



Great Swamp Watershed Association

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Flood Reduction and the Passaic River Feature In Upcoming Environmental Speaker Series

Great Swamp Watershed Association announces three events as part of its Fall 2013 Breakfast Briefing season.

Morristown, NJ—The Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) announces the schedule of speakers for its **Fall 2013 Breakfast Briefing Series**. This season's talks will address individual and community strategies for flood reduction, incentive programs that help communities reduce flood risk, and what has been happening in terms of flood control on the Passaic River.

On **Tuesday, October 15**, GSWA welcomes **Dr. Chris Obropta**, the extension specialist in water resources for the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station's Cooperative Extension at Rutgers. He will present a number of practical, science-based solutions that individuals and communities can use to reduce the effects of runoff and flooding from strong storms.

Tuesday, November 12, **John A. Miller, P.E. CFM, CSM**, will provide some insight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System, and how individuals and municipalities can use the system to reduce future flood damage and lower rates for homeowner and business flood insurance. Mr. Miller is a water resources engineer, Certified Flood Plain Manager, and a nationally recognized flood policy expert currently employed by the Ringoes-based environmental consulting firm Princeton Hydro.

On **Tuesday, December 10**, **Dick Plambeck**, the chairman of the Morristown-based Passaic River Coalition (PRC), headlines the final installment of GSWA's Breakfast Briefing season. Mr. Plambeck, an authority on Passaic River issues, will focus his talk on pollution prevention and remediation; flood control and damage reduction; and land acquisition in critical water supply, wetland, and flood plain areas throughout the Passaic Watershed.

Most GSWA Breakfast Briefing events take place between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the organization's office located at 568 Tempe Wick Road in Morristown, NJ. If applicable, alternate event locations will be noted above.

GSWA created the *Breakfast Briefing Series* to help area residents stay informed about community environmental issues without taking valuable time away from work or family life. Presentations are kept brief, focus on current environmental topics, and minimize overlap with most traditional business hours. Coffee, tea, and a continental breakfast are always served free of charge.

Seating is limited and advanced registration is requested. Please register online at www.GreatSwamp.org or by calling 973-538-3500 x22.

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About the Great Swamp Watershed Association. Founded in 1981, the Great Swamp Watershed Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the water and land of the 36,000-acre watershed region in New Jersey's Morris and Somerset counties. We work to maintain the beauty and health of our open space, and to monitor and protect five streams: Loantaka Brook, Great Brook, Primrose Brook, Black Brook, and the Upper Passaic—which feed into the Passaic River and provide drinking water to more than a million people.