



# FCWC



## **The Future of Westchester's Parks, Sanctuaries, and Nature Centers** **January 23, from 10 am to 12 pm**

This roundtable is designed for staff and volunteers at county parks, private parks and reserves, and nature centers and for anyone else concerned about preserving natural habitat and wildlife in Westchester. There will be a general and open-ended discussion about the major resources at the various parks and preserves, and the problems in preserving habitat and biodiversity. In particular, the discussion will include the resilience and challenges of climate change.

Actions and solutions that are being or will be implemented will be shared among the participants. The initial goals are to identify the common problems, compile a list of actions that do or don't work, and compile a list of resources and references that will be disseminated through the FCWC website, E-news and through the participants' networks. Future goals will be to organize a conference on natural areas and invite experts to address the issues raised by this roundtable.

### Topics

1. What are your major resources? What resources do you want to protect?
2. What are your top problems?
3. What actions/solutions are you implementing now?
4. What plans do you have to adapt to/recover from impacts of climate change?

### Think about

1. Resilience and health
2. Diversity
3. Convincing boards of directors

### **Goals of this program include**

- a. Identify common problems
- b. Start a network, facilitate communications.
- c. Start compiling list of actions to alleviate these problems.
- d. Send report to county – how will the county assist?

### **Outcomes of this program**

1. Education to promote better practices.
2. Start a plan - List of actions that work and that don't.
3. Resource and reference links.
4. Disseminate information on our website, E news.
5. Organize future workshops/conference on natural areas with experts to address issues raised by this workshop.