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**Safe Routes to School National Course Offered in Kingston**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Healthy Kingston for Kids partnership is pleased to sponsor the FREE presentation of the Safe Routes to School National Course for the J. Watson Bailey Middle and Edson Elementary Schools on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 from 3:15 pm to 7:15 pm in the Library at J. Watson Bailey located at Merilina Avenue Extension in Kingston. An optional observation of student arrival will take place with the course instructor at 7:30 am on the same day. A snow date is scheduled for Monday January 10, 2011.

Join other community leaders, health and transportation professionals, law enforcement officers, parents and neighbors for this exciting opportunity for Bailey and Edson Schools. Communities across the country are using Safe Routes to School (SR2S) programs to make walking and bicycling safe and appealing ways for children to get to school. SR2S programs combine concern for safety, health and transportation issues by using education, encouragement, engineering and enforcement strategies to develop action plans for their schools.

This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills to develop sound SR2S programs based on community needs and conditions, best practices, and responsible use of resources. The course concludes with participants developing an action plan for the Bailey and Edson Schools.

Overview of course agenda:

- Setting the context: Safety, health and transportation
- Engineering strategies
- Pick-up and drop-off area strategies
- Perspectives from local stakeholders
- Walk audit of school campus and surrounding area
- Identifying challenges and solutions
- Encouragement and education strategies
- Enforcement strategies
- How communities are making it happen
- An action plan for your community

*Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities*

This course is offered FREE of charge, with pre-dinner snacks provided.

Call Kristen Wilson at 845-340-3990 by January 4, 2011 to register or register online by visiting:

<http://tiny.cc/z6nu6>

Course size is limited, so please register early.

### The instructor

Justin Booth is the Director and Founder of Green Options Buffalo. He is also the chair of the City of Buffalo's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board. Statewide he serves as the State Network Organizer for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership and is a Board Member for the New York Bicycling Coalition spearheading the local and state level adoption of "Complete Streets." In addition, Justin is a Board member of Re-Tree Western New York, the Buffalo Green Fund, and Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo. His focus has been on developing interventions focused upon enhancing quality of life through healthier built and natural environments.

Funding for the Healthy Kingston for Kids partnership is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

For more information about Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's community programs and events call 845-340-3990 or visit online at [www.cceulster.org](http://www.cceulster.org) and follow us on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

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