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**Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County Hires New Staff Members for Ashokan Basin Stream Management Program**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County has hired two new staff members for the Ashokan Basin Stream Management Program.

As of October 1, Elizabeth Higgins will begin as the new Project Coordinator, replacing Jeremy Magliaro who moved on to a new position in Albany last May. Elizabeth Higgins will be continuing the role of coordinating the diverse groups in the Ashokan watershed to work toward the program goals of improved stream management practices. A big part of the job will be developing a process and structure for local implementation of stream management projects for the streams feeding the Ashokan Reservoir. Elizabeth Higgins was formerly a Policy Analyst for Winrock International in Arlington, VA. and director of the Center for Rural Development at Louisiana Tech University. Most recently she has managed the Family and Consumer Science Program at Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County.

In August, Laura Weyeneth started as a new Watershed Educator who will work with Extension Educator Michael Courtney on education and outreach programs in the Ashokan Watershed. Laura comes with great enthusiasm and skills, previously working with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission and the Student Conservation Association as an educator on invasive plants.

For more information about the Ashokan Basin Stream Management Program contact Michael Courtney at 845-340-3990.

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