



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

Sustainable Communities Summit Genesee – Finger Lakes Region

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Project Description

Audubon International is a not-for-profit environmental education organization dedicated to fostering more sustainable human and natural communities. In 2003, Audubon International launched the first in a series of Sustainable Community Summits. Six years later, with the assistance of the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute and the Rochester Institute of Technology, community leaders from the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region of New York State gathered for a full day set of panels, lessons, advice, and leadership on making our communities more sustainable. On June 3, 2009, Audubon International hosted the 2009 Sustainable Communities Summit Genesee – Finger Lakes Region event. The following topics were discussed:

1. Session I: Planning
 - a. Community Options
 - b. Creating a Plan
 - c. Engaging the Community
2. Session II: Action
 - a. Track A: Economic Development: Greening Businesses; Innovative Partnerships: Rochester City School District and RIT; Regional Solutions: Green Networks
 - b. Track B: Local Government Initiatives: Stormwater Redevelopment; Brownfields; Build Environment: Housing, In-fill and Mixed Use Development; Infrastructure: Transportation
3. Results – Measure Success
 - a. Affordability and Incentives,
 - b. Emerging Technologies/Research and Development



Rush-Henrietta Schools Superintendent Ken Graham outlines cost cutting environmental initiatives



NYSP2I's Newton Green discusses emerging technologies and research projects.

Project Status

The summit was a success! A total of 85 community leaders, local government and businesses came together to discuss the urgent need of sustainability practices. The best approach is designed to be an inclusive and consensus-based approach that proactively engages all parts of a community.

