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Upcoming/Ongoing Events:

- **Save Energy, Save Dollars Workshop:** Wednesday, September 11, 2013: 6:00 - 8:00 PM; Dover Plains Library, Wingdale. Come to learn new and easy ways to save money on your energy bills by increasing your energy efficiency. For more information/to register: <http://saveenergysavedollarsdover.eventbrite.com/>
- **CCE Conference: Local and Regional Options for Energy and Climate Change:** September 13, 2013: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Villard Room, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. This conference will highlight energy education resources, foster community-based energy planning and decision-making, stimulate strategic thinking about various options, and will ideally motivate communities to take actions. For more information/to register: <http://energyclimateresiliency.eventbrite.com/>
- **Family Fishing Day:** September 21, 2013: 1:00 – 4:00 PM; Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg. Family-friendly, all ages, free use of fishing equipment. For information: (845)-889-4745 x 109. For more upcoming events, see the **DEC Calendar of Events:** <http://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/>

Get Outdoors!

- **Outdoor Discovery Newsletter:** September issue: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/93172.html>
 - **Outdoor Tip of the Month:** When hiking any trail system, make sure to sign the trail register before beginning your hike and after you have finished.
- **Hudson River Almanac:** The Hudson River Almanac is a natural history journal, updated weekly, that encompasses the Hudson River, from the Adirondacks to New York Harbor. To view the almanac, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25611.html>
- **WAVE (Wadeable Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators) Program:** This program, which runs from July 1-September 30, 2013, allows citizen scientists to conduct water quality assessments to assist the DEC in determining water quality throughout various wadeable streams in NYS. For more information, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/92229.html>
- **Trees for Tribs Program:** Young Trees and Shrubs Looking for Good Streamside Homes: The NYS DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program's "Trees for Tribs" Program is accepting applications for October and early November plantings. The program provides free native trees, shrubs, and other materials for sites along streams in the Hudson River estuary watershed. For more information/to apply, contact Beth Roessler at (845)-256-2253 or baroessl@gw.dec.state.ny.us, or visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html>.

Green Living Tip of the Month: September, 2013

- Is a solar lease right for you? Find out by investigating the pros and cons for your home!
 - **MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** More Green Living Tips: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>

Resources/Materials:

- **New State Fact Sheets on Household Energy Use:** Find out how your state compares to national and regional standards in terms of household energy use (through the U.S. Energy Information

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Administration's Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS)). New York State's fact sheet:
http://www.eia.gov/consumption/residential/reports/2009/state_briefs/pdf/ny.pdf

EPA Resources:

- **EPA's Climate Change Website:** Explore climate change impacts and adaptation for your region through this website: <http://epa.gov/climatechange/impacts-adaptation/index.html>

Environmental Notice Bulletins for Dutchess County:

Blue Green Algal Bloom Notice: August 27, 2013: Town of Dover; Ellis Pond (confirmed- large localized).
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/83310.html>

SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) - The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) receives applications to renew permits for SPDES. Under SPDES, the NYS DEC can control wastewater and stormwater discharges in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

- **September 4, 2013**
 - **SEQR Notice:** http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20130904_not3.html
 - **City of Poughkeepsie:** Deadline for comments: September 18, 2013
 - **DEC Completed Applications:** http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20130904_reg3.html
 - **Town of East Fishkill:** Deadline for comments: September 19, 2013
- **August 28, 2013**
 - **DEC Completed Applications:** http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20130828_reg3.html
 - **Town of Rhinebeck:** Deadline for comments: September 12, 2013
- **August 21, 2013**
 - **DEC Completed Applications:** http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20130821_reg3.html
 - **Town of East Fishkill:** Deadline for comments: September 20, 2013
- **August 14, 2013**
 - **SPDES Renewals:** http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20130814_spdes.html#3
 - **Town of Fishkill:** Deadline for comments: September 13, 2013
 - **Town of Hyde Park:** Deadline for comments: September 13, 2013
 - **Town of Pawling:** Deadline for comments: September 13, 2013