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Climate Change and the Arts

We are working on
programming related to
climate change and the
arts. If you would be
interested in getting
involved, please contact
info@fwc.org

We're hiring!

FCWC's Member Relations Coordinator

The Member Relations
Coordinator is the
primary liaison between
the organization and its
members. This position
works to cultivate a
community through the
annual Federation
Meeting, one-on-one

September 2017

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.

Coming Up Soon - FCWC's Clearwater Sail!



FCWC'S FALL BENEFIT: CLEARWATER SAIL



assistance to member organizations, and more. [Click here for the complete job description.](#)

And for more local environmental jobs, please [follow our LinkedIn page.](#)

Meetings of Interest

Westchester County Airport Public Forum

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Ethical Culture Society of Westchester
7 Saxon Woods Rd,
White Plains

Sponsored by Grassroots Environmental Education, Westchester for Change, Citizens for a Responsible County Airport (CRCA), Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC), Purchase Environmental Protective Association (PEPA), and Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group

Learn about the proposals to privatize and expand the Westchester County Airport. The forum will begin with a panel discussion and will be followed by a question & answer period.

Westchester County Legislator Ben Boykin (District 5), member of the task force considering bids for privatization, will attend the forum and answer questions about the process.

Panelists include:

* Carolyn Cunningham,

Come gather with fellow Westchester residents advocating for our environment and addressing climate change!

Enjoy cider, donuts, and a beautiful sail on the Hudson River while learning about its history and ecology. We'll be hosting two sails from 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm, departing from the historic Yonkers Pier.

We hope you'll join us! Please click the link below for more details and to purchase tickets or sponsorships:

BUY TICKETS

Special thanks to our sponsor:



Environmental Justice 101

As if the impacts of environmental issues such as climate change and pollution weren't bad enough, they can also affect some populations disproportionately more than others. For instance, research published in *Nature Scientific Reports* has shown that some countries that have emitted more greenhouse gases, including the United States, will experience fewer effects of climate change when compared to countries in Africa or island communities.

In addition to having unequal impacts on a global level, environmental issues can also impact populations differently within a community depending on factors like class, race, and more. For instance, as recounted by Bill McKibben in the *New York Times*, the Dakota Access Pipeline was initially

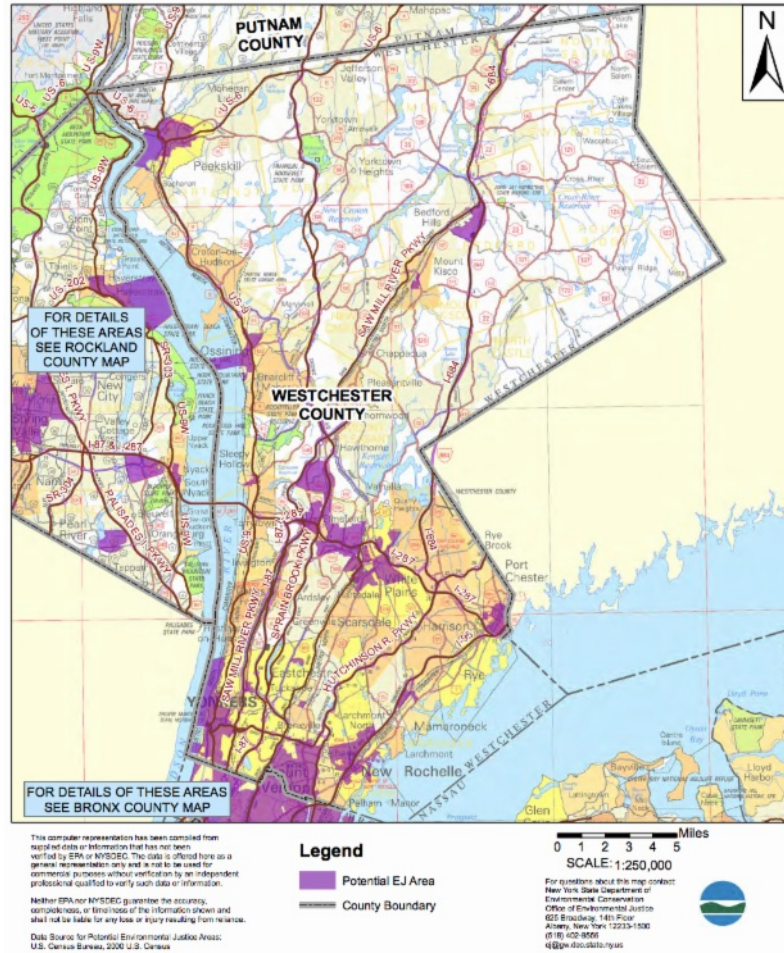
supposed to cross the Missouri just north of Bismarck, until people pointed out that a leak there would threaten the drinking water supply for North Dakota's second biggest city. The solution, in keeping with American history, was obvious: make the crossing instead just above the Standing Rock reservation, where the poverty rate is nearly three times the national average.

