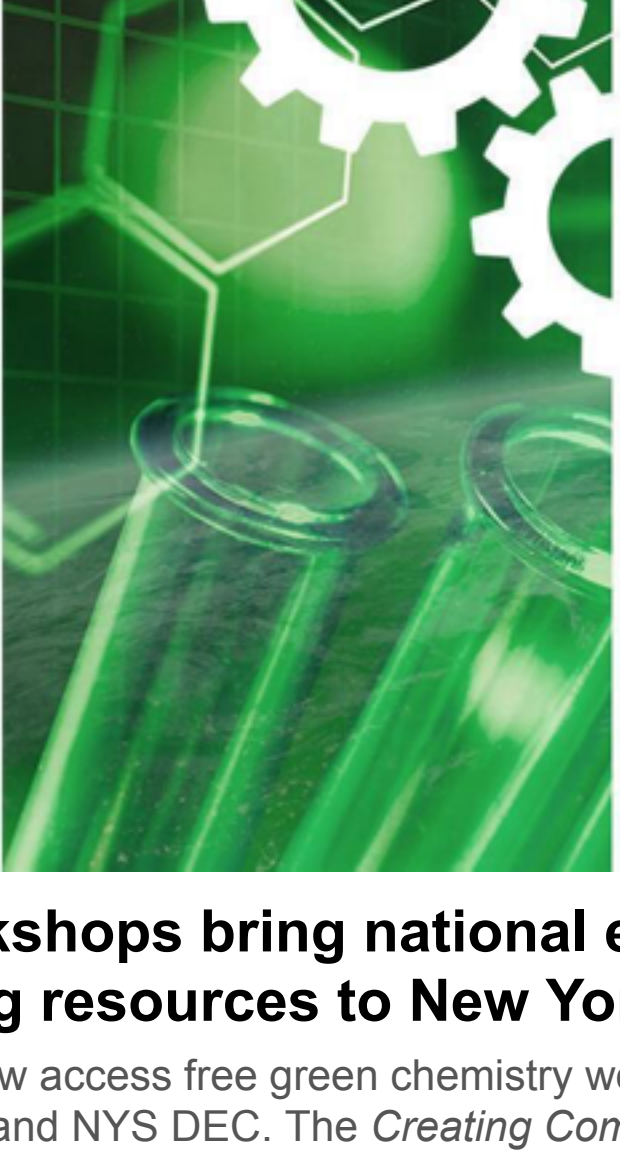




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Green chemistry workshops bring national expertise, practical solutions, and funding resources to New York manufacturers

Chemical manufacturers can now access free green chemistry workshops led by Dr. John Warner and hosted by NYSP21 and NYS DEC. The *Creating Competitive Advantage* workshop series will offer practical strategies to reduce hazards, prevent pollution, and strengthen operational efficiency across priority subsectors. Participants will also learn about technical assistance and funding resources available to support safer, more sustainable practices. [Learn more](#)



NYSP21 selects 10 awardees for 2026-27 Community Grants Program

We recently announced selections for this year's Community Grants Program—a statewide initiative that has supported 193 projects totaling \$3.1 million to date to improve the health and environmental quality of New York State. This year's selection highlights diverse projects that reflect the broad approaches needed to protect the environment and promote pollution prevention statewide. Awarded projects range from school-based food waste programs and youth leadership initiatives to community composting, pollution-prevention education, and repair-focused circular economy efforts. [Learn more](#)

In Case You Missed It



Last month, we held the *2nd Annual Bridging the Gap Green Chemistry Innovation + Education Workshop* — a dynamic, full-day workshop presented in partnership with Beyond Benign and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). The event brought together K–12 educators, college faculty, and industry professionals for a powerful day of learning, collaboration, and engaging programming focused on bringing sustainable practices into chemical design, production, and education. Curious what ideas and insights were shared by our keynote speakers and panelists? [Watch the recording](#)

Upcoming Events



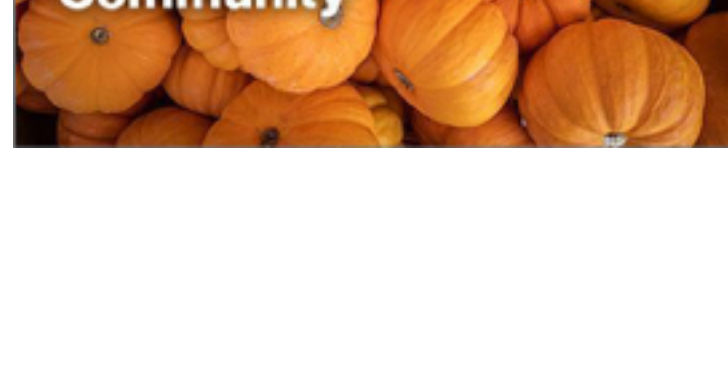
Dr. John Warner

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 manufacturers with practical strategies to reduce pollution, improve efficiency, and strengthen competitiveness. Hosted by NYSP21 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.

Multiple dates and locations available.

[Learn more and register](#)



NYS DEC Webinar: How to Plan a Pumpkin Smash Event for Your Community

Start your planning now! Consider bringing leftover pumpkins to a local pumpkin smash or drop-off event for composting or animal feed. NYS DEC is hosting a webinar with local experts to share practical tips for planning a community pumpkin smash. Speakers will cover location selection, event setup, engagement activities, volunteer coordination, and more.

Aug. 28, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. ET

Finding the Right Fit: Pollution Prevention in NYSP21 Community Grants

Curious what “pollution prevention” means in the context of grant funding? Join NYSP21 program managers for a moderated discussion on how projects qualify for support through NYSP21's community grant programs. Attendees will gain practical guidance on upcoming funding cycles, plus a chance to ask questions and hear common misconceptions.

Sept. 3, 2026 • 2:00 p.m. ET

[Learn more and register](#)

Resources



NEW! Mapping Our Impact

Our new interactive map highlights NYSP21 project locations, partnerships, and impacts across New York State since 2018. Users can explore seven focus areas and view legislative district, MEP, and NYS DEC region overlays, to see a clear visual summary of technical assistance and pollution-prevention results.

[Explore the map](#)



NEW! Fire Training Center Guidance for Water Resource Protection in New York State

Newly published best management practices for fire training centers and fire departments that offer a clear framework for protecting surface waters while supporting effective training. The resource also provides guidance on transitioning to PFAS-free Class B foams and managing stocks of legacy foams.

[Download the guide](#)



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](#)

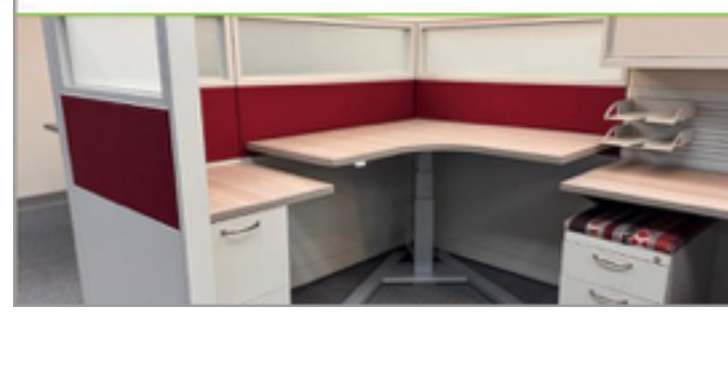


Food Waste Estimator

An interactive tool providing the approximate weight of food waste generated per week by category. The tool is a helpful starting place for organizations that are estimating food waste amounts in order to plan for hauling needs, set waste reduction goals, or start a composting program.

[Use the tool](#)

New Case Studies



Case Study: Davies Office

Life Cycle Assessment of Davies Office's Remanufactured SC Answer Workstation

[View the case study](#)

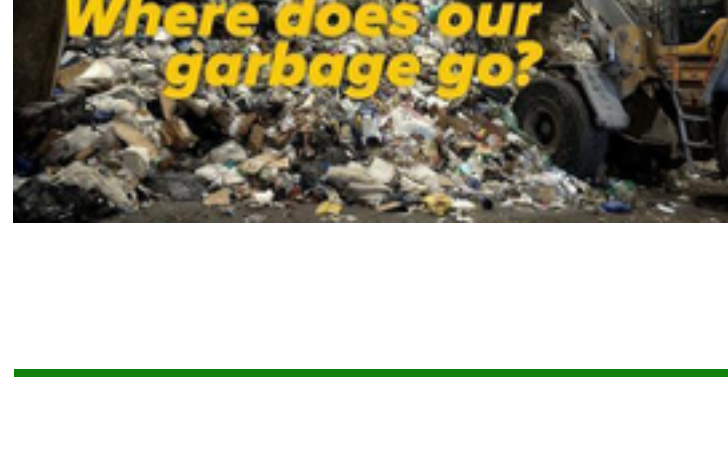


Case Study: Liquid Wall

Greenhouse Gas Impact Assessment of Arbour Group's Ultra High-Performance Concrete Unitized Curtain Wall System

[View the case study](#)

New Video Series from NYS DEC



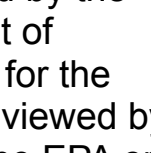
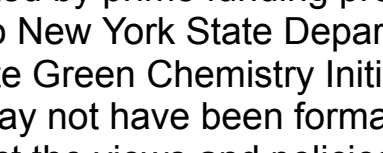
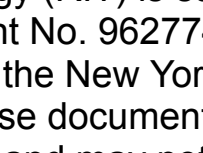
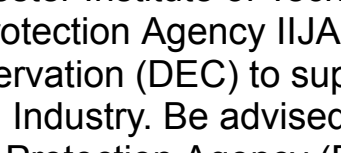
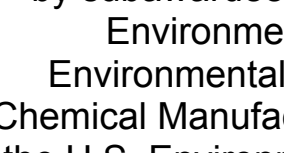
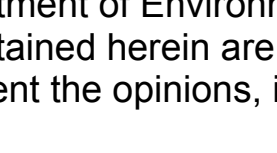
Beyond the Bin

This new video series from NYS DEC takes residents behind the scenes to show what happens to discarded materials, the true costs of managing them, and the challenges professionals face processing waste across New York State.

[Watch the videos](#)

Past Editions

- [Spring 2026:](#) Sustainable Innovation Competition winners, new grant funding, and more.
- [View all](#)



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