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Ashokan Watershed Program Sponsors Floodplain and Stormwater Conference

Do you have backyard flooding or stormwater issues? Are you a town official in the Ashokan Watershed concerned about flooding and development issues? The Ashokan Watershed Conference is designed for you! Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, a partner of the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program is hosting the First Annual "Ashokan Watershed Conference: *Floodplain and Stormwater Management for Towns and Landowners*" on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Belleayre Mountain's Overlook Lodge in Big Indian, NY.

Register now as space is limited. Conference materials, agenda and registration forms are available online at www.ashokanstreams.org. The registration cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

The conference will present tools needed for local towns, landowners, and businesses to benefit from good floodplain planning and low impact development. "Knowing these tools can save time, money and hassle in regulations, fees and property damage while also improving water quality," said Michael Courtney, educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. The event will provide a networking and training opportunity for landowners, realtors, town boards, and planning boards, developers, engineering firms, contractors and others. Municipal training credits will be available to town officials with local town approval.

A conference highlight includes speaker Bill Nechamen, the State Floodplain Manager for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, who will lead a workshop on the National Flood Insurance Program: An Introduction to Floodplain Management. Also of particular interest to town officials, a panel of funding agencies will discuss funding opportunities for stream-related projects.

Teresa Rusinek from Cooperative Extension and Mark Maseo of Maseo Landscaping, Inc. will present one of the landowner-oriented workshops titled, "Slow It Down and Soak It In," to

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demonstrate how raingardens, swales and other landscape designs can help slow and filter stormwater.

Be sure to see the full listing of the conference sessions and materials online at www.ashokanstreams.org or contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-688-3047.

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