

Voting is now open for the Tonawanda Community Environmental Benefits Program!

Cast your ballot now!

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— **TONAWANDA COMMUNITY** —
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM

Time to cast your ballot!

What environmental improvements do you want for the Tonawanda Community? Residents ages 16 and up living in the Town of Tonawanda, City of Tonawanda, North Tonawanda, Village of Kenmore, Grand Island and Buffalo's Riverside neighborhood are eligible to cast a ballot now through September 26 online or in-person.

Clean Air has an exciting project up for you to vote on! Tonawanda and the surrounding region have a high concentration of current and legacy waste sites. The New York State Superfund and Brownfield remediation programs are crucial to the health, wellness, and future of our communities for generations to come, but they are often inaccessible, and full of technical jargon. In order to encourage more community members and stakeholders to participate in the remedial projects, the Clean Air Coalition will use this grant to build a first of its kind community-controlled hazardous waste mapping tool and database to map, track, and take action on hazardous waste sites in our communities. The Clean Air Coalition will also administer a "Values in Action and Organizing 101" skills training program that will teach Tonawanda residents living near toxic waste sites the scientific, public health, community organizing and power building skills they need to create lasting environmental justice changes.

Together, these two sister programs will increase community members'

access to decision making and make existing environmental cleanup programs work better for those of us living, working and playing along the fence-line of hazardous waste sites. Through community organizing skills training, education on regulatory processes, community education on the impact of hazardous waste on public health and the environment, and an accessible, accurate and community-led data mapping program, the Clean Air Coalition will use this grant to help bolster the voices and power of the community to advocate for more robust, timely, accessible, and transparent remediation programs.

[Read about the projects and get all the details on the ballot process at TonawandaFund.org](#)

The Tonawanda Community Environmental Benefit Program is an environmental grant program established from \$1 million in funding obtained as part of a consent decree between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York Office of the Attorney General, and the Tonawanda Coke Corporation (TCC) regarding various environmental violations at TCC's former facility in Tonawanda.

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