

Tonawanda Community Environmental Benefits Program Balloting Results

The Tonawanda Community Environmental Benefits Program community preferencing took place September 19 to 26, during which a total of 2,881 ballots were cast by eligible participants. The preferencing process was intentionally designed by the Community Foundation, the Advisory Panel and the State to ensure that all residents who were eligible to cast a ballot had the ability and opportunity to do so. To be eligible, participants had to reside in an affected community and be 16 years of age or older on the date the ballot was cast. Participants were required to cast a ballot for at least one project in each tier and allowed to cast ballots for up to 5 projects in each tier. To ensure equitable access to the process, balloting was offered both in-person at libraries and online at TonawandaFund.org. Every effort was made to ensure the public preferencing process was fair, transparent, and inclusive.

Tier 1:

The table below shows the ballot count for projects seeking support in Tier 1--\$5,000 to \$25,000. Total granting is \$169,607 for ten Tier 1 projects.

Organization	Name of Project	Number of Ballots	Grant Amount
Citizen Coalition for Wildlife and Environment	"Plant for Nature!" Ecological Gardening for Community Health and Native Plant Giveaway	1245	\$11,900
Citizen Science Community Resources	Community Victory Garden	1054	\$24,908
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	Subsidized Community Rain Barrel/Compost Bin Sale	890	\$25,000
Kenmore Village Improvement Society	Treasure our Trees and Save the Bees	867	\$10,000
Town of Tonawanda Public Library	Rain Garden and Welcoming Outdoor Space at Kenilworth Library	830	\$9,000
Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District	Tree Planting and Beautification at Thomas Edison Elementary School	793	\$6,359
City of Tonawanda Public Library	City of Tonawanda Public Library Community Reading Garden	758	\$20,000
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	Senior Focused E-Waste Collection	748	\$25,000
Thomas Edison PTA	Thomas Edison PTA Community Garden	671	\$25,000
Project Pride of North Tonawanda	Manhattan Street Rain Garden Improvements	612	\$12,440
WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable	Tonawanda Clean Production Leaders Campaign	382	\$22,000
Kenilworth United Church of Christ	Rain Barrel and Herb/Tomato Planter Workshops	378	\$19,696

Tier 2:

The table below shows the ballot count for projects seeking support in Tier 2--\$25,001 to \$250,000. Total granting is \$739,777 for four Tier 2 projects.

Organization	Name of Project	Number of Ballots	Grant Amount
Town of Tonawanda	Kenney Field Park, Multi-Use Trail, Inclusive Playground and Mural Wall	1314	\$250,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	Creating Nature Preserves, Public Access, Wildlife Habitat, Education	1274	\$160,777
Clean Air Coalition	Organizing our Environmental Justice Values in Action	975	\$99,000
Niagara River Greenway Commission	Building Stewardship and Strengthening Pride of the Tonawanda Community	892	\$230,000
Cornell University	Native Ladybugs and Plants: Restoration, Conservation, and Inspiration	784	\$97,693
City of Tonawanda	City of Tonawanda Veteran's Memorial Park Development Project	784	\$250,000
Citizen Science Community Resources	Healthy Soils, Healthy Gardens, Healthy Communities	729	\$250,000
Village of Kenmore Department of Public Works	Kenmore Tree Planting Initiative	697	\$30,000
North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens	Green Infrastructure Phase I Project	695	\$249,700
Black Rock Riverside Alliance	The Greening of Old Town and Riverside	466	\$75,500
Elmlawn Memorial Park Foundation	Elmlawn Memorial Park Arboretum	440	\$35,000
North Tonawanda City School District	North Tonawanda School District Community Garden Space	384	\$99,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County	Community in Bloom: Sustainability, Education, and Awareness	371	\$71,192