

Floods or Flowers

How to Manage
Stormwater
AND
Create a Beautiful Garden

Date: Tuesday February 10, 2009

Time: 6:45 to 9:00 PM

Location: Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy 1499 New Scotland Road Slingerlands NY. (Located in the Slingerlands Methodist Church between the Tollgate and Price Chopper Plaza)

Please RSVP by February 9 so we can have enough materials available.

For more information: Call Jill Knapp, Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy at 436-6346

Participants:

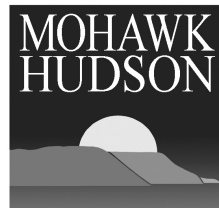
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Stormwater Coalition of Albany County
Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

Working to preserve the distinct natural, scenic, agricultural and cultural landscapes of the Mohawk Hudson region

We protect open spaces that provide scenic views, plant and animal diversity, clean air and water, and recreational opportunities.

We do this by owning and managing preserves for public benefit, helping owners protect their properties by holding conservation agreements, and working with public agencies and other groups to enhance our region's beauty and quality of life. Since our founding in 1992, the Conservancy has preserved over 1700 acres in Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties.

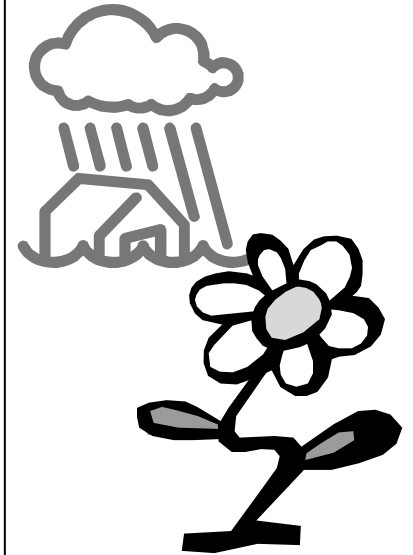


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It seems like the frequency of rain storms causing significant flooding has increased. The summer of 2008 had more than its “normal” share of down pours. While we can’t control the weather, we can control the runoff from these storm events.



Stormwater runoff does more than cause flooding. It also affects the quality of our streams and lakes AND the quantity of our unseen groundwater supplies

But there is something **YOU** can do about it. Join us for an informative evening that will get you thinking about those April showers and how you can use them to beautify your yard and reduce stormwater runoff!

Speakers:

Nancy Heinzen, Stormwater Program Coordinator, Stormwater Coalition of Albany County, since 2005.

Nancy has taught science at both the college and junior high levels. While teaching at Voorheesville Jr/Sr High School, she recruited three school districts to participate in a student stream monitoring program. She also served as Naturalist Instructor at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar. Nancy has a M.A. in Geography and an M.S. in Secondary Education from UAlbany. She has a B.A. in Biology from Reed College and has a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis, 2004 and is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control-In Training. (

Susan Pezzolla, Master Gardener Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County.

Susan is a Community Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Albany County, New York. She works primarily in consumer horticulture and coordinates the Master Gardener volunteers. CCE’s gardens serve as outdoor classrooms to teach good gardening practices. In 2008 she worked on a demonstration rain garden project for Albany County.

Agenda

6:45 to 7:00

Sign in, Refreshments

7:00 to 7:15 Jill Knapp

Welcome and Introduction to Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

7:15 to 7:45 Nancy Heinzen

The facts about storm water runoff and its impacts on water quality and quantity.

7:45 to 8:45 Susan Pezzolla

Creating a Rain Garden

8:45 to 9:00

Questions and Answers

9:00 Adjourn.



Stormwater Coalition of Albany County

Managing stormwater is a challenging responsibility, especially in urbanized areas where runoff from rain and melting snow can flow over paved areas into our lakes and streams. In order to address stormwater runoff issues, and comply with state regulations, Albany County and 11 regulated municipalities formed, via an inter-municipal agreement, the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County. The purpose of the coalition is to implement shared stormwater management goals, which include educating the public and facilitating public participation activities related to stormwater pollution. Coalition members include Albany County, City of Albany, Town of Bethlehem, City of Cohoes, Town of Colonie, Village of Colonie, Village of Green Island, Town of Guilderland, Village of Menands, Town of New Scotland, Village of Voorheesville, and the City of Watervliet.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, established in 1917, links unbiased, research-based knowledge to county residents, families, businesses and communities by providing practical education addressing economic, societal, environmental and agricultural issues and concerns.

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is a local governmental subdivision established under state law to carry out a program for the conservation, use and development of soil, water and related resources. Created on May 14, 1945 by the Albany County Board of Supervisors, the District has been providing county residents assistance for over 60 years. District programs provide information, service, and technical/financial assistance to agricultural, rural, urban and suburban constituents.
