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GLOW's New Compost Demo Site Is Completed

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In 1994 GLOW, in cooperation with Genesee County Park in Genesee County and Letchworth State Park in Livingston and Wyoming Counties, constructed Compost Demonstration Sites at the respective parks.

The sites consisted of a variety of homemade and manufactured composters with very detailed signage. In 1997, the sites were moved within the parks and the signs were simplified and replaced. In addition, a similar site was constructed at Beaver Meadow Nature Center in Wyoming County.

In 2014 and 2015 plans were underway at Letchworth for a multi-million dollar nature center that would be located where GLOW's composting site was. The Park asked that the site be relocated to another area within the park. As the former site needed extensive rehab essentially a new site was built, though some of the composters were salvaged.

Planning and construction took place during the fall and summer of 2016 and the site is now ready for use. Located at

the Highbanks Camping area of the park, it features two sections of split rail fence at a 90 degree angle, with various types of composters lining it. Three kiosk signs that provide the three steps of composting, contact information and GLOW's mission are in the center. There is also a take-one box and thank you sign.

Construction and some materials were provided by Letchworth Staff, while signage and materials for the fence were provided by GLOW via its MWR&R grant and County contributions at a cost of \$1,346. In the spring of 2017 GLOW will be doing a promotion to encourage campers and resident to visit the site.

GLOW Holds 2016 HHW Collection

In September GLOW held its annual household hazardous waste collection. GLOW began doing these collections in 1996 and has done them yearly since that time, with one year off for a farm pesticide collection.

Over the years the menu of materials has expanded from the basic menu of household chemicals, paint, driveway

sealer, vehicle batteries, tires, etc. to propane tanks and canisters, electronics and pharmaceuticals. The number of residents served at a single collection has increased from a maximum of 150 to 300, to its current of over 500 (with a maximum of 600 possible).

In 2016 GLOW continued its use of the appointment system, scheduling up to 30 residents for each 15 minute interval. For the first time since it began to accept electronics GLOW limited residents to two (2) CRT TVs and/or monitors. The September collection was held in Batavia, Genesee County and resulted in 527 residents disposing of thousands of pounds of hazardous waste, 32,258 lbs. of electronics, 242 tires, 271 propane canisters, 51 propane tanks and 360 lbs. of pharmaceuticals and packaging.

Program expenses are covered by GLOW's County contributions and an anticipated DEC HHWGrant and a supplemental electronics recycling grant. For information, contact Peggy Grayson at pgrayson@co.genesee.ny.us or 585/815-7906.