



The New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) works with businesses and communities to cultivate a more sustainable New York. This newsletter explores the breakthrough ideas and emerging challenges that are driving changes in sustainability across the Empire State.

Coronavirus Leads to Shifting Food Waste Impacts



During the initial COVID shutdown, food waste was an immediate concern. Excess food from restaurants, hotels, and events were quickly dispatched to nearby food rescue organizations. But as stay-at-home orders continue, the food consumption and resulting waste issues have shifted. While people are still eating, purchasing habits are changing, and more people are cooking at home. NYSP2I developed a series of resources to help eliminate and reduce food waste at home.

- [Resources for Preventing and Recycling Food Waste at Home](#)
- [Easy Tips for Reducing Wasted Food at Home](#)

New York State Environmental Excellence Awards Deadline Extended

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting applications for the 2020 New York State Environmental Excellence Awards. This awards program recognizes those who are implementing innovative, sustainable actions or working in creative partnerships to improve and protect New York State's environment and contribute to a healthier economy. Completed applications must be submitted no later than Friday, May 15, 2020. [Learn more >](#)

Beyond Benign Offers Green Chemistry Online for K-12 and Higher Ed

As we transition into this time of remote learning, we want to let teachers know that there are free green chemistry resources and lessons available online through Beyond Benign, a non-profit organization that empowers students and educators. Green chemistry is a great way to teach students about chemistry and sustainability away from the lab because of the interactive online nature of the lessons. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to explore green chemistry with students of all ages, K-12 and higher ed! [Learn more >](#)

Funding Opportunities



Community Grants

The Community Grants Program is accepting applications. NYSP2I invites applications from community organizations, municipal departments, and other public sector and nonprofit entities based in New York State. All applications are due May 29, 2020.

[Apply Now >](#)

[View Past Community Grants >](#)

Featured Resources



[Food Waste Essentials eBook](#)



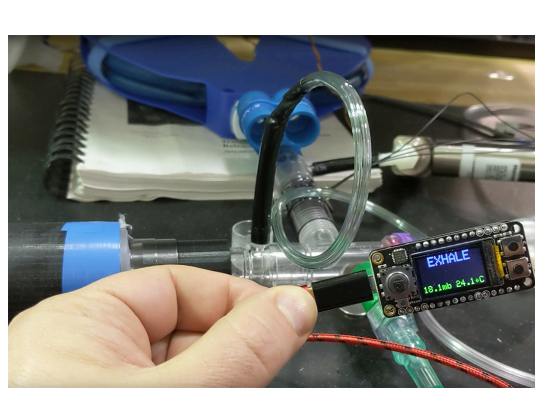
[An Art Based Program Engaged Youth to Reduce Littering in Poughkeepsie](#)

News



NYSAR3 College Council Announces 2020 Grant Winners

The NYSAR3 College Council, in partnership with NYSP2I, have selected two colleges to receive its \$5,000 awards.



RIT leads regional response to ventilator shortage, creating prototype to aid coronavirus fight

Several NYSP2I staff members assisted on a RIT team working to address the State's ventilator shortage.



Multidisciplinary project studies degradable mulching films

An R&D project initially funded by NYSP2I to look at using biochar in combination with bioplastics as an economical replacement to polyethylene agricultural films

Client Spotlight

Sweetworks Confections, LLC

SweetWorks Confections is a chocolate manufacturing company in Buffalo, NY. Sweetworks was required to determine their current sustainability status to meet internal and external stakeholder expectations. NYSP2I established SweetWorks' sustainability and identified opportunities to achieving conformance with the requirements of its parent companies.



[See the Case Study](#)