



Fall 2013

THE 'SHED SHEET

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CHAUTAUQUA WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

CWC SEEKS TO CONSERVE WHITNEY POINT & BAY SITES



The CWC is working to conserve 11 acres of waterfront with over 9 acres and 400 feet of wetland lakeshore at Whitney Bay and to conserve and restore a 0.7 acre parcel at the tip of Whitney Point (adjacent to the old mouth of Prendergast Creek) to natural wetland habitat conditions. These two sites possess well over 1,000 feet of waterfront edge habitat on the lake and adjacent creek backwaters which provide valuable scarce lake wetland habitat for a variety of waterfowl, frogs, turtles, snakes and fish. Conserving the Point site will bring CWC's Prendergast Creek Wetland Preserve to seven acres in size.

CWC is seeking funding and conservation agency partners to conserve both sites. We have launched the Save Our Shores Whitney Bay and Point Conservation Campaign to raise funds for both sites and, to date, have raised \$40,000 for the Whitney Bay site and

\$50,000 for the Whitney Point Site! For more information on these sites or to donate to this campaign, visit our website and Facebook page.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM ARRESTS POLLUTION TO CONTROL LAKE ALGAE & PLANT PROBLEMS

For the last two years, Chautauqua Lake and its watershed have been the beneficiary of the CWC's **Chautauqua Lakes Watershed Conservation Stewardship Program**, funded with grants from the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation and New York State Environmental Protection Fund Conservation Partnership Program administered by the NYSDEC and the Land Trust Alliance, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and Chautauqua County. The CWC partnered with the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission on this program. The primary purposes of this program were to publicize the recommendations of the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan, begin Plan implementation and accelerate the rate of land conservation supporting the priority projects of the NY State Open Space Conservation Plan - namely, conserving Chautauqua Lake shore lands, tributaries and scenic vistas.

With this funding, CWC was able to hire 3 part-time conservationists (equivalent to one full-time staff person) to undertake different conservation outreach activities and produce multiple lake and watershed stewardship materials and messages to aid in the dissemination and implementation of the Watershed Management Plan. Conservationist Jane Conroe, with the assistance of Deb Naybor, has led efforts to engage individual lakeshore property owners, *(continued on page 3)*



CWC Conservationists
Jane Conroe, David Anderson
and Tricia Bergstue

Special Insert: Chautauqua Lakes Watershed Conservation Stewardship Program



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Message from the President

One of my favorite spots on Lake Chautauqua is the area around Prendergast Creek. It has always been a place of natural beauty and calm, whether we are fishing, paddling among the lily pads, or going up the creek to get gas and hoping to catch glimpses of wildlife as we carefully navigate the shallows. There are always birds, often herons and egrets, turtles on logs, and fish you can spy through the water. Years ago, we would raise the motor and see how far we could travel up the creek. It is a place where you can truly commune with nature.

I think of that beauty daily as I drive north on Route 394, pass the long-closed Snugs, and see the steadily eroding banks and exposed pipeline that border Prendergast Creek. We know from the Watershed Management Plan adopted by Chautauqua County that much of the algae and weed growth in the lake is caused by nutrients and sediment that flows from major tributaries, particularly Goose Creek, Bemus Creek and Prendergast Creek. As a result, much of our work at CWC during the past year has focused on what we can do to stop the erosion of creek banks to arrest sediment flow to the lake. Wetlands play a vital role in filtering nutrients to the lake. I am happy to report that, by year's end, we expect to conserve two key lakefront wetland sites—the Whitney Bay Lakeshore Forest and Whitney Point site, both of which filter tributary waters and harbor emergent plants that directly absorb nutrients from the lake ecosystem. CWC is also working with landowners to conserve forest along Chautauqua Creek at the beginning of Chautauqua Gorge in the Town of Chautauqua and 40 acres of floodplain wetlands adjacent to over one half mile of Cassadaga Creek. In our educational efforts, CWC has significantly expanded its use of electronic media, even producing its first YouTube videos. We currently send e-news to 1,256 people and have 382 "likes" on Facebook.

