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Public Information Meeting “Living Next to Stormwater Ponds”
-Town Hall, Monday, April 26, 7:00 PM-

PENFIELD, N.Y., APRIL 13, 2010 – Penfield residents are invited to a community presentation entitled “Living Next to Stormwater Ponds” on Monday, April 26 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to share information regarding the care and maintenance of stormwater ponds. This meeting will be co-hosted by the Town of Penfield and the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District.

“The necessity and function of ponds does not always equate to pond aesthetics,” says Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “Developers like to sell lots on ponds for a premium when the pond is newly constructed and looks pristine. Then algae, cat-tails, vegetation, and mosquