



# FCWC

Federated Conservationists  
of Westchester County, Inc.

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## Meeting of Interest

### Learn How To LOVE 'EM & LEAVE 'EM

Saturday, November 12  
3:00- 4:30pm  
Eastchester Town Hall  
40 Mill Road, Eastchester, NY 10709

Wouldn't it be nice to enjoy a fall season with less raking and noisy leaf-blowing in your neighborhood and fewer leaf piles dogging the streets?

Wouldn't it be satisfying to know you were nourishing your property with valuable leaf nutrients instead of treating them like garbage to be hauled away?

Grab your landscaper & let them know about this informative event.

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## 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.

## What's Happening Around Westchester?

There are a few issues occurring in Westchester right now that FCWC is watching, and we wanted to make sure you were aware of them too.

**Westchester County Executive Astorino** has announced a \$140 million proposal to lease for 40 years, its airport to a California-based investment firm. We will be keeping our eyes on the potential environmental implications of this proposal. For more information about this, you can read the Journal News article [here](#).

**The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission** hastily okays Spectra's new plan for gas in aging pipelines under Indian Point without required safety analysis. This is a deviation from its original plan. FCWC will join with other groups to ask President Obama to halt construction of this pipeline. Read this [press release](#) for more information.

**Comments to the U.S. Coast Guard** regarding the Hudson River anchorage proposal are due before December 6. This proposal would establish a large number of new anchorages up and down the Hudson River. FCWC submitted [comments](#) back in September discussing why we oppose this proposal, and encourage you to do the same. Riverkeeper is a great [reference](#) for more information on this topic. You can submit comments by clicking this [link](#).

## FCWC is Hiring!

We are currently seeking to fill our part-time Member Relations Coordinator position.

The Member Relations Coordinator is the primary liaison between the organization and the members. This position works to cultivate a community through the annual Federation Meeting, one-on-one assistance to member organizations, FCWC's Shared Resources program, and online

For more information and/or questions about mulching-in-place, grass-cycling, and composting of leaves, go to [www.LELENY.org](http://www.LELENY.org).

Sponsored by Sustainable Westchester in conjunction with the Rye Sustainability Committee and the Eastchester Environmental Committee.

For more info call 917-497-9285 or go to [www.GreenEastchester.com](http://www.GreenEastchester.com).

Click [here](#) for the flyer for this fantastic event.

### Meeting of Interest

## Managing Street Trees: What You Should Know For Success

Thursday, December 15  
8:30am-1pm  
Westchester County Center, White Plains

This workshop will focus on the selection of appropriate street trees and discuss insects, diseases and other environmental factors and how their influence and impacts on trees can be managed and controlled.

The workshop will feature four speakers representing Cornell University's Urban Horticulture Institute, Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center-Cornell University, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Approval is pending for continuing education credits for landscape architects and arborists. Annual training certificates for members of planning boards and zoning boards of appeals will be issued. May qualify for continuing education credits from other professional organizations.

[Street Trees Workshop Flyer and Registration](#)

### Shopping With Purpose

## Raise Money For FCWC Without Even Trying!

communications. The Member Relations Coordinator is the manager of FCWC's online profile including: website, social media, blog, and electronic newsletter. This Coordinator also processes all donations, manages the donation software, directs the bi-annual appeals, and produces membership reports, among other tasks.

Interested candidates should apply by emailing cover letter and resume to [fcwc@fcwc.org](mailto:fcwc@fcwc.org). Please put 'Member Relations Coordinator' in the subject line. Review of applications will begin immediately.

Click [here](#) to see the job posting.

## Thirteen Years of Conversations on Conservation Programming

The Conservation Cafe series 'Conversations on Conservation' began in 2004 when a few groups realized we needed a forum to discuss current environmental issues impacting Westchester County. Private citizens, members of concerned organizations, municipal planners and others hear and discuss the latest information and have an opportunity to network. FCWC co-sponsors the Conservation Cafe series with

Grassroots Environmental Education, Greenburgh Nature Center, Mianus River Gorge, Pace University, Teatown Lake Reservation, and Westchester Land Trust. In 2016, we provided programming on topics related to Westchester County Airport's Terminal Use Agreement, Long Island Sound, and pollinators.



