



# ERIE:RE

## Reduce.Reuse.Recycle & Compost

*Outreach, Education, Shared Services & Regulatory Support*



Brian Smith, Deb Friedel, Prish Moran, Nicole Wurstner, and Jennifer Brazill at They're Demanding Less Waste Workshop



### First HHW Collection Event is May 11 in Clarence

This is the first of five HHW collection events which will be held at locations throughout the County. Reservations will be required to ensure faster, more efficient service. Registration opens 30 days before the event. Learn more at [www.erie.gov/recycling](http://www.erie.gov/recycling)



### Communicating How and Why Recycling is Changing

Erie County is collaborating with partners to identify tools and talking points to inform residents what materials are acceptable for recycling now without discouraging household recycling. Amy Alduino will lead a workshop on this topic at the Town of Evans Environmental Fair.



### Pollution Prevention (P2) through Recycled Art Awards Ceremony

Join us at the Buffalo Science Museum on May 5, 2019 at 1 pm to meet local students and view the award winning pollution prevention art projects chosen from projects created by hundreds of local students from schools throughout Erie County.

### LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN NEXT STEPS:

*Make drafts available for review and public comment for at least 45 days, give public notice then hold public meetings. Prepare a responsiveness summary to address all comments.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **April 13 - Town of Evans Environmental Fair**
- **May 5 - Environmental Management Council Awards & P2 through Recycled Arts Awards**
- **May 8 - WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Sustainable Business Summit (Waste & Recycling Sessions)**



Nate Drag describing how plastic pollution is impacting Lakes.

### **START WITH SAVING- AN ERIE COUNTY FOOD WASTE REDUCTION INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

Erie County submitted a grant application to NYSDEC for a pilot project focused on developing and implementing prevention solutions to reduce food preparation waste and what is left on the plate. Understanding the type, amount and timing of food would provide Erie County and its partners information to formulate targeted education and outreach activities to address this waste stream. If funded a state of the art, industry recognized food waste tracking and analytic system will be used for data collection. The data will be used to create specific interventions and educational materials and outreach focused on institutional food preparation activities that will be useful in Erie County and statewide.

### **TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE THEY'RE DEMANDING LESS WASTE WORKSHOP**

On March 4, 2019, DEP and partners Alliance for the Great Lakes, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and Citizens Campaign for the Environment held a workshop on reducing food waste and single use plastics at restaurants and special events. Panelists, Deb Friedel: Delaware North, Prish Moran: Sweetness 7 Cafe, Nicole Wurtsner: Service Systems Associates and Jennifer Brazill, Borderland Festival, spoke about their businesses experiences in reducing single use plastics and food waste to an audience of 50 people from around the County.

The audience appreciated the perspectives of small and large organizations expressed by the panelists. Feedback about the event was positive, with attendees requesting additional regularly scheduled events geared toward businesses to continue exploring solutions for these issues.



Food waste tracking system



### **ANDY GOLDSTEIN'S NEW ROLE**

Andy is now leading a pilot project developing a composting facility at the Erie County Correctional Center. This project is designed to explore the feasibility of creating a system and process to divert facility generated food waste from landfills. Contact Andy at 716.858.2162 or [andrew.goldstein@erie.gov](mailto:andrew.goldstein@erie.gov).