In this issue of *The 'Shed Sheet*, you'll read of the work of CWC's staff and conservationists and how your contributions are making a difference. Assembled by our executive director, John Jablonski, our staff and conservationists, we report on what we have been doing and intend to do in the coming months. We are fortunate to have a number of complementary community groups that share our concern for the health of Chautauqua Lake and its watershed. I am personally working on a collaborative effort with these groups and our elected officials to be better positioned to receive local funding and secure private and public grants for major lake and watershed projects.

As these joint efforts proceed, please be assured that the CWC is moving ahead with effective watershed conservation, technical assistance and educational activities not offered by other local organizations. Substantial real property, human, economic and ecological value is directly attributable to the continued health and vitality of Chautauqua Lake. The CWC has been in existence for 23 years to serve this objective. With your support and financial contributions, we will continue efforts to control the growth of harmful algae and lake weeds.

We always welcome your input and feedback. Drop us a line or give us a call! We encourage you to generously invest in these CWC projects and programs by donating to our 2013-2014

Annual Membership Campaign, which is now underway. The majority of our work is funded by membership donations. The more you give, the more we can accomplish on your behalf.

Please act now so that CWC can have the funds to effectively deliver our conservation activities through 2014!

The 'Shed Sheet newsletter is a publication of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1990 with a mission to preserve and enhance the water quality, scenic beauty and ecological health of the lakes, streams and watersheds of the Chautauqua region through land conservation and watershed education.



Yours in Stewardship,

Linda M. Barber

Linda M. Barber,
CWC President

Landowners Donate Streamlands to CWC

First Site Added at Elm Flats Wetland Preserve

We are very grateful for the donation of a 30-acre parcel last fall by Ted and Deborah First. This forest and wetland site has 800 feet of Big Inlet and is downstream and across Lawson Road from CWC's existing 83-acre Elm Flats Wetland Preserve. CWC staff and volunteers are in the process of laying out a looped nature trail, planning for potential benches and/or wildlife observation blinds and a small parking area on this site.

CWC is seeking to conserve and restore additional stream headwater forests, stream corridors and wetlands that are essential for capturing, storing, filtering and delivering clean waters for our lakes, drinking water supplies and fish and wildlife across Chautauqua County. CWC accepts gifts of real estate for conservation or re-sale to support these activities. If you have land that you believe may be providing these watershed functions or holds other special habitat value, please contact CWC to explore the benefits of conserving such lands. If you have land, homes, office buildings, vehicles or boats of value that you no longer need or use, please consider donating these assets to CWC to support this mission.



Ted and Deb First (left) with CWC President Linda Barber and Executive Director John Jablonski III.

CWC conservationists are presently working with landowners who are seeking to donate 2,400 feet of Chautauqua Creek-front forest land (20 acres) in the upper Gorge and 3,200 feet (0.6 mile) of Cassadaga Creek-front wetlands (40 acres). Chautauqua Creek is the primary public drinking water supply for the Village of Westfield and holds a flourishing steelhead (rainbow trout) fishery. Cassadaga Creek is home to eleven species of mussels including State and federally listed endangered species. Donations toward the survey, legal, transactional, management and long-term stewardship costs for these projects are gratefully being accepted for CWC to cover the costs of receiving these thoughtful and generous land gifts into its watershed preserve system.

Stewardship Program (continued from front page)

neighborhood associations and Chautauqua Institution in planning and establishing lakeshore buffers consisting of establishing plantings of native plants in place of turf. These conservationists performed a condition assessment of the Chautauqua Institution shoreline, which led to CI pursuing a lakeshore buffer planting plan for much of their shoreline. Conservationist David Anderson has been meeting with the owners of eroding stream banks, as prioritized by ongoing and previous studies to engage them to get technical assistance and apply for grant funding through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and County Soil & Water Conservation District to arrest stream bank erosion contributing to lake sedimentation, loss of depth and excessive lake plant growth. He has also engaged Trout Unlimited volunteers and area school children in planting trees and shrubs along area waterways for habitat improvement and erosion control. Dave has been very effective at recruiting the owners of the sites identified as losing the most soil to Goose Creek to participate in County and USDA-NRCS programs to design and install erosion control projects. The USDA-NRCS and partners anticipate undertaking five to ten erosion control projects on Goose, Prendergast and Big Inlet Creeks over the next four years as the outcome of this effort! Conservationist Tricia Bergstue has designed watershed education materials and presentations, handled many of CWC's electronic watershed education correspondence efforts, events and other outreach, as well as documented the conservation values of lands offered for conservation through this and other CWC efforts. CWC is pursuing conservation agreements to protect tributary corridors on Prendergast Creek and Bemus Creek and other watershed sites as part of this program.

