



## Gary Carrel of Buffalo Receives State Recycling Leadership Award

COOPERSTOWN – Gary Carrel of Buffalo, a Solid Waste Recycling Specialist with Erie County Environment and Planning, has received the 2018 Recycling Leadership Award in the public sector category from the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling (NYSAR<sup>3</sup>).



Carrel was recognized by NYSAR<sup>3</sup>, a statewide professional recycling association, for his outstanding efforts in coordinating many of Niagara County’s successful waste reduction and environmental protection programs, including recovery of hundreds of tons of household hazardous waste and unwanted electronics, as well as innovative public education campaigns to increase the collection of textiles and clothing for reuse and recycling. Other environmental programs he has helped advance include Pollution Prevention Through Art, the WNY Environmental Summit, Party for the Planet, and BYO Bag Coalition, a plastic bag reduction initiative.

“Gary Carrel has genuineness about him – and he has been consistent in delivering a positive recycling message to Erie County,” according to his nomination. “He is a quiet leader that believes in the waste reduction goals and strategies he develops.”

NYSAR<sup>3</sup>, the professional recyclers’ association for New York State, recognizes a few outstanding achievers each year for their dedication, innovation, and passion for recycling. The awards were presented during closing ceremonies at the annual New York State Recycling Conference in Cooperstown on Nov. 8.

“NYSAR<sup>3</sup> is proud to recognize and honor the professionals and organizations who work every day to make a positive impact on our environment through sustainable materials management in New York,” said Kelli Timbrook, NYSAR<sup>3</sup> president.

*NYSAR<sup>3</sup>, the premiere recycling organization in New York State, provides members with expertise and education on waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and practices to improve the environment. The group advocates for policies and programs that support environmental sustainability in the Empire State and provides access to a network of individuals and organizations that share ideas about starting and improving reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, as well as information on education and funding. More details are available on their website: [www.NYSAR3.org](http://www.NYSAR3.org).*



**Gary Carrel, of Erie County Environment and Planning (left) is presented with the 2018 Recycling Leadership Award by Kelli Timbrook, president of NYSAR3.**