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## Maxwell Fuller Receives State Recycling Leadership Award for Successful New Paltz Food Recovery Program

COOPERSTOWN – Maxwell Fuller of Sodexo and the New Paltz Food Recovery Program have received the 2018 Recycling Leadership Award in the private sector category from the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling (NYSAR3).



As a result of partnering with Sodexo at SUNY New Paltz, and working with Sodexo employee Fuller, the New Paltz Food Recovery Program collected nine tons of food in 2017, and was recognized by the US EPA. Due to the success of surplus food recovery, the program has expanded to multiple municipalities. So far this year the organization has provided two tons of fresh homemade salads, sandwiches, fruit and baked goods to local food pantries.

“Maxwell should be recognized for his deep commitment to keeping food out of the waste stream and on the tables of those less fortunate. He ensures the items are as nice as those nice on the shelves,” said Laura Petit of the New Paltz ReUse and Recycling Center, who nominated Fuller. “Nothing bothers him more than to throw away ‘perfectly good food that could be feeding someone.’”

The New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (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).*



**Maxwell Fuller (right) is presented with the 2018 Recycling Leadership Award, Private Citizen, by Laura Petit, of the New Paltz ReUse and Recycling Center, who nominated Fuller for the award.**