We are very grateful to two anonymous donors and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for funding this program into 2014! CWC is seeking an additional \$30,000 to effectively run this program through all of 2014. Please contact us if you or your organization would like to help. (Also see the special section of this newsletter for more details on this program.)

Adopt An Animal To Protect Its Habitat!

Looking for a gift for the kids or grandkids this year? Adopt an animal to protect its habitat! Our CWC watershed preserves are home to many different animals. When you symbolically adopt one of these animals, you are helping us conserve and protect its habitat forever! Adoption kits are available for a donation of \$25 (plus \$5.95 shipping), and include a personalized adoption certificate, animal biography and fact sheet, a 4x6 photograph, and a stuffed toy. Adoptions make great gifts for birthdays, holidays or any occasion!

Choose from:

- Bailey the Beaver
- Francis the Fox Squirrel
- Harper the Great Blue Heron
- Loren the Leopard Frog
- Daphne the White-tailed Deer
- Winston the Wood Duck



Visit our website to order today! On behalf of all the animals who call our preserves home, we thank you for your generous donations!

USDA-NRCS Lands Water Quality Grants

The Chautauqua County office of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service has been awarded \$400,000 in Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds over the past two years to address nutrient and erosion/sediment problems on agricultural lands in the Chautauqua Lake region. Projects are getting underway now. The most recent is a National Water Quality Initiative grant for phosphorus and nitrogen control (nutrient management) and erosion control projects on agricultural lands in the Goose Creek, Prendergast Creek and Big Inlet watersheds.

County/CLMC Completes Dredging Feasibility Report

The Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development has completed a Dredging Feasibility Report for five “priority areas” on Chautauqua Lake. This State and County-funded report can be viewed at http://www.planningchautauqua.com/?q=watershed/2process_pastawards.htm. The Executive Summary states, “Erosion of stream banks and beds is a major source of the sediment that has accumulated in the lake basin.” Areas selected as priorities for this study were areas at the mouths of Goose, Mud, Dutch Hollow and Bemus Creeks and the Celoron-Burtis Bay area.

Both hydraulic and mechanical dredging were considered. Dredging these five areas is estimated to cost around \$10 million. In its concluding paragraph, the Executive Summary states, **“The most effective way to prevent sediment deposition in nearshore areas of Chautauqua Lake is to control sediment conveyance from the watershed.”** It was noted at the public meeting on this report that there is no way to determine the length of time before erosion and sedimentation would refill any dredged site. Liz Moran, project manager for EcoLogic, LLC, emphasized that any dredging work should be accompanied by effective preventive controls to deal with the sources of erosion in the watershed. Without addressing the sources of the sediment, investments in dredging could potentially be short-lived.



Poor land management practices such as channelizing streams and planting lawns or crops up to stream banks promote the erosion contributing to excessive lake sedimentation.

Chautauqua Lakes Watershed Conservation Stewardship Program

CWC CONSERVATIONISTS PROGRAM

by Jane Conroe

Over the last two years, CWC conservationists have been working under generous grants from the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, New York State Conservation Partnership Program with funding from the New York Environmental Protection Fund administered by the Land Trust Alliance in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and Chautauqua County.

The conservationists have provided educational and technical services to county landowners through personal visits to 70 individual properties. We have provided advice for erosion and stormwater control, stream protection, and buffer strip installation and have helped landowners better manage their property. Of those properties, 63% of the owners reside on the shores of Chautauqua Lake, 35% are in the uplands of the watershed and 2% are on the shore of Lake Erie.

