



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYS P21) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

The Sustainability Academy

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Project Description

Greening USA is a Syracuse-based organization advocating sustainable communities to benefit local economies and environments. *The Sustainability Academy* is a citizen-driven education workshop series about how to live, work and play without harming the environment or the future of our communities. Greening USA conducted two semesters of Sustainability Academy sessions in urban Syracuse neighborhoods. Each semester was tailored to the specific interests of the neighbors, but all were based on sustainability, environmental education, and pollution prevention. Sessions were developed around selected topics and will be presented by local experts from university and community service providers. Session topics offered included:

- Sustainability, So what's the big deal?: Quality of Life 101
- Food: Green and on the cheap
- Home heat home: Sustainable housing and energy
- Green jobs and education
- Building your green school
- Good education: Step one for sustainability
- From here to there: Transportation that's healthy, practical, economical, convenient, and easy on the environment
- Keeper of the Waters
- The Consumption Factor
- Government Leadership
- My dream neighborhood: Community design and participation

Project Status

Over the course of *The Sustainability Academy*, Greening USA was able to implement 6 events in two semesters: 2 festivals and 4 workshops series. An adjustment was made to integrate a fall tree planting and festival event into the fall semester of the academy as well. It is estimated that 744 people participated in all the sessions.

