

# BEAVER KILL STREAM TOUR

## OF MINK HOLLOW AND WILLOW FLATS

### AUGUST 12, 2016

Join the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program for a bus tour and stream walk in the Mink Hollow and Willow Flats sections of the Beaver Kill watershed. The Beaver Kill contains three distinct sections that are good examples of how streams change in appearance and interact differently with the surrounding landscape. Topics of discussion will include stream channel types, stream crossings and how they are sized, the importance of vegetated buffers next to streams, and different stream management techniques.

#### Tour Topics

- What is a healthy stream?
- What forms do streams take?
- What is the role of wood in and near streams?
- How do streams move sediment without eroding or becoming choked?
- Where does all that sediment end up?
- How do you properly size and place a stream crossing?
- Why do stream banks erode and what can be done about it?
- How can those giant failing hillslopes in Mink Hollow be fixed?
- Learn more about stream projects planned for Mink Hollow.
- Learn how Willow Flats and Mink Hollow are connected by the stream.
- Learn what you can do to protect streams.



#### How to Register

This event is free and open to residents of the Beaver Kill watershed. **Registration is required.** To register, call the Stream Program office at (845) 688-3047, Ext. 0 and ask for Jamie Joy.

Registration is capped at 30 participants. If you are unable to register, but are interested in attending, please arrive at the fire house parking lot early to get on the waitlist.

#### Where?

Meet at Woodstock Fire Company #1, 242 Tinker St., Woodstock, NY 12498 (Bearsville)

#### Bus Tour Schedule

**8:30am:** Registration begins at the Woodstock Fire House.

**9:00am:** Begin tour with frequent stops and walks along the stream.

**12:00pm:** Conclude tour. Return to Woodstock Fire House.

**Lunch will be provided!**

#### What to Bring?

Part of the tour will occur on a short DEC hiking trail and on the road. Some areas of the trail will be rocky and slippery. Please come prepared to hike with appropriate clothing and footwear. Bring insect repellent and sun hats. No pets are allowed.

Bring your questions about stream management!

The event will occur if there is light rain. We will cancel the event if severe weather is predicted. If you have any special needs, please let us know when you register.

Please note - there is no cell phone service in Mink Hollow.

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## Organizers

The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program works in partnership with communities to protect and restore stream corridor stability and ecosystem integrity in the Ashokan Reservoir Watershed. The Ashokan Watershed covers portions of the Towns of Shandaken, Olive, Woodstock, and Hurley.

The Stream Program provides assistance to Towns with identifying and funding stream restorations and stream infrastructure improvements. An example is replacement of the Van Hoagland Rd. bridge and removal of large wood accumulation causing channel instability in the Beaver Kill after Tropical Storm Irene.

The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program is a partnership between three organizations: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. The program is guided by a Stakeholder Council that meets regularly at the stream program office in Shokan, NY. If you live in the Ashokan watershed, you can contact the Stream Program office with any stream management questions. Call us at (845) 688-3047.

For more information on the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, visit: [www.ashokanstreams.org](http://www.ashokanstreams.org)

View or download the Beaver Kill Stream Management Plan at: [www.ashokanstreams.org/publications-resources/stream-management-plans/](http://www.ashokanstreams.org/publications-resources/stream-management-plans/)

For more information on how to manage streamside vegetation, call Bobby Taylor at (845) 688-3047, ext. 6. Visit: [www.catskillstreams.org/catskill-streams-buffer-initiative/](http://www.catskillstreams.org/catskill-streams-buffer-initiative/)

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## Presenters



Adam Doan, Stream Project Manager, Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District



Bobby Taylor, Stream Buffer Coordinator and Beaver Kill Assessment Team Leader, Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District



Guest presenter:  
Mike Reynolds, Town of Woodstock Highway Superintendent

## Tour Route

