



FCWC

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New! Follow us on LinkedIn

Are you searching for an environmental job or have one to share? [Follow our new LinkedIn page](#) for job postings, event updates, and more!

Call for Young Environmental Leaders!

We are working on programming for young environmentalists and would love your help! If you or someone you know would be interested in learning about opportunities to get involved, please contact info@fcwc.org

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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.

FCWC's 52nd Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is an opportunity to gather with environmentalists across the County and to honor a few activists for their advocacy work.

This year's Annual Meeting was held right on the Hudson River at the Center for the Urban River at Beczak (CURB) - we're incredibly grateful to them for hosting us! We were also thrilled to honor the following awardees:

- **Ruth and Seymour Klein Foundation** for their longstanding commitment to supporting FCWC's mission and work. For the past seventy years, foundation giving has focused on education, the arts, and the environment.
- **We Future Cycle** for their work with young people to encourage schools to recycle. They aim to create waste-free schools by implementing robust recycling and composting programs to teach students to "source separate" their waste. [Click here to learn more about their work.](#)
- **Victoria Barrett** for her environmental activism. A high school senior, she is one of 21 young people who are plaintiffs in the climate change lawsuit against the federal government, which alleges that the government violated their constitutional rights by knowing about climate change and ignoring its damaging impact. [Click here to watch an interview with Victoria.](#)

Meeting of Interest

Rally to Oppose Airport Privatization and Expansion

Monday, July 17th
5:30pm
Outside of the Board of Legislators Building
148 Martine Ave, White Plains

Co-sponsored by: Citizens for a Responsible Airport, the Sierra Club, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Purchase Environmental Protective Association, Grassroots Environmental Education, Food & Water Watch, Westchester for Change, and We Persist

From the Citizens for a Responsible County Airport [Facebook page](#):

"We need as many to gather together to support the growing opposition to airport privatization just ahead of the next Board of Legislators meeting on Mon July 17th at 7PM (enter building by 6:30).

The Board of Legislators meeting comes the weekend after bids for the airport come in on Fri July 14th. Media will be present. A large coalition of diverse groups will be present."

For more updates, please like the Citizens for a Responsible County Airport [Facebook page](#) and sign up for updates on the [new website](#).

Save the Date



Annual Meeting 2017

More photos available on [our Facebook page!](#)

What You Can Do About the Westchester County Airport

At the Westchester County Board Of Legislators meeting on June 19th, local residents took a stand against the potential privatization of the Westchester County Airport (WCA). We're grateful to everyone who contributed to coordinating such a large turnout and to all who made statements.

[Here's an article](#) by Matt Coyn from the *Journal News* about the meeting, including a short video providing a recap of the privatization issue.

Interested in becoming more involved? Here are a few places to start:

- Like the [Facebook page](#) for the newly created "Citizens for a Responsible County Airport," a new coalition that FCWC has joined.
- Visit the new coalition website at craairport.wordpress.com and sign up for email updates specifically about this issue.

Here are some more ways to take action (suggestions via [Change.org](#)):

- **Have 1 minute?** [Sign this petition](#) to stop privatization of the WCA.
- **Have 5- 10 minutes?** Call your County legislator ([search for your legislator here](#)).
- **Have a bit more time?** [Click here to print out a paper petition](#) and get it signed by your neighbors: "With enough signatures, [it] would require the county to put some terms of the privatization to a popular vote. You can print out the paper petition, sign it and share it with your neighbors, then contact us at no.airport.privatization@gmail.com to arrange a suitable date/time/place to pick it up."

Conservation Café: "Pesticides All Around Us"

Around 35 people attended "Pesticides All Around Us," a panel presentation and interactive discussion at Pace University's Pleasantville Campus, held on June 2, 2017. Topics included the possible health impacts of pesticides, ways to engage community members and local officials in reducing pesticide use, and the political landscape of pesticide regulation.

