



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

Preventing Pills from Becoming Waste –

Center for Environmental Information

Organization & Contact Information

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Project Description

The Center for Environmental Information (CEI) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1973. CEI has worked with citizens, organizations, institutions, government and businesses to advance environmental sustainability, improve the water quality in the Lake Ontario Basin, and address priority under-attended issues affecting environmental quality in upstate New York.

Traces of medicines have been found in streams and the Great Lakes where a large portion of this region gets its drinking water and have also been detected near wastewater treatment plant outflows. CEI proposed to use its CARE Collaborative, along with a group of expert partners to develop, evaluate, recommend and provide outreach/education on processes that prevent the over-dispensing of medications.

NYS P2I provided funding to CEI to:

- Develop and conduct field evaluation of a variety of techniques or best management practices to prevent the over-dispensing of medicines;
- Develop and dissemination of outreach materials to those organizations who can implement the techniques and practices; and
- Educate individuals and institutions about the risks associated with improper management of old pills and what they can do to prevent these chemicals from entering our water.

Project Status

CEI is currently developing outreach materials to those organizations who can implement best management techniques and practices. CEI will education institutions about the risks associated with improper management of old pills and what they can do to prevent these chemicals from entering our water.

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