the template, and they reached over 150 individuals in 12 different New York State communities. A video recording of the webinar was completed as well, located here <http://vimeo.com/99865328>.
- Over 70 communities have expressed interest in further reuse education and collaboration
- The project was presented at the Reuse Conex 2014, an international and biennial conference for established and startup reuse organization.

