



New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse & Recycling Inc.

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Two Green School Awards Announced in Spring Round

Happy Earth Day and congratulations to the recipients of NYSAR³'s Spring 2016 Green School Grant Program.

2016 SPRING WINNERS

Auburn High School

Auburn High School will be using the grant to expand a student run recycling program. The students themselves have spearheaded this project including recruiting classmates and teachers to join them. Initially, the group will be focusing on recyclable cans and bottles that have a deposit, and the funds generated will be used by the student clubs and teams. The goal is to make this an example to be replicated in the other schools within the district to divert as many materials from the waste stream as possible. Future plans are to expand to reducing cafeteria waste via reusable trays and utensils, additional paper recycling efforts, and more.

Broadalbin-Perth School District

The Broadalbin-Perth School District is embarking on a project to both expand their existing recycling programs with additional collection containers, as well as to collect

and create upcycled products from clothing/textiles. The upcycled clothing can be re-worn or used for bags and other textile objects that will be available for sale. The proceeds from the upcycling project will go to further support green initiatives.

The program will be overseen by both the High School environmental science class and the art program. The NYSAR³ grant committee is especially pleased with the School's focus on collection and reuse of clothing/textile reuse, as this aligns well with NYSAR³'s "Re-Clothe NY" statewide textile recovery campaign.

NYSAR³ established a grant program for public and private schools Grades K-12 in 2005 for the purpose of providing seed, or start-up money for recycling/waste reduction programs in public and private schools. Since that time, over 75 NYS schools and/or school districts have benefited financially from the program, to say nothing of the environmental benefits achieved by instituting recycling/waste reduction programs in these schools.

The next round of Green School Grants will be awarded in mid-November 2016. For more information, visit the green school grant webpage.