



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

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## Fall 2015 Round of Awards

## **Four Schools are Awarded with Green Schools Grants**

Congratulations to the recipients of NYSAR3's Fall 2015 Green School Grant Program!

The Green School Grant Program provides funding opportunities for public and private schools Grades K-12 for the purpose of providing seed, or start-up money for recycling/waste reduction programs in public and private schools.

Since the program's inception in 2005, over 80 NYS schools and/or school districts have benefitted financially from the program, to say nothing of the environmental benefits achieved by instituting recycling/waste reduction programs in schools.

For the fall round of 2015, NYSAR<sup>3</sup> received a total of eight applications from schools all across New York State and awarded the top four including:

### **Carthage Central School District**

The Carthage District was awarded Green School Grant funds to support existing materials management initiatives that were initially set up through partnerships with the Development Authority of the North Country, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Carthage Village Ecumenical Society. Funds will be used to purchase materials such as a skid-steer bucket, seeds, and aquaponic fish food to support initiatives including composting of cafeteria scraps, recycling of paper and plastics, edible gardens and hydroponic/aquaponics

### **Clarkstown High School South**

This West Nyack, NY school was awarded grant funds to purchase compost bins for their sustainability curriculum with the goal of providing hands-on learning experience for students in soil health and organics diversion.

### **Chittenengo Middle School**

The Chittenengo school was awarded a green school grant to support the onset of their building-wide composting program led by the sixth-grade students. Their plans include educational assemblies, lunch period announcements, and signage and funds will be used to purchase the composting unit, collection buckets, scales, and associated supplies.

### **New Voices Middle School**

This Brooklyn school will use the Green School Grant funds, along with other awards, in order to implement a recycling program at their school that nests under a larger school greening program. The funds will be used to purchase scales that will allow students and program coordinators to measure the results and success of the program.