

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY PROGRAM MONTHLY BLOG POST

JANUARY, 2014

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DUTCHESS COUNTY (CCEDC)

UPCOMING/ONGOING EVENTS:

Highlighted Event:

Bald Eagles and Winter Waterfowl:

Saturday, January 11, 2014: 1:00 p.m., Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg, NY. Presented by NYSDEC Estuary Naturalist Tom Lake, this program is free, family-friendly, and for all ages. Call: (845) 889-4745 x 109.



BALD EAGLE

- **36th Annual National Bald Eagle Survey:** Runs from Wednesday, January 1 - Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Dates for the Hudson River watershed are **Friday, January 10 – Saturday, January 11, 2014**. If you are interested in providing your own data, e-mail Tom Lake, NYSDEC Naturalist, at trlake7@aol.com to receive a PDF copy of the data collection form. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be collecting the data.
- **Climate Smart Communities Webinars:** <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>
 - **Thursday, January 9, 2014:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Adaptation Planning: Kingston Tidal Waterfront Flooding Task Force. For more information, click on the link above and scroll to “Climate Smart Communities Webinar Series.”
- **Winter Wonders Walk:** Saturday, January 18, 2014: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg, NY. Enjoy a two mile walk and take in winter wildlife. Call: (845) 889-4745 x 109.
- **DOE Webinars:**
 - **Thursday, January 9, 2014:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.; Efficient Hot Water Distribution I - What’s at Stake: Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/895518521>
 - **Tuesday, January 14, 2014:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; The 2014 Version of the Home Energy Scoring Tool. The Home Energy Score lets homeowners compare their homes’ energy usage with homes across the nation, and also offers recommendations to improve homes’ energy efficiency. Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/802247776>
 - **Wednesday, January 29, 2014:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Renewable Energy Market Update. Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/438563801>
 - **Thursday, January 30, 2014:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.; Efficient Hot Water Distribution II - How to Get it Right. Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/490932777>

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GET OUTDOORS!

- **Outdoor Discovery Newsletter:** January, 2014:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/95070.html>
 - **Outdoor Tip of the Month:** The rule of thumb for walking on a frozen waterbody is that the solid ice should be at least 3-4 in. thick; ice thickness varies for each waterbody, so be sure to adjust accordingly. For more on ice safety:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7733.html>
 - **Highlights include: Pheasant hunting** at Whitney Point and **Ice fishing** in New York State. Dutchess County Ice Fishing spots:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31153.html>
 - **Watchable Wildlife:** Take a look at the DEC's Watchable Wildlife webpage to find a list of sites where you can view wildlife in New York State, what to look and listen for, and a list of common wildlife species in New York State.
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/55423.html>
- **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>

Green Living: January, 2014

- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Green Living Tips Winter:
 - **Tip of the month:** Plan for spring with the DEC's Spring Seedling Sale beginning January 2, 2014. The sale offers over 40 types of trees and shrubs, which provide various benefits, such as shade, erosion control, and food and habitat for wildlife. For more information:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9395.html>
 - Check out more **Green Living Tips** - like how to prepare for winter power outages:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9395.html>
 - **Myth Busters:** Click for the latest myth that DEC experts have busted on common misunderstandings of LED (light emitting diode) light bulbs:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
- **EPA GoGreen! Newsletter: January, 2014:**
<http://www2.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen>
 - **Highlights include:** The **Tip of the Month** and **Ways to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.**

Abbreviations:

NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
DOE: Department of Energy



THE HUDSON RIVER

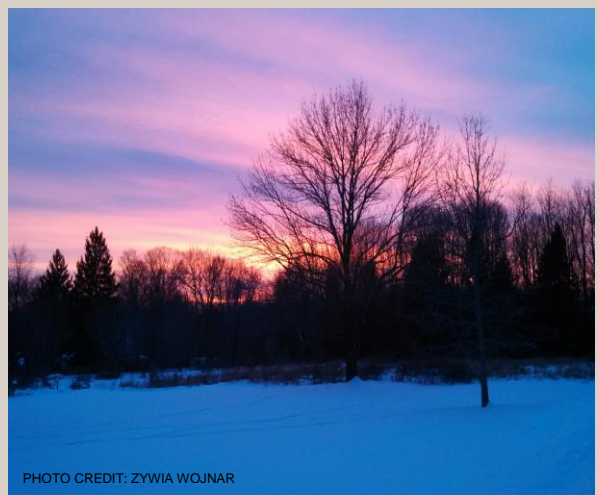


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New York Extension Disaster Education Network (NY EDEN): Click on the logo above to access the NY EDEN website for more information and resources on disaster and emergency preparedness and prevention. Check future blog posts for more updates on NY EDEN and the resources it provides.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE BULLETINS FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

Environmental Notice Bulletins include SEQR and related notices, SPDES renewals, and completed DEC applications, as well as other related environmental notices for the county of Dutchess.

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 DEC can control wastewater and stormwater discharges in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

December 31, 2013

- **SEQR Notice:** Town of Poughkeepsie. Deadline for comments: January 30, 2014
http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20131231_not3.html
- **SPDES Renewals:** Town of Red Hook. Deadline for comments: January 31, 2014
http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20131231_spdes.html#3
- **DEC Completed Applications:** Village of Millbrook. Deadline for comments: January 16, 2014
http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20131231_reg3.html

RESOURCES/MATERIALS:

- **Get Involved!** The DEC is in search of landowners to help with a Wild Turkey Survival Study beginning in January. The findings of this study on survival rates of wild turkeys will enhance wild turkey management in New York State. Any landowners interested in participating in the survey can find more information here: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48756.html>
- **The ENERGY STAR Current:** This EPA blog provides ways to save money on energy bills, how to weatherize your home and more on the ENERGY STAR programs and rating.
<http://blog.epa.gov/energystar/>
 - **Highlight:** Check out the greener gadgets website for more information on where to recycle electronics, and for a calculator that estimates the energy usage of electronics in your home and compares it to the U.S. household average:
<http://www.greenergadgets.org/>
- **EPA Burn Wise:** The EPA's Burn Wise program stresses the importance of burning the right kind of wood and in the right way, including in the proper wood-burning device, to ensure the protection of homes, health, and the air:
<http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/>
- **EPA Free "Green" Apps:**
 - **EPA's SunWise UV Index (iOS, Android, and Blackberry):** Check hourly and daily UV forecasts to help protect your skin. Get the app:
<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/mobile/>
 - **EPA AIRNow (iOS and Android):** Access real-time air quality information for ozone and fine particle pollution. Get the app:
<http://m.epa.gov/apps/airnow.html>. Learn more about AIRNow: <http://www.airnow.gov/>
 - **EPA iWARM (iOS, Android, and Blackberry):** Estimate the amount of energy you save by recycling everyday items. The app converts those savings into an electricity equivalent, and provides estimates of how long that energy will run typical household appliances. Get the app:
<http://m.epa.gov/apps/warm.html>. Learn more about iWARM:
<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/iwarm/index.htm>
- **DOE Energy Activities for Kids Pinterest:**
<http://www.pinterest.com/energy/energy-activities-for-kids/>

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Check it out:

Check out the Environment and Energy Program's blog post every month to learn more about: upcoming events, outdoor recreation, green living tips, environmental resources and materials, and environmental notice bulletins for Dutchess County.

The blog post is published the first Friday of every month and is posted on the homepage of CCE Dutchess County's website.

Please feel free to share with friends, family and co-workers!



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