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Community Meeting To Unveil Draft Upper Esopus Creek Management Plan

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will host a Community Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Phoenicia Fish and Game Club on Route 28 in Phoenicia to unveil the completed draft of the Upper Esopus Creek Management Plan. Fisheries biologist Walter Keller, geologist, Dan Davis and Cornell University Cooperative Extension staff will discuss findings and recommendations. After the presentations there will be a facilitated forum for public input and an opportunity to speak with project scientists about recommendations in the plan. Residents of the watershed, particularly streamside residents, are encouraged to attend. This draft plan is part of the work funded by a three-year contract between the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and Extension to coordinate the development of a Stream Management Plan for the Upper Esopus Creek (above the Ashokan Reservoir) in the towns of Olive and Shandaken. The process is guided by a Project Advisory Council composed of Town officials, streamside landowners, representatives of the angling and whitewater recreation community, local, county and state agencies and not-for-profits, and others. For more information about the meeting please call Michael Courtney, 845-340-3990 or contact him via email at mcc55@cornell.edu.

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