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Renewable and Sustainable Energy Conference

September 27 8:30am-12pm
Jacob Burns Film Center

Our Vision And Mission

FCWC, founded in 1965, envisions a county in which an environmental ethic defines and shapes all public and private decisions.

Our mission is to provide leadership that educates about environmental issues, advocates sound decision making, and unifies groups and individuals to protect and preserve Westchester's environment and address climate change.

FCWC Upcoming Events

FCWC, alongside a number of our member organizations and partners are pleased to announce a wide variety of programs that we are hosting and co-sponsoring this Fall. If you would like more information on any particular event, please see our Events Page on our website www.fcwc.org/events.

Greening our Towns- a networking event where municipal sustainability groups can share local green projects and best practices Co-sponsored with Greenburgh Nature Center.

Where: Greenburgh Nature Center
When: Thursday September 22 7:00- 9:30pm

To RSVP for this program, click [here](#).

Renewable and Sustainable Energy Conference - an in-depth look at renewable, sustainable and efficient energy systems, and how you can incorporate them into your building and take advantage of government funding programs. Co-sponsored with Grassroots Environmental Education, New Yorkers for Clean Power and Solarize Westchester

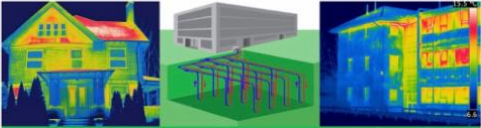
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What's all the Buzz about Pollinators?- the next in our Conservation Cafe series which will focus on the importance of pollinators, what's happening to the pollinator communities, and what you can do to bring them back to your yard.

Where: Pace University, Pleasantville Campus. Multipurpose Room in the Kessel Student Center
When: Friday October 14 8:30am-10:30am

Attention! Municipal officials, building management companies, landlords, energy consultants, and facilities managers for schools, hospitals and houses of worship!



Renewable & Sustainable Energy Conference

**Tuesday
September 27
8:30 am to noon**
Jacob Burns Film Center
Pleasantville, NY

SPEAKERS
Catherine Parker
Westchester County Legislator

Adam Flint
Binghamton Regional
Sustainability Coalition

Donovan Gordon
Director, Renewable Heating & Cooling
NYSERDA

Matt Johnston
HeatSmart Tompkins

Nina Orville
Solarize Westchester

**Free Refreshments, Exhibits
& Networking Opportunities**


*What You Need To Know
About Today's Clean
Fossil-Fuel-Free Energy Solutions*




As dirty heating oil is phased out, what are your best choices for the future? How can you incorporate truly sustainable renewables such as geothermal and heat pumps? How do they work, how much do they cost, what programs are available?

Please join us on September 27th for an in-depth look at renewable, sustainable and efficient energy systems and how you can take advantage of government funding programs.

For those who cannot attend in person, this event will be streamcast and archived (but you'll miss the amazing food, the exhibits and Q&A opportunities!)

**Admission is free, but space is limited.
Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/hcghf8m>
or call (914) 422-3141.**

Presented by:  GRASSROOTS Environmental Education

Co-Sponsors:  NEW YORKERS CLEAN POWER  FCWC  SOLARIZE WESTCHESTER

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Soil and Water Conservation Achievement Awards

The Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District and Department of Planning invite your participation in their third annual Soil and Water Conservation Achievement Awards program for 2016. The awards recognize activities and projects that best promote the voluntary conservation, management and restoration of soil and water resources in Westchester County.

The following entities may be nominated for Soil and Water Conservation Achievement Awards:

To RSVP for this program, click [here](#).

Birds, Bugs, and Bushes: The effects of Climate Change on Local Flora and Fauna - a program that will explore the impact climate change is having on our terrestrial ecosystems.

Where: Tarrytown Senior Center

When: Friday October 21 9am-11am

More information on this program coming soon!

Time is Running Out to Stop Algonquin Pipeline

There are now less than 50 days until gas starts flowing in the Spectra AIM Pipeline, just 105 feet from critical safety structures at the Indian Point nuclear facility. The proximity of this 42-inch diameter, high-pressure pipeline to a leaking nuclear power plant puts 20 million New Yorkers at risk.

The Spectra AIM pipeline is poised to transport huge quantities of fracked methane gas through New York State and New England - and to Canada for export overseas. Approval of the project was based on inadequate risk assessments; there is simply no way to safely build a pipeline adjacent to an aging and failing nuclear plant positioned on top of two earthquake fault lines.

Now it's up to Governor Cuomo to intervene and stop this pipeline. Call him today and tell him to shut this project down. Making a call is a simple act, but it has a big impact. Staffers will be tallying the calls they receive and reporting back to the governor.

