



Sustainability Perspectives

Fall 2023

All talks in this series take place on **Mondays** at **12:30PM**.

All presentations will be offered virtually via **Zoom**.

September 11 **Going Green – Start Where You Are**

Dan Antonioli, CEO, *Going Green*

Sustainability is a multifaceted path that is personal, professional, social, and academic. Energy, agriculture, transportation, and the built environment are but some of the areas where sustainability is seeing dramatic innovations on a global scale. Students are at the cusp of a new paradigm of “green” and participating in this movement is as easy as starting where you are. Going green does not require money, solar panels, or an advanced understanding of climate science. Today’s students are in a unique position to study, embrace, and promote a sustainable and socially just future.

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October 16 **Centering Equity: The Role of Environmental Justice in the Climate Act**

Alanah Keddell-Tuckey, Director, Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), *NY Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)*

OEJ works to address environmental issues and concerns that affect primarily low income and minority communities through grant opportunities, enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, consultation, guidance, and enhancing public participation. Mrs. Keddell-Tuckey will give an introduction to OEJ, its role at DEC, and expand on the role of OEJ in the implementation of climate justice under New York's *Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act*.

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October 23 **Opportunities for Innovation in New York’s Agrifood Ecosystem**

Sarah A. Meyer, Program Associate, *GROW-NY*

New York State is poised to lead the country in agrifood innovation. The time is ripe for new agtech solutions and leading-edge food and beverage applications to take root and grow within the state’s booming food and ag economy. *Grow-NY* and the *Center of Excellence for Food and Agriculture* at Cornell AgriTech collaborated to research and publish “A Call for Agrifood Innovation in New York State,” the state’s first-ever report on innovation opportunities in its agrifood ecosystem. Sarah will provide an overview of this report and share how *Grow-NY* convenes upstate NY’s food and ag ecosystem.

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November 6 **The Principles and Practice of New York Sustainable Winegrowing**

Justin Jackson, Sustainability Program Coordinator, *NY Wine and Grape Foundation*

Sustainability. What does it even mean? In the New York wine industry sustainability revolves around locally-focused standards ensuring environmental preservation, social equity, and financial stability. Mr. Jackson will be discussing the New York Sustainable Winegrowing program, its principles, standards, and what sustainability looks like in the New York wine industry.

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November 13 **Wildflowers and Ecological Landscaping in our State Parks and Beyond**

Maxwell McCune, Horticulture Technician, *Office of NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – Finger Lakes Region*

Max will discuss the importance of our native wildflowers and the role they play in supporting biodiversity in our area. Max will give a few examples of how the Finger Lakes State Parks have begun to utilize “Ecological Landscaping” techniques to incorporate more native and beneficial plants into Park landscapes to best support pollinator and wildlife diversity in our developed spaces. Furthermore, techniques will be discussed on how you too can create native biodiversity in whatever space you have available to you.

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December 4 **Plan to Succeed – A Case Study on Sustainability Planning at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

Brendan Woodruff, Director of Sustainability, *NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation*

The *Department of Environmental Conservation* recently released their first ever Sustainability Plan, which lays out a series of ambitious goals to lower the environmental impact of their operations and actions for how to achieve them. Mr. Woodruff will present on the importance of sustainability planning, how the plan was created, and how to carry out sustainability projects within a large and complex organization.

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All **Sustainability Perspectives** series talks are free and open to the public.