All programs are free and open to the public. They are held on Friday mornings throughout the year. We generally have three speakers at each program, followed by a panel question and answer session where the audience has a chance to dig a bit further into the discussed topics. Look for us to hold three more programs in 2017. We're currently discussing potential topics, but we promise they will be timely, relevant and of great interest to the Westchester community. If you would like to be added to the listserv announcing the Conservation Cafe programs, please reach out to FCWC and we'll be happy to add you to the list. In addition, you can find more information on current and past programming on FCWC's website at <http://www.fcwc.org/conservation-cafe> and like our [Facebook page](#) to continue to the conversation.

## Events

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

### Leatherman's Hike

**Sponsored by:** Friends of Trailside Nature Center and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

**When:** Saturday, November 12, 2pm

**Where:** Meet at the Michigan Road parking area in Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

Come and hear the lore of the Old Leather Man. Joins this annual 2.5 mile hike with renowned Storyteller Jonathan Kruk.

[Click here to start!](#)

### **Turkey Scavenger Hunt**

**Sponsored by:** Greenburgh Nature Center

**When:** Sunday, November 13, 1:30pm

**Where:** 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale

Bring your toddlers to our traditional "turkey token" hunt along a woodland trail. After the hunt, all "gobblers" enjoy snacks and nature crafts. Event held rain or shine. \$6 Members, \$9 Non-members

### **Grassroots Environmental Education's Annual Fall Fundraiser Dinner**

**Sponsored by:** Grassroots Environmental Education

**When:** Thursday, November 17, 7-9:30pm

**Where:**

Wainwright House, 260 Stuvesant Avenue, Rye

Join us for an evening of amazing organic food, fine wine and extraordinary conversation as we highlight our work of the past year and present a special lifetime award to Dr. Devra Davis. For tickets click [here](#).

### **Saving the Planet One Backyard at a Time**

**Sponsored by:** Town of Mt. Pleasant Conservation Advisory Council

**When:** Monday, November 14, 7-8:30pm

**Where:** Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Road, Pleasantville

Jen Epstein, Water Quality Program Associate at Riverkeeper, and Ryan Palmer, Director of the Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak, will present results of water quality testing done by local community members in the Pocantico and Saw Mill Rivers, to test for the presence of fecal contamination. They will discuss what the sampling results show about the effects of stormwater, and how green infrastructure can mitigate stormwater pollution, including some things people can do at home. They will also explain how people can get involved with sampling, and how to look for and report water quality problems.

### **Tradition Meets Citizen Science**

**Sponsored by:** Committee to Save Bird Homestead and Central Westchester Audubon

**When:** Saturday, November 19, 3pm

**Where:** Rye Meeting House, 624 Milton Road, Rye

Join us for a presentation by Michael Bochnik, president of the Hudson River Audubon Society, on "Tradition Meets Citizen Science: History & Trends of the Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count." Compiler for the last 25 years of the 92 year old count, he will speak about the history of Christmas bird counts and what the numbers mean. The Christmas Bird Count is rich in history, lore, and tradition, as well as nearly a century of local wintering bird data. Learn how different the bird life was in our area in the 30s and 40s, or the 60s and 70s, versus today. Discover what the data shows us about our past and what the future holds. Admission free. Donations gratefully accepted. For more information, please reply to this email or call 914-967-0099.

### **SWARM #7 on the South County Trail in Ardsley**

**Sponsored by:** Groundwork Hudson Valley and Saw Mill River Coalition

**When:** Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-3pm

**Where:** Ardsley Acres Hotel Court, 560 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley

Please join Groundwork Hudson Valley to tackle one big invasive vine area and make a BIG visible difference! Please register [here](#) so they know how many of you are coming and they can be ready. Please bring your own lunch and water. Dress in layers, wear good shoes, gloves. Bring your own tools if you can (loppers, dippers, hand saws)--we will have some available for volunteers. We'll provide hard hats and safety vests as well as hot drinks and

food.

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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