During these two years, 1,388 feet of new buffer strips have been installed at several locations. Buffer installation projects in the planning stages will cover over 2.5 miles on the shores of Chautauqua Lake and its tributaries. Additionally, CWC will be helping with two Habitat for Humanity projects this coming year, and we will be working with Cornell University's landscape architecture department on drawing plans for the public land of Maple Springs and Point Chautauqua.

The educational portion of the conservationists' services has seen us develop and deliver programs to at least 4,150 individuals!

The conservationists continually de-

liver the message that every contribution by an individual, even though that one action seems small, can make a difference in the health of the watershed.

Clean lake waters flow from healthy landscapes!

If you need the services of our conservationists, please do not hesitate to contact them at the CWC office by calling (716) 664-2166. 💧



Photo by Jane Conroe

CHAUTAUQUA SHORES BUFFER



Photo by Jane Conroe

BUFFER INSTALLATION AT LIGHTHOUSE POINT

"This stream needs fixing," Chester said, and I replied, "Chester, you are absolutely correct." It was at this moment that I had to really learn, "How do we go about the process of fixing a stream?" Chester Opalecky lives on Open Meadows Road, just a mile outside of Blockville. He called me last winter to come look at the stream that flows through his land. He was concerned about the severe erosion of the banks of this small tributary stream, Steinhoff Run, that is dumping large amounts of gravel and sediment into Goose Creek. The water in Goose Creek must flow around these gravel deposits. In doing so, this diverted water now eats away at the banks of Goose Creek. The new gravel and sediment it picked up from the stream banks is carried downstream and deposited, where this vicious cycle repeats itself, growing ever worse as you travel downstream. This process results in thousands of tons of sediment ending up in the Chautauqua Lake basin.

I told Chester that I'd get back to him when I had learned what needed to be done and who to contact. I met with Dave Wilson from the Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District and Rob Halbohm from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Together they explained all the stream enhancement programs that are available to landowners. They went on to explain their roles and services. They noted that they have no staff that is paid to reach out to landowners. They cannot respond unless they are called by a landowner. So I went back to Chester and told him to call Rob Halbohm and request that he take a look at his stream. He made that call, and Rob drove out to receive Chester's grand tour of the problem areas of Steinhoff Run. Rob told us that this stream definitely met the criteria for being degraded, and that Chester would be eligible to apply for a competitive grant to restore the stream. I was informed by Rob later in the summer that Chester's site was chosen for restoration work. The NRCS will design and supervise the

CWC Conservationist Dave Anderson (left) surveys the erosion on Steinhoff Run with landowner Chester Opalecky.

project, and the physical work will begin during the 2014 construction season. Exciting news! This project is one small step toward reducing the sediment and nutrients that are ending up in Chautauqua Lake. Even though this Steinhoff Run project is small, it required a lot of steps that must be followed. Our job at CWC is to help landowners find out what needs to be done and support them as they begin the steps that are required. We at CWC are excited about some bigger stream projects that will be submitted for consideration in the spring of 2014. Hopefully, the summer of 2015 will see the actual construction phase of these projects. So we have a lot of work ahead of us, and we need your support. But like all good endeavors, "Let's start small and, working together, take the mission onward and upward." 💧



GOOD HEALTH TO ALL

by Jane Conroe

Greetings from the CWC! It may be a bit early for holiday greetings but it is never too early for good health, for you or for our watershed. In autumn, we are looking for that last leaf to fall so be sure to "leave your leaves," mulching them into your lawn as a natural fertilizer instead of bagging them.

There is one other action that can give you and the watershed good health. Plant a tree. Your health will improve with more fresh oxygen gained from its photosynthesis, you'll be kept cool by its shade, you'll be soothed by looking at its branches of color, and you'll be satisfied knowing you have helped the watershed.

According to the USDA, "Trees in a watershed are the oldest thing in stormwater treatment." The root systems of trees hold soil and keep it from eroding into

nearby bodies of water. One 12-inch diameter red maple tree contains over 100 gallons of water and 3 pounds of phosphorus. Make that 24 inches in diameter and it contains 580 gallons of water and 19 pounds of phosphorus.

