



# BUFFALO STATE

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## LaSalle Park Clean-Up



Riverside sophomores in the Aquaculture and Conservation program collaborated with Nate Drag from Alliance for the Great Lakes and Bart Roberts from UB School of Architecture and Planning to participate in a clean-up of LaSalle Park on Friday, October 25. Prior to the clean-up, students built a model watershed to learn about point and nonpoint pollution. With a calm Lake Erie in the background, Nate Drag shared with students how agriculture, transportation, and plastic pollution travels through the waterways. Students also had the opportunity to meet with Bart Roberts, who leads community meetings about the redesign of the LaSalle Park project. Mr. Roberts shared the plans for the new park with the students. Students picked up over 25 pounds of garbage in just a half an hour. After the clean-up, students sorted the litter into piles according to category and discussed some of the ways it could be prevented from entering the waterways to begin with.

Cecilia Pershyn, Buffalo State's Education Coordinator for the Blue Economy, managed the described experience for the students.

