

Free Riparian Buffer Workshop aboard the Delaware & Ulster Railroad July 31

Arkville - Join the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for its First Annual Riparian Buffer Workshop on Saturday, July 31.

This free workshop will take place onboard the Delaware & Ulster Railroad's round-trip service from Arkville to Roxbury along the scenic East Branch of the Delaware River.

This is a fun and exciting opportunity for landowners and community

members alike to learn about the importance of riparian (streamside) areas, how proactive management can protect streamside property and water quality, and various techniques for restoring and improving riparian buffers.

This unique event will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Arkville railroad station where participants will board the train after a brief introduction to the function of riparian buffers. Along the way to

Roxbury, participants will be able to observe a variety of streamside habitats and associated management practices while experts discuss the many benefits of healthy and native riparian areas. Passengers will have the opportunity to learn how to enhance stream banks along their property by incorporating native Catskill vegetation, and to discuss riparian management and ask questions at their leisure. The train is due back in

Arkville by 4 p.m. at which time staff will answer any remaining questions.

The Riparian Buffer Workshop is being offered through the SWCD's Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI). The CSBI program offers assistance to streamside landowners within the West-of-Hudson NYC watershed. Landowners and community members with property along a stream or an interest in riparian management or stream

stewardship are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 23. Space is limited and reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register for this workshop please contact Catherine Skalda or Adam Stewart at 607-865-5223.

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