

BROOME COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025

**WELCOME TO THE BROOME COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER!**

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY EVENT, JOB OR ORGANIZATION UPDATES FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO : EMCBROOMECOUNTY@GMAIL.COM**

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 27TH, 2025 IN PERSON AT THE BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

FUNDING: TREE CITY USA AND TREE CAMPUS

Tree City, Tree Campus, and Tree Line are programs coordinated by The National Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and DEC's Urban and Community Forestry program. These programs provide direction, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 93 million Americans call home.

The standards required for each certification program will help a community, school, or utility get started with annual planning and management of its tree resources. Participants build relationships with DEC urban forestry program staff and the NYS Urban Forestry Council, which will help support a fledgling urban forestry program. [More info here.](#)

FUNDING: NYS URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

The NYS Urban Forestry Council is pleased to announce available funding for communities to hold a tree planting event in the spring of 2025 celebrating Arbor Day and to establish a community-based forestry program. Communities can apply for up to \$1,000. Funding has been provided by the NYS Urban Forestry Council and the USDA Forest Service.

Grant Goals:

The intent of this grant is to help municipalities establish a community forestry program and to work towards becoming a Tree City USA community, which is a program of the Arbor Day Foundation. [More info here.](#)

COMMUNITY: SUSTAINABILITY HUB

[Click here for the Binghamton University's Sustainability Hub Newsletter.](#)

JOBS: BROOME COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL

The [Broome County Food Council](#) is embarking on the development of a Food System. A consultant will be hired to support this work.

COMMUNITY: WESTERN BROOME INIT.

The Quarterly meeting of the Western Broome Initiative will be March 10 at Most Holy Rosary on Route 26 in the Town of Maine. The event will run from 6 pm to 8 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Our featured speakers are District Attorney Paul Battisti and Executive Director of the Addiction Center of Broome County (ACBC), Carmel Pirich. An update of the strategy for the Western Broome Initiative will also be provided. Contact Jeff Smith at jsmith1532@aol.com to register.

COMMUNITY: TIER ENERGY NETWORK

[Tier Energy Network \(TEN\)](#) is updating its map on clean energy companies and organizations in the Southern Tier. The map can help educate the community and schools on the emerging industry cluster in clean energy. It also serves as a reference for businesses and start-up companies seeking opportunities. TEN provides presentations in the community. Our monthly membership meeting has provided opportunities for companies, start-ups and organizations to make presentations. TEN also provides a monthly review of energy market developments, regulations and status of the ISO list of projects. TEN is supporting a long-term energy storage technology developed at Lehigh University. We are seeking partners to test the technology.

COMMUNITY: SO TIER LAND CONSERVANCY

[The Southern Tier Land Conservancy](#) will hold their annual meeting and celebration of our first properties on Saturday, March 22 at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

COMMUNITY: ENVI. SUST. ROTARY GROUP

[Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group](#), ESRAG has nominated the "Connected Communities" project on Cape Cod to the 2025 Earthshot Competition. The "Connected Communities" concept provides net zero solutions for carbon emissions and water discharge. The project has received \$175 million in funding from the State of Massachusetts. The proposal to Earthshot scales the project to areas in the Northeast and developing countries. The list of partners is significant. ESRAG members from the Southern Tier and Cape Cod have been collaborating for over 3 years. ESRAG for Eastern North America offers monthly presentations that are open to the public. Projects are spun off for separate funding opportunities. Both regions are now exploring the potential of Biochar.

COMMUNITY: NY WATER BASIN TRAIL

The [NY Susquehanna Water Basin Water Trail](#) will be officially announced at the General Clinton Canoe Regatta. This Federally sponsored trail will span 190 miles from Cooperstown to the Finger Lakes. We seek projects and events to increase public use of this natural asset. The Susquehanna River is the 5th oldest river in the world at over 300 million years.

COMMUNITY: BU CLIMATE SUMMIT

The next Climate Summit by [Binghamton 2 Degrees](#) will take place on April 11. Seven committees were formed from the first Summit: Energy, Transportation, Health, Refugees and Social Needs, Food Insecurity and Agriculture, Infrastructure and Housing. [Contact Ancilla to](#) find out more about each committee and to volunteer. Binghamton University Sustainability will also host a documentary screening of "Living with Water" on March 21. Contact Ancilla for more information.



COMMUNITY: EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

This year, [The Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow \(NEST\)](http://www.nynest.org) with the help of NYPIRG Binghamton, are organizing the Earth Day Festival in the beautiful Recreation Park, in Binghamton, NY, on April 27th, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm! This event will highlight all of the fantastic ways we can come together to combat climate anxiety. The festival will have a pop-up thrift shop, live music, cotton candy machines, face painting, food truck vendors, and so much more.

If you are interested in finding out more about this event, please visit our website at www.nynest.org/earth-fest/ or if you would like to table at our event please fill out this form. Lastly, this event is only possible due to the generous community sponsorships of both previous and current sponsors. To show our gratitude, we will be including their logos on our promotional flyer as well as on our Earth Fest 2025 T-shirts, which will be decided through a local art competition (please see more details about how to enter this competition on our website)! We look forward to seeing you on April 27th!



The flyer features logos for NYPIRG, a globe with a clock, and NEST. The main title is "Earth Fest 2025" with the subtitle "- COMBATING CLIMATE ANXIETY -". A cartoon Earth character holding a plant is central, with a "FREE Entry" starburst. The event details are: APRIL 27, RECREATION PARK, 10 AM - 3 PM. Performances are by TBD. A circular logo at the bottom shows a horse and the text "EARTH FEST BINGHAMTON, NY".