Trees are the cheapest and most efficient, solar-powered filtering systems on the planet. They are not only keeping soil and nutrients out of our lakes, they are also helping to slow down and soak excess water into the ground during heavy rains. That process then helps groundwater drinking supplies. Trees also create healthy habitats for wildlife.

Fall is one of the best times of the year to plant trees. How can we resist? Go out and get healthy--plant a tree! 💧



"TREES IN A WATERSHED ARE THE OLDEST THING IN STORMWATER TREATMENT."

BECOME A WATERSHED STEWARD

The CWC Watershed Stewards Program connects like-minded property and homeowners who are interested in improving their property for the good of the overall watershed.

The program is a voluntary handshake agreement that you will maintain your property

in a watershed-friendly manner, utilizing some or all of the following best practices:

- Minimal use of non-phosphorus fertilizers
 - Allowing lawn to grow 3-4" or higher
 - Leaf mulching/composting
 - Clean up pet waste
 - Native planting or wild areas
 - Minimal use of weed killers
 - Minimal use of sink garbage disposal
 - Rain barrel and/or rain garden
 - Use only non-phosphate dishwasher detergents
 - Maintain and update septic tank
 - Rooftop/gutter disconnects

- Erosion prevention project
- Permeable pavers

Included in the program is recognition for your efforts through a certificate and a sign provided by the Conservancy. The sign indicates that your property has improved the watershed through the various conservation actions you have undertaken. It is a public way to recognize your role as a good steward of your property.

We invite you to become a Watershed Steward! Visit our website to learn more about this program and to sign up, or call (716) 664-2166 to schedule a visit from a conservationist. 💧



WATERSHED STEWARD

This property owner has improved our watershed by:

- PLANTING NATIVE SPECIES
- PREVENTING SOIL EROSION
- ABSORBING RUN-OFF NUTRIENTS



CWC conservationists Dave Anderson and Jane Conroe planted trees with JHS students and teachers at our Loomis Goose Creek preserve.

Good things happen when individuals from public and private organizations in our community work together for a shared purpose. One of the non-profit groups that we (CWC) collaborate with is the Jamestown Public Schools Forest Board. Their mission is "to conserve the woodland quality and ecological health of our natural resources for the educational benefit of the public school students of Jamestown."

Last spring, their Board agreed to finance the cost of materials and buses to give Jamestown students a hands-on experience in the "why's" and "how-to's" of planting riparian buffer zones along the streams and lakes of Chautauqua County. We ordered trees, shields and stakes from the Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District. Dan Stone, Jamestown City arborist, also ordered 40 Silver Maple trees for us and was kind

enough to properly store all of the plants when they arrived. The field trips were scheduled with Kim Barber and Doug Foster's science classes at Jamestown High School and Mike Swenson's science class at Persell Middle School. Dan Stone loaned us several planting tools, as did Stan Bishop from the Red House Trout Unlimited chapter. Stan was also kind enough to drive out and meet us at the Clear Creek site. He showed the students how to use a planting bar and supervised a group of students.

We had good success with plantings at Ball Creek and Clear Creek. I checked in September, and 60% of the trees were still doing well. Unfortunately, we did not have enough funding to provide shields for every plant. We think that the unprotected perennials and shrubs that we planted at our Loomis Goose Creek preserve became a "salad bar" for the deer and rodents. I'm happy to report that the School Forest Board will double their financial support for this same project in 2014. We should then have enough shields, stakes and perhaps mats for all the plants that we place in the ground. Mike Morton, the landowner on Clear Creek, even donated compost

and hay for our tree plantings on his property. I cut approximately 90 willows at the Clear Creek site and soaked them in nearby vernal pools two days before the actual plantings. These plants will root from branch cuttings if pre-soaked. Most of them that we were able to get down deep enough into the water table have done very well. So, you can see that part of our job here at CWC is to partner with other agencies and individuals in order to enhance the quality of our watershed. Students learn and our watershed benefits when committed individuals from many private and public agencies strive to work together for a common goal. ♠



Persell middle school students planting willows on the banks of Clear Creek. Below: Dave Anderson planting maple trees with Persell students.



