Dear NYSAR³ Members,

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), NYSAR³, and the Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP) are currently working to make plastic bag and film plastic recycling easier for consumers in New York State. Because "return to retail" is currently the best way to recycle plastic bags and film in most areas, the goal is to further populate WRAP's current searchable drop off directory. This directory can be used by consumers to find plastic bag and film plastic recycling drop off locations close to them. We will be updating the directory and are seeking your assistance. This email will also be sent to NYSDEC staff, recycling coordinators, grocery store contacts, etc.

We're looking to both verify and edit listings that are already in the directory and also add new listings to the directory. We're asking that you please check the drop off directory at www.plasticfilmrecycling.org and verify locations in your area. Please let us know of any edits and additions that should be made to any plastic bag and film plastic recycling or participating retailer locations. Edits or additions along with the name and address of the location(s) should be emailed to Tonya Randell of the WRAP program by Monday, July 24th. Please include "NY drop offs" in the email subject line.

Please note that this directory is a "living document" and we can make ongoing changes. This is also a great project idea for summer interns or volunteers. Once we have the list updated, it will not only be available on the WRAP website, but it will also be linked from the DEC and NYSAR³ websites.

Thank you for your assistance with this project and don't hesitate to contact me (<u>kayla.montanye@dec.ny.gov</u>) with any questions.

Kayla Montanye Tonya Randell (WRAP) Samara Norman (Trex Company)