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Media Release

The First Special Computer Drive for Repair and Reuse (Upcycling) in Warren County
Takes Place on Saturday October 18, 9 am - 11:30 am,
at the Glens Falls Farmers Market
Sponsored by Zero Waste Warren County
in collaboration with Elfun Computer Rehab

If you have unwanted computer equipment, including laptops, desktops, tablets, printers, hard drives, cables, and power cords piling up in a closet, you'll want to take advantage of this environmentally sound opportunity to donate them to a good cause. Non-functional and out of date equipment will be accepted with one exception: No cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors.

Your old computers, hard drives, printers, and other peripherals will be refurbished and donated to schools and nonprofit organizations that cannot afford new computers. All hard drives will be wiped clean.

Repair and reuse — upcycling — is superior to scrapping and recycling electronic equipment. Repair and reuse uses less energy and conserves resources far better than recycling. Repair and reuse also provides many benefits to communities.

On Saturday October 18 from 9am to 11:30am, drop off your unwanted computer equipment at the Zero Waste Warren County table under a canopy outside the new Glens Falls Farmers Market building at 57 South Street. Zero Waste Warren County volunteers will be staffing the booth.

Volunteers with Elfun Computer Rehab in Schenectady refurbish used computers and accessories and then donate them to schools and nonprofit organizations that cannot afford new computers. Since 1993, Elfun has donated over 18,000 computer systems. Equipment that cannot be rehabbed will be responsibly recycled.

"These computer collection events are very popular," said Tracy Frisch, coordinator of Zero Waste Warren County. She has been involved in three computer drives with Elfun Computer Rehab in Albany.

"People are really pleased to be able to pass along their unwanted electronic equipment to a good home," she said.

Elfun Computer Rehab accepts all computers including desktops, tablets, laptops, printers, flat screen computer monitors OVER 19 inches, and related accessories such as chargers, cables, drives, etc. Elfun does not accept CRT monitors. To learn ore about Elfun, go to www.ComputerRehab.org.

Zero Waste Warren County is the 6-year-old citizens group that puts on the Glens Falls Repair Cafe in partnership with the Crandall Public Library. Zero Waste was also behind the food scraps collection effort at the Glens Falls Farmers Market which volunteers launched in 2023 and kept going through this past winter. Zero Waste Warren County also advocates for Zero Waste infrastructure and programs at the County level, such as the food waste composting facility and central recycling facility, both of which are planned by Warren County.

If you have question in advance of the event, call Tracy at 518-692-8242 (landline). During the event, call or text Nancy at 518-932-3182.

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