

Esopus Creek Stream Management Planning Process
Education & Outreach Working Group Meeting
CCE Phoenicia Office
Wednesday, June 14, 2006
Meeting Report

Present: Michael Courtney, Sarah Tarallo, Pat Rudge, Keith Johnson, Jenn Greiser, Ros McIntosh

Upcoming Events:

- July 22 –9am-12pm - “Testing the Waters” – ZESI

I. Community News/ Accomplishments

- Oliverea Stream Cleanup- Patti organized a very informal, simple stream clean-up on a rainy weekend. DEP was very helpful with trash pickup – 2 dump trucks full!
- Foxfire 4-H – great article in UC Press on knotweed mapping & control- thanks Patti & Jenn for organizing!

II. Schedule of Events:

- Shandaken Day Parade- Aug 28. CCE invited to have float in parade– great PR opportunity! Suggestions from group – involve youth group to build a float. Some members may help for a weekend day. Michael will follow up.
 - Pine Hill Community Center /Summer Recreation Program – Jennifer Ennist (Tn Hall or phone book)
 - Arm of the Sea?
 - For booth – Catskill Native Nursery – giveaway plants?
- Ulster County Fair – need ideas for interactive displays run by 4H youth.
 - Hudson River Estuary Program
 - Jenn has additional materials – will forward to Michael
- Zen Environmental Studies Inst. Wetland Tour – Rescheduled for Sat. Aug. 8
- Other suggested times/programs:
 - Sept. – Stream Macroinvertebrate survey training – check with Aaron
 - Late Sept/ Early Oct. – Speaker event – on trout

III. Survey-

- Include article on survey in newsletter, advertise at Town Hall

IV. Other Discussions-

- Develop set of video tapes & other materials to have a lending library in the office.

- Training of professionals involved in stream management –what are we planning? -Jenn
 - Jeremy-Challenging to get reasonable size group in one basin/justify costs
 - Jenn-Trend has been to move toward sub-basin specific trainings.
 - Michael – best time seems to be winter- is a down time for crews, etc
 - Existing plan is to:
 - § Assess need through interviews or small focus group – fall
 - § Plan during Dec/Jan – hold event in Feb.
 - Professionals for Outreach:
 - § Planners
 - § Town Supervisors
 - § Zoning Board
 - § Realtors
 - § Contractors
 - § Organizations – sports clubs, advocacy, etc.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 10AM-12PM – PLUS LUNCH PROVIDED 12PM-12:30
PHOENICIA PLAZA**