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NYSP2I selects awardees for inaugural Community Impact Accelerator Grant Program

We recently announced selections for the inaugural year of our Community Impact Accelerator Grant Program, a funding opportunity designed to advance scalable, community-led pollution prevention initiatives across New York State. The program supports replicable projects that strengthen local pollution prevention practices statewide. The selected projects will collectively receive up to $250K in grant funding to implement community-based initiatives during the 2026-27 program year. These initiatives are expected to deliver measurable environmental and public health benefits that extend well beyond the grant investment. **Learn more**



The waste that wasn't there

What if the most effective waste reduction strategy happens before a product is ever built? In our latest blog, we explore how early-stage companies are designing products for repairability, reuse, and long-term impact before a single unit reaches production. The cheapest way to effectively prevent waste is to never design it in. **Learn more**

Upcoming Events



Dr. John Warner

Creating Competitive Advantage: Foundational Green Chemistry Training for Industry

The workshop series, led by Dr. John Warner, co-founder of green chemistry and prolific inventor with over 370 patents and extensive experience bringing new technologies to market, will provide New York State manufacturers with practical strategies to reduce pollution, improve efficiency, and strengthen competitiveness. Hosted by NYSP2I and NYS DEC, these free one-day workshops are tailored to priority chemical subsectors. Participants will gain direct access to national experts, technical resources, and industry-specific solutions.

Upcoming sessions:
- **November 5, 2026 — Syracuse, NY**
- **January 26, 2027 — Virtual Webinar**
- **February 25, 2027 — Albany, NY**
- **March 23, 2027 — Long Island**

Learn more and register

In Case You Missed It



Finding the Right Fit: Pollution Prevention in NYSP2I Community Grants

Missed the webinar? Watch a moderated discussion with our program managers about what "pollution prevention" means in the context of grant funding and how projects qualify for support through NYSP2I community grant programs.

Watch the recording

Program Spotlights



NYSP2I Clean & Green Schools Program

NYSP2I is seeking K–12 schools in New York State to join a pilot program that promotes the safe removal of outdated or unsafe chemicals and the adoption of green chemistry curricula to prevent future hazardous chemical buildup. Funding from New York State may cover the full amount of project costs (see details in link). Spots are limited. **Apply now**

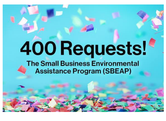


NYSP2I Green Technology Accelerator

Through our Green Technology Accelerator program, we partner with startups and established companies to validate and accelerate sustainable innovations, helping demonstrate that solutions are tech-ready, Earth-ready, and market-ready.

We provide:
- Independent third-party product and process evaluations, performance testing, and material analysis
- Environmental impact accounting, including greenhouse gas emission reduction potential and life cycle assessment
- Access to funding opportunities

Learn more



Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP)

Since 2022, our team has proudly managed New York State's SBEAP, supporting small businesses with over 400 requests for technical assistance. Through SBEAP, businesses statewide can access free, confidential guidance to navigate complex state and federal air regulations.

Learn more

Past Editions

- ***Summer 2026:*** Chemical manufacturing workshops, community grant awardees, new resources, and more.
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