



Welcome to the first edition of the NYSP2I newsletter!

Each month you'll receive insights, stories, and more exploring our work to cultivate a more sustainable New York. It's a simple and to-the-point way to stay connected with the breakthrough ideas and emerging challenges that drive our partnerships with businesses and communities across the Empire State.

News

NYSP2I leads K-12 pilot program to support environmental sustainability in school districts

NYSP2I implemented a pilot program that included sustainability assessments conducted at four New York State schools (Beacon City School District, Penfield Central School District, Dansville Central School District, and South Country City School District). Our team identified opportunities for improving waste generation, water consumption, and chemical exposure. They used an assessment tool that NYSP2I developed for evaluating a school's sustainability practices. Through analysis of available school data, NYSP2I developed a baseline to identify new opportunities for key school stakeholders. [Read More](#)

Food waste is a major problem across the world and RIT is working to fix it

Food waste is created at every stage of our economy. Consumers can greatly reduce food waste, but it can be more difficult for larger companies like restaurants and schools to reduce food waste. RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability is working to design more infrastructure around food waste and to create a desirable commodity from food waste.



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Novel battery undergoing tests at AERTC



NYSP2I will soon publish a comprehensive technical and environmental impact report following the testing of a prototype for a new storage battery. Known as a vanadium flow battery, it was designed by StorEn Technologies. The company anticipates that the report will be critical to raising the required funds to commercialize their technology. [Learn More](#)

How does your business measure up?

Have you been thinking about the social impact of your business? Is doing social good important to you as a business owner? The MeasureUp Finger Lakes program aims to inspire positive change and to have a collective impact on workers, communities, and our environment in Upstate New York throughout the Finger Lakes region.



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Client Spotlight

Zero waste to landfill assessment for Kodak's Eastman Business Park

Eastman Kodak provides hardware, software, consumables, and services to customers around the world, focusing on in graphic arts, commercial print, publishing, packaging, electronic displays, entertainment and commercial films, and consumer products.

In 2017, Eastman Kodak published sustainability goals that include the diversion of 99% of waste from landfill and incineration by 2025. The NYSP2I assisted with developing a baseline of diversion pathways, conducted benchmarking, and created a Sustainability Plan with a focus on waste reduction. [Read More](#)



Announcements

- Funding Available: [Food Waste Reduction & Diversion Reimbursement](#)
- [2019 NYS Organics Summit](#) - March 26 & 27th (Rochester, NY)
- [WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Summit](#) - May 8th (Buffalo, NY)
- Coming Soon! Community Grants Request for Application

The [NYS Pollution Prevention Institute](#) is sponsored by the [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#) through the [Environmental Protection Fund](#), the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute is led by the Golisano Institute for Sustainability at Rochester Institute of Technology, and is a partnership between RIT, Binghamton University, Clarkson University, Cornell University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. NYSP2I also works with the [New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership](#) to help disseminate data and strategy.



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