1. Call 866-946-1451
2. Tell Governor Cuomo's office your name and where you live, then say: "As a constituent, I urge Governor Cuomo to protect New Yorkers by stopping the dangerous Spectra AIM Pipeline expansion. He must urge President Obama to direct FERC to halt construction immediately."
3. Ask your friends and family across New York to do the same.

Hudson River Anchorage Proposal

In June, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it was soliciting comments and concerns from the public on a proposal to establish a large number of anchorage grounds for commercial vessels in the Hudson River - 10 anchorage locations with more than 40 berths from Yonkers to Kingston - at the request of industry.

The three highest priority anchorages are a hub near Kingston, another near Newburgh, - and the site in Yonkers, which would be the largest designated parking area, with 16 spaces.

Many of these barges will be carrying crude oil up and down the Hudson River. Past experience has shown us that if crude oil happens to leak into

(1) public and private schools and school districts, including school classes and other school-supported groups (individual students are not eligible); (2) municipalities (individual agencies, boards, commissions and councils may apply); (3) county, state and federal agencies; and (4) not-for-profit organizations for activities and projects that have been carried out or completed within the past three years in Westchester County.

The deadline for submitting nominations is October 14, 2016.

A copy of the awards solicitation letter and nomination form are attached. The letter and form also are available at: www.westchestergov.com/soilwater

Last year, municipalities, an elementary school and not-for-profit organizations submitted nine nominations for activities and projects throughout the county. This year, we expect a similarly enthusiastic response.

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the Hudson, it would be extremely difficult to clean up and would impact our river ecosystem.

FCWC has joined many others throughout the Hudson Valley in submitting [comments](#) to the U.S. Coast Guard, expressing our concerns with this plan and requesting a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement be required to assess the full impact of this proposal.

There is plenty of time for you to submit your own comments. We recommend visiting Riverkeeper's [website](#) for more information, and you can [submit comments](#) until December 6.

Events

For a full list of our member organization's events and happenings, check out our Federation Calendar at www.fcwc.org/calendar. Remember to always confirm events before attending. Check back regularly as we are always updating.

Keep Our Shores Clean

Sponsored by: Central Westchester Audubon

When: Saturday, September 17, 10am

Where: Marshlands Conservancy 220 Boston Post Rd., Rye
Join Central Westchester Audubon in a larger, nationwide effort to clean up our shores! We're heading out with garbage bags, gloves and lots of enthusiasm. We hope you'll come join us to clean up the shoreline at Marshlands Conservancy. We will meet in the parking lot for a short walk down to the shoreline. Footwear that you can get wet and long pants to protect against bugs might be handy for you to bring along with your energy and desire to participate in this global clean up. Community Service hours will be awarded for participation! Rain or shine.

Indian Point and New York's Power Future

Sponsored by: Riverkeeper

When: Thursday, September 22, 7:30pm- 9:30pm

Where: Patagonia SoHo, 72 Greene St, New York, NY

Join Riverkeeper at the Patagonia SoHo store for a conversation about Indian Point nuclear power plant. Riverkeeper President Paul Gallay will discuss the future of Indian Point, and the need to close the aging plant located 34 miles from Times Square. Paul will be joined by Betta Broad from New Yorkers for Clean Power, who will discuss renewable energy sources and how New Yorkers can achieve a clean energy future. Click [here](#) for more information.

Hudson River Seining at Croton Point

Sponsored by: Saw Mill River Audubon

When: Saturday, September 24, 11:30am

Where: Croton Point Park

Join Saw Mill River Audubon for an exploration of Hudson River life by helping us seine along the Hudson shoreline! Good for all ages. No registration needed. Meet Croton Point Naturalist and SMRA Board Member John Phillips at the playground area, west of the bathing beach, at the foot of the Nature Center hill in Croton Point Park.

Breakfast with the Hawks

Sponsored by: Westmoreland Sanctuary

When: Sunday September 25 9am to 12pm
Where: Arthur Butler Sanctuary 265 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Bedford Corners
Join Westmoreland Sanctuary for a complimentary breakfast at the Hawkwatch, timed to take advantage of peak Sharp-shinned Hawk migration. Perfect for families, though all children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Easy-Moderate. Please register with Stephen Sciamé at Westmoreland at 914.666.8448 or ssciame@westmorelandsanctuary.org.

Mutts on the Mountain

Sponsored by: Westchester Parks Foundation
When: Saturday October 1 8am to 12pm
Where: Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill

5K trail race. Three miles of world class single track for you and your canine companion to tackle. T-shirts and dog bandanas will be provided to all human/canine registered participants. To [register](#).

We hope you find the information contained within this E-News relevant and useful. As always, please keep in touch and let us know your thoughts and ideas regarding environmental issues throughout the County.

Sincerely,

Federated Conservationists of Westchester County



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