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News Release

Panel Presentation at Westchester County's Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center: "Conservation Opportunities & Resources for Farmers"

When and Where?

Thursday, October 14th, 9:00 am -12:00 noon
Westchester County's Hilltop Hanover Farm - Building F
1271 Hanover Street
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Join us at Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center and learn what resources you and your farm or forestland might be missing out on! The workshop is free and light snacks and beverages will be provided. A diverse panel of speakers representing various local agencies and organizations will each briefly highlight resources and opportunities relevant to farming, forest management, land conservation, environmental protection and alternative energy. The topics include:

- **Hilltop Hanover Farm Fall Programs and Calendar of Events.** Lucille Munz, Farm Director, Westchester County
- **Water Quality Protection Programs for Farm and Forest Lands in the NYC Watershed.** Carrie Davis, Agricultural Program Coordinator, Watershed Agricultural Council
- **Cornell's Resources for Soil Health Management.** Anna Snider, Resource Educator, Westchester County Cornell Cooperative Extension
- **Converting to organic? Looking to conserve wildlife habitat, wetlands and protect water quality? NRCS Programs can help.** Sarah Kron, Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- **Get connected with idle farmland and other producers: Farmer-Landowner Match Program and the Farmer Network.** Eileen Hochberg, Director of Conservation Outreach, Westchester Land Trust
- **County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and you.** Lauri Taylor, District Manager, Putnam County SWCD
- **Alternative energy opportunities for farmers.** Violet Stone, Communications Specialist, Cornell Small Farms Program

This will be a great opportunity for all types of farms to get a sampling of the local programs and technical assistance available to help you achieve your sustainability, productivity and conservation goals on your land. Please RSVP with the number of attendees to croton@nycwatershed.org by October 12th.

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