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County Completing Stream Erosion Control Feasibility Project

Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development and a group of agency partners including CLMC, Soil and Water, USDA-NRCS and CWC have been engaged in the development of an erosion control feasibility study for Goose and Dutch Hollow Creeks. Barton & Loguidice is the lead firm on delivering this project. Dozens of sites on each creek and their tributaries were evaluated in the field and erosion amounts calculated and sites prioritized. Conceptual stream erosion control designs have been drafted for two sites on Dutch Hollow Creek, one Goose Creek tributary and one Goose Creek main stem site. The Goose Creek site has been estimated to lose over 6,000 tons of soil per year to erosion. CWC conservationist Dave Anderson has played an important role in this project, engaging landowners to participate, with the anticipation that the owners of these sites will participate in subsequent water quality grant opportunities with agency partners to effectively address the erosion problems on their lands.



A design for arresting erosion at this site is currently being developed through this project.

Lake Plant Management Study Underway

Under the guidance of the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development, Cedar Eden Environmental and EcoLogic are continuing to work on the development of a **Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan for Chautauqua Lake**. This process is evaluating the feasibility of multiple tools for nuisance invasive plant management in Chautauqua Lake including, but not limited to, mechanical harvesting, herbicides, benthic barriers and biological controls. Draft recommendations are anticipated to be released in early 2014. An advisory committee has been convened to review information as it is assembled. It is made up of representatives from the Chautauqua Lake Association, Chautauqua Lake Management Commission, local foundations and the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. CWC director Becky Nystrom, Professor of Biology at JCC and Coordinator of JCC's Environmental Science Program, represents CWC on this committee. Becky's master's thesis was on Chautauqua Lake's aquatic plants. This Plan will address in-lake plant (macrophyte) control actions and will not address control of harmful algae blooms (HABs). More information on this project can be found at the Planningchautauqua.com website under watershed management and publications and projects.



Photo by Jeff Tome

European Water Chestnut is an invasive plant that was recently found in Chautauqua Lake.

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2013 Golf Tournament A Success!

For the second year in a row, the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy was the beneficiary of the annual Chautauqua Golf Club Pro-Am Golf Tournament, which was held on June 24th. The tournament featured WNY PGA professionals paired with amateurs in a team competition, as well as individual competition for the men and women professionals. A total of 139 golfers participated in the event. This year's tournament netted \$30,000 which is being used towards the Conservancy's Whitney Bay and Point shoreline wetland conservation projects, stream and lakeshore landowner erosion control and vegetative buffer conservation outreach and other conservation activities.



The winning men's foursome (left to right): Golf Pro Michael Frisina with David Bird, Stu Northrop and Ron Kilpatrick.



CWC President Linda Barber (far left) congratulates the winning women's foursome (from left): Colleen Reeve, Dale Mathews, Pro Kathy Cassese and Julie Lescynski.

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Mark your calendars! The 28th Annual Pro Am Golf Tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club has been scheduled for Monday, June 23rd, 2014! CWC will once again be the beneficiary of the event.

YES! I want to help conserve the lakes, streams and watersheds of the Chautauqua region!

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Lake Erie Sunset Shore Explore

December 7, 2013, 3:15pm - 4:45pm
Where: Barcelona Beach & 21 Brix Winery

Elm Flats Tour

January 11, 2014, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Where: Elm Flats Preserve on Lawson Rd. in Mayville

Snow, Mud, and Suds Tour

January 25, 2014, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Where: CWC's Loomis Goose Creek Preserve in North Harmony, NY & Southern Tier Brewing Co.

Winter Tour

February 8, 2014, 10:00am - 11:30am - Site TBD

Dobbins Woods Snow Shoe/Ski

February 22, 2014, 2:00pm - 3:15pm
Where: Dobbins Woods Preserve on Bly Hill Rd. in Ashville, NY & Southern Tier Brewing Co.

Migratory Waterfowl Tour

March 15, 2014, 7:00am - 8:00am - Location TBD



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