

Watershed Care and Management – looking ahead:

- New York State has passed restrictions on invasive plants. See below for the regulation and lists of those that may no longer be sold:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/93848.html>

- You've probably been inundated with plant and seed catalogs and meetings with landscape gardener/designers. Check the Village Website Notices, previous entries, June 17, 2014, for postings that offer suggestions for plants that are native and non-invasive ... A seminar will be offered on April 2 entitled "NYS Invasive Plant Species Regulations: Impacts and How to Adapt":

<http://planning.westchestergov.com/images/stories/pdfs/InvPlantsFlyer2015.pdf>

- Unfortunately, Barberry remains available for purchase ... Hopefully, you are not buying it and are working to have it removed from your property. As you may remember, Barberry provides safe haven for the Whitefooted Mouse, a major source of tick born infections. ... Dr. Rick Ostfeld's February 1, 2014 presentation is available on DVD at the Library. Visiting the CARY Institute's website is always informative as well.

<http://www.caryinstitute.org>

- Dr. Ostfeld will be presenting an update of his research on May 10th at a luncheon at the Knickerbocker Club. More information re that luncheon will be posted when received.
- In May, Dr. Linda Rohleder, director of the Lower Hudson PRISM, will lead a seminar and conduct a walk for 20 participants that will focus on invasive species growing in the Village.
- It won't be long before equipment is dusted off in preparation for another season of lake sampling. Understanding lake functions require many years of data gathering. Volunteers have been sampling our lakes, following specific protocols, for 7 seasons. This data, coupled with that gathered by Allied Biological, form the scientific basis for the way we treat our lakes. Volunteers on the lakes observe for invasives like Eurasian Water Milfoil that may disrupt lake ecology and lake appearance. For those of you interested in participating, training will be available during the annual NYSFOLA conference held during the first weekend in May in Hamilton, NY. Information re NYSFOLA and CSLAPS can be found here:

<http://www.nysfola.org>