Federated Conservationists of Westchester County
 * Jonathan Wang, Citizens for a Responsible County Airport
 * Martin Rogowsky, Purchase Environmental Protective Association (PEPA) and former Westchester County Legislator for District 6

Moderator: Ellen Weinger, Grassroots Environmental Education

Questions? Just ask: general@rcairport.org

Potential Environmental Justice Areas in Westchester County, New York
 Click on any Potential EJ Area outlined in blue for a detailed map



This is an issue locally as well; as cited in the Washington Post, researchers at the University of Minnesota who were studying exposure to NO2 have shown that "the New York/Newark metropolitan area ranks as having the widest disparity in average exposure between lower-income minority census block groups and upper-income white ones across the entire metro area..."

Environmental justice seeks to account for these differences and ensure that all populations' voices are heard, no matter their gender, race, or other identities.

For more - including ideas for first action steps - [please check out the blog.](#)

From Around the Web

What are FCWC member organizations upto?

Here's a piece by Sheldrake Environmental Center on the swallowtail caterpillar (includes tips on what to plant to attract some to your own garden!): ["Look Into My Eyes"](#)

Over on Instagram, check out these gorgeous veggies from Hilltop Hanover Farm's CSA:



90 likes

hilltophanoverfarm Our Week 14 CSA share is filled with the rich colors of late summer. In this weeks share: mustard greens, Siberian kale, arugula, eggplant, potatoes, onions, sweet peppers, hot peppers, string beans, summer squash, heirloom tomatoes, and cherry tomatoes! Can't wait to get in the kitchen! #csa #hvcsa #hudsonvalleycsa #eatlocalgrown #locallygrown #buylocal #knowyourfarmer #knowyourfood #westchester #hudsonvalley #ny #hilltophanoverfarm #friendsofhfarm

And to test out your climate change knowledge, check out this one-question quiz over on the New York Times about the most impactful way to combat climate change: "[If You Fix This, You Fix a Big Piece of the Climate Puzzle](#)"

For a complete list of climate solutions, ranked from most to least greenhouse gas emissions, [click here for a chart created by Drawdown.](#)

Events

For a full list of our member organizations' 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.

Bird Trivia-Part 2

Sponsored by: Hudson River Audubon

When: Wednesday, September 27th, 7:00pm Refreshments, 7:30pm Program

Where: Lenoir Nature Preserve, Yonkers

In a continuation of last year's popular program, Hank Weber will again fascinate you with interesting bird facts and tidbits - a combination of science and trivia. You may know him as the former owner of the Wild Bird Center on Central Ave. or from his articles in Bird Watcher Digest magazine. Hank provides little-known details in a light-hearted and appealing fashion. Learn little-known, but amazing facts about our feathered friends!

Beginner Bird Walks

Sponsored by: Central Westchester Audubon Society

When: Sunday, October 1st, 9:00am

Where: Read Sanctuary, meet before the gate in the Playland parking lot

Come take a stroll with Lisa and Chris! We're heading out again to see what there is to see ~ this is not a competition nor are we seeking to find the most unusual bird of the year. Our goal, if you care to join us, is to see the beauty around us, get comfortable with both spotting and identifying. We have loaner binoculars if you need a pair.

All walks in this grouping will be on Sundays, starting at 9:00 AM. Lisa and Chris both drive red SUVs so you can't miss us! If the weather is not cooperating we will post our cancellation on Facebook at 6am.

You might get an extra treat if you show up....Lisa is known to bake something for an extra special start but we're not making any promises!

Westchester County Executive Environmental Candidate Forum

Sponsored by: Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University Environmental Law Program and the Pace Energy and Climate Center

When: Wednesday, October 11th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Pace Law School Moot Court Room, White Plains

As someone who cares about the environment, we know you won't want to miss NYLCVEF's candidate forum in your community. By listening to and learning about local candidates' environmental priorities, you can be more confident that your vote will help elect politicians who will support environmental initiatives in Westchester County and across the state. [RSVP here.](#)

Free Field Walk

Sponsored by: Native Plant Center

When: Saturday, October 14th, 9:00am - 10:00am

Where: Meet at the Welcome Center, Rockefeller Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville, NY. There is a \$6 per vehicle parking fee.

Join The Native Plant Center on field walks this fall to learn about native plants on location at these partnering organizations. No pre-registration is necessary. Rain cancels the event.

Explore the meadow and woodlands surrounding Swan Lake. Learn about native plants and invasive species and what Rockefeller Preserve is doing to promote and manage both.

Got a minute? Here are three quick ways to help us out (for free!):

- 1. Follow us on social media:** [Like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#) to get updates throughout the month about local events, action alerts, environmental stories and more!
- 2. Help us with your purchases:** If you're already planning on making a purchase through Amazon, simply use smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. On your first visit, select FCWC as your organization to support. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to FCWC at no cost to you. Every bit adds up!
- 3. Share with your friends:** Find yourself forwarding our newsletter to your friends? [Please send this link to them](#) so they can sign up too!

Already doing all that? Thank you so much - we really appreciate your support! Please consider becoming a member if you aren't already; [here's a link with more information!](#)

Become a Member!

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