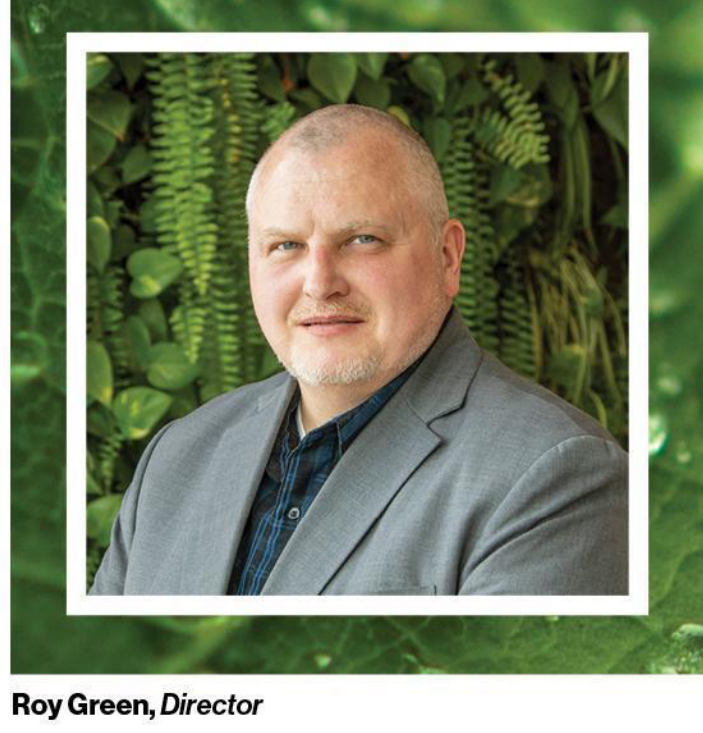




NYSP21 Newsletter | Spring 2025

Happy Earth Month!



Roy Green, Director



Amy Velez, Assistant Director For Business Development

Spring marks a time of transformation—and at NYSP21, that includes two dynamic additions to our leadership team.

We're proud to announce that **Roy Green** has joined NYSP21 as our new **Director**. With over **25 years of leadership** in sustainability, pollution prevention, and ESG strategy, Roy brings a depth of expertise and a results-driven approach to advancing our mission. His track record of driving change and aligning strategy with purpose makes him the perfect fit to help lead us into our next chapter.

Amy Velez has joined the Golisano Institute for Sustainability (GIS) as our new **Assistant Director for Business Development**. Amy will oversee relationship management, strategic partnerships, communications, marketing, networking, and external engagement for GIS, and will collaborate with NYSP21 on outreach efforts.

Welcome to the team, Roy and Amy!

Success Story



Using an NYSP21 grant, fifth-graders in the Rochester City School District are learning about the Genesee River's ecosystem and how water pollution impacts it. The new curriculum, developed by Corn Hill Navigation, combines classroom learning with activities aboard a river vessel, giving youth the chance to become active stewards of the historic riverway. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Workshop



Green Chemistry Innovation + Education Workshop



New York State
Pollution Prevention Institute



beyondbenign
green chemistry education

Join us for **Bridging the Gap: A Green Chemistry Innovation and Education Workshop**—**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**, at RIT. This one-day workshop will bring together industry professionals, K-12 educators, and higher education faculty staff. The event will facilitate conversation and collaboration for applying green chemistry practices across all levels. [Register now.](#)

Featured Resources



Updated Organic Resource Locator

A web-based mapping tool that provides information on organic waste resources and utilization pathways, connecting producers of organics with those who have a use for them.

[Use the tool.](#)



Contamination in Food Scraps Bins Troubleshooting Guide

This guide helps identify the causes of bin contamination and provides practical, effective solutions for food service managers, staff, and customers to tackle the problem together.

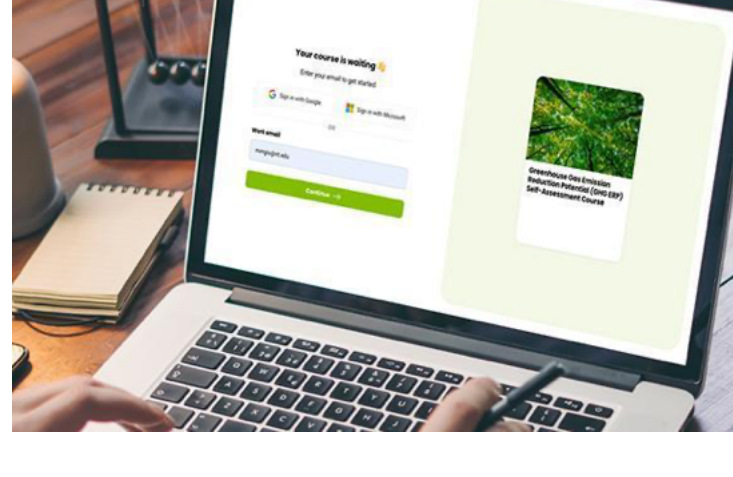
[Download the guide.](#)



Golf Course Sustainability Handbook

An easy-to-use reference highlighting 34 best management practices for sustaining a beautiful, healthy golf course while addressing critical environmental issues, including water, nutrient management, pests, and pollution.

[Download the handbook.](#)



Greenhouse Gas Emission Online Courses

Two self-paced, interactive learning courses are available, and enable immediate action upon course completion:

- Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) Basics
- Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Potential (GHG ERP) Self-Assessment

[Access the course.](#)

Funding Opportunities

ESD Business Food Waste Mitigation Grant Program

Empire State Development's Business Food Waste Mitigation Grant Program will provide funding for capital equipment purchases that help large-scale businesses reduce food waste and divert it from landfills and incineration facilities across New York State. [Apply by May 23, 2025.](#)

NYSAR3 2025-2026 Green School Grant Program

The NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse, & Recycling (NYSAR3) has announced new funding available for K-12 programs focused on the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle), composting, and outreach, for the 2025-2026 school year. Special consideration will be given to schools located in an area identified as a disadvantaged community. [Apply by May 23, 2025.](#)

New Project Case Studies



Water Street Brass: Process Water Recycling System Implementation

[Read the case study.](#)



Cutco Cutlery Corporation: Water Use Improvement Plan

[Read the case study.](#)



Utica Metals: Waste and Solvent Minimization Identification

[Read the case study.](#)



Optimax Systems: Membrane System Operation Improvements

[Read the case study.](#)

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