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Legislator Wolfe Encourages Local Participation in NYS Streamside Buffer Plant Restoration Project

New City, NY (February 9, 2015) – The Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature Alden H. Wolfe is encouraging Rockland residents and local environmental groups to apply to participate in the state’s Hudson River Estuary “Trees for Tribs” Spring 2015 program. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) sponsors the program that offers free native trees, grasses and shrubs for qualifying projects developed by volunteers that will create or restore natural buffers along Hudson River tributaries which help to reduce pollution, erosion and protect fish and wildlife. Since the introduction of the program in 2007, volunteers have planted more than 36,000 trees and shrubs along 17 miles of streams from the Verrazano Narrows Bridge to the Troy, NY Dam.

“It is important that we are attentive to the natural buffers along our streams and rivers,” said Legislator Wolfe. “We have experienced a variety of extreme weather-related events during the past few years that have demonstrated the need for healthy, dense buffers. Buffers help to stabilize stream banks and preserve the surrounding environment to prevent flooding and erosion that is harmful to property and fish and wildlife.”

Applications for the Spring program are due March 1. Applications for the Fall 2015 program are due August 1.

Legislator Wolfe recommends persons interested in further information, visit the DEC website, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html> or contact the Hudson River Estuary Program’s Stream Buffer Coordinator, Beth Roessler at (845) 256-2253 or beth.roessler@dec.ny.gov. Additional plants are available for purchase from the New York State Tree Nursery: <http://dec.ny.gov/animals/7127.html>.

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