



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYS P2I) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

Western NY Pollution Prevention Project

Organization & Contact Information

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Project Description

Western New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health (WNYCOSH) is a nonprofit group that provides training, education and technical assistance to employees, employers, municipalities and community organizations on occupational health and safety concerns. The goal of the Western NY Pollution Prevention Project was to increase awareness, understanding and implementation of P2 practices among target audiences. Activities for each target audience are listed below:

1. Municipal and school staff involved in procuring and purchasing products used for cleaning buildings and in school art classes: 3 workshops on green procurement for the City of Niagara Falls and Erie County; 1 workshop on green procurement for Grace Manor Nursing Home in Buffalo, 1 workshop for administrators, teachers, custodial engineers/staff on green procurement for the Hilton School District focusing on custodial & art supplies.
2. Professional cosmetologists, including hair stylists and/or those who operate or work at hair salons: 1 workshop for the National Cosmetology Association WNY Chapter to discuss products typically used by cosmetologists and hazards to workers and customers that some products present.
3. Operators and workers of WNY housing weatherization/retrofit projects in Erie County: 2 workshops on sustainable building materials and energy efficient appliances for Erie County department personnel responsible for these projects, 2 workshops for WNY Apollo and Buffalo PUSH on sustainable green building materials and green appliances.
4. Elementary school teachers and students regarding chemical free lawn care: Wrote and illustrated a children's book, *Lucy's Lovely Lawn*, on healthy lawns using non-toxic chemical techniques; about 200 books were produced and given to children at Buffalo Tapestry Charter School, visited 6 WNY schools and educated children using the book, curriculum, and hands on activities.



LUCY'S LOVELY LAWN

By Carol Alt
Illustrated by Roger Cook

Project Status

The training, education, and technical assistance WNYCOSH provided was a success! A total of 185 people in 12 workshops were trained. Presentations for the *Lucy's Lovely Lawn* children's book were given to 150 students, elementary teachers and educators. Overall, the demand for the green cleaning workshops and copies of the children's books is evident. The estimated benefit to eight (8) additional school districts attending BOCES training, and student populations would estimate the project educating an additional 9,000 individuals.