Speakers included Patti Wood, Founder and Executive Director of Grassroots Environmental Education; Sara Goddard, Chair of Rye Sustainability Committee; Peter DeLucia, Assistant Commissioner of Westchester County Department of Health; and Mike McCall, Pest Management Coordinator.

FCWC's Fall Clearwater Sail

Sunday, September 24,
2017
10:00am - 1:00pm and
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Clearwater, Yonkers

This fall, FCWC will be
hosting two sails aboard
Clearwater!



Photo by National Park
Service

Please join
environmentalists from
across Westchester
County as we sail the
Hudson River. More
details coming soon!

Here are just a few of the topics that were discussed at this incredibly informative panel and Q&A session:

- Specific examples of how to work with neighbors, local officials, and more on creating "healthy yards" within our communities
- How to avoid the use of pesticides and still keep ticks and mosquitoes away
- The first steps you can take to get started with natural landscaping in your own yard

[Please visit the blog for a complete recap.](#)



"Pesticides All Around Us" at Pace University

[Conservation Café](#) offers a forum for constructive dialogue about current environmental issues.

Co-sponsored by Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Grassroots Environmental Education, Greenburgh Nature Center, Mianus River Gorge, Pace University, Teatown Lake Reservation, and Westchester Land Trust

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.

Winged Jewels of the Forest: Photography Exhibit

Sponsored by: Saw Mill River Audubon

When: The gallery exhibition will be on view daily from Sunday, June 18 through Sunday, July 30, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Where: Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Photographic exhibit of songbirds with birdsong installation in Rockefeller State Park Preserve's Gallery reveals the diversity and beauty of native birds of the Preserve and features nine photographers who shadow them.

Featured photographers include several SMRA members and friends including Anwar Alomaisi, Kyle Bardwell, Bill Golden, Ed Mertz, Jeff Seneca, and SMRA board member Christine McCluskey. Bird songs by Evan Edelbaum are also featured. Visit sawmillriveraudubon.org for more information.

Westmoreland Volunteer Corps Work Days

Sponsored by: Westmoreland Sanctuary

When: Sunday, July 9th, 10:45am

Where: Westmoreland Sanctuary, Mount Kisco

Westmoreland is offering monthly Volunteer Corps conservation work days. These are a great opportunity to help with Westmoreland's conservation efforts and to learn about conservation and wildlife. This is great for students needing community service hours as well. These work days are open to all volunteers ages 16 to adults. Come once or join us each month and be part of our regular Volunteer Corps.

Interested volunteers can also email Steve Ricker, Director of Conservation and Wildlife Management at sricker@westmorelandsanctuary.org to learn more.

Your Investments, Your Values

Sponsored by: Greenburgh Nature Center

When: Wednesday, July 12th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Greenburgh Nature Center, Scarsdale

Refreshments 7:00pm | Program 7:30pm

You may have heard about investment dollars giving more than a financial return: Sustainable Investing, Social Responsible Investing, Impact Investing, and Community Investing. You can have your investments embrace your values and needs. Practitioners of "values needs" investing will talk about Slow Money NYC, Local Farms Fund and global investing. Presenters: Steve Fondiller, Chair of the Board, Local Farms Fund; Amy Pender, Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Advisor with Natural Investments. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Visit greenburghnaturecenter.org for more details.

Garden Tour: Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, New York

Sponsored by: Bedford Audubon Society

When: Saturday, July 22nd, 8:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Depart Bylane Farm at 8:00am

At Innisfree we'll focus on design, in a garden that drew from Japanese and Chinese gardens to create "a distinctly American stroll garden-a sublime composition of rock, water, wood, and sky," very different from the Farrand gardens we have been exploring. Level of physical difficulty: Easy to moderate. Depart Bylane Farm at 8am. Program fee: \$10, admission, \$8. Register with Susan at info@bedfordaudubon.org or 914.302.9713.

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!](#)

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

