



**THE WESTERN NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE  
2014 Action Agenda**

**Waste & Pollution Working Group**

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**○ Educate the region's elected officials about the waste burden in three WNY Counties, Erie, Niagara and Cattaraugus by:**

- Continuing to set up meetings with elected officials and their staff to review the Mapping Waste Report and,
- Informing elected officials and their staff about how the Alliance can be used as a resource to assist them in addressing the region's waste burden.

**○ Increase the City of Buffalo's community-wide recycling rate by:**

- Working with the City of Buffalo, the Environmental Management Commission and the public to clarify and revise the recycling laws of Buffalo
- Supporting recycling education to increase the public knowledge of residential and commercial recycling requirements

**Transportation Working Group**

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**○ Transform the Scajaquada corridor to a Complete Street through advocacy and public participation by:**

- Influencing NYSDOT and consultants to propose key recommendations for the enhancement of the Scajaquada corridor and request the NYSDOT develop a design alternative that meets all the enhancement recommendations of the coalition to be studied in the environmental Impact Statement
- Organizing, promoting and holding public hearings and comment periods to inform and include the community in the transformation process
- Developing a proposal that specifically details community expectations for the corridor

## **Energy and Climate Change Working Group**

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- **Foster the development of clean, renewable energy and green jobs in Western New York through the adoption of Feed-in-Tariffs and or other long-term stable finance mechanisms by:**
  - Urging the Governor to instruct the New York Power Authority to adopt Feed-in-Tariffs and other long-term stable finance mechanisms
  - Informing elected officials and community members about Feed-in-Tariffs and other long-term stable finance mechanisms and the financial benefits that they offer to New York State
- **Support the emerging Citizen Campaign for Climate Smart Communities by encouraging members to help initiate or get involved in campaigns within their own municipalities.**
- **Encourage carbon reduced transportation requirements within the Niagara River Greenway (NRG) by:**
  - Advocating that the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Niagara River establish a Transportation Advisory Committee to the NRG Commission
  - Hosting public meetings and comment periods to represent the public's voice in compiling recommended amendments to the Transportation Section of the NRG Plan
  - Proposing amendments to the Transportation Section of the NRG Plan that would enable Commission determination of consistency for proposals to establish a non-polluting transit system along the NRG

## **Growing Working Group**

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- **Increase access to better food choices for underrepresented consumer groups throughout Buffalo and Erie County by:**
  - Ensuring that individuals from those consumer groups are represented and participating on the Food Policy Council for Buffalo & Erie County

### **Environmental Justice Working Group**

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- **Improve the public health and air quality in the neighborhoods surrounding the Peace Bridge** by:
  - Encouraging the adoption of green infrastructure and technology as practical solutions throughout the plaza and neighborhoods
  - Ensuring low income and people of color are involved in the decisions affecting the public health and air quality of their neighborhood

### **Habitat and Natural Resources Working Group**

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- **Advocate for the ban of horizontal high-volume hydrofracking in NY State.**

### **Education and Outreach Process Group**

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- **Increase environmental literacy in Western New York** by:
  - Working with formal and informal educators, elected officials and other key stakeholders to implement best practices of the NYS Environmental Literacy Plan in schools, outdoors programming and elsewhere
  - Targeting specific elected officials through communication, briefing and advocacy to adopt the NYS Environmental Literacy Plan
  - Coordinating with other Working Groups of the WNYEA to ensure that environmental literacy is a common thread throughout the work of the Alliance