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**Volunteers Needed for Esopus Creek Cleanup in Phoenicia**

Spend a morning helping the environment and your community at the Esopus Creek Cleanup! Come join the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) Stream Stewards for a cleanup of the Esopus Creek on Saturday, June 12 followed by a Potluck Barbeque and entertainment for volunteer clean-up crews at the AWSMP Main Office located at **6375 Route 28, in Phoenicia (across from the former Margo's Restaurant)**.

Volunteers will meet at the AWSMP Office that morning at 9:30am and carpool to cleanup stream access sites. Gloves & trash bags will be provided for the cleanup. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes & dress appropriately for sun/rain. Prizes will be awarded to everyone and also for the most interesting trash items found!

Immediately following the clean up at 12:00pm, volunteer clean-up crews will return to the AWSMP office for the Potluck Barbeque which will feature music by singer, Peggy Atwood. Burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs & buns will be provided – Volunteers are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Stream Stewards are full and part time residents of the Ashokan Watershed who participate in a myriad of important and beneficial activities. The purpose of the program is for volunteers to get involved in stream-based projects in the community as a way to visibly model positive stream stewardship practices and assist AWSMP in carrying out a wide range of community activities.

**Please RSVP no later than Thursday, June 10 by calling Colleen Griffith at 845-688-3047 or [cas55@cornell.edu](mailto:cas55@cornell.edu).**

AWSMP is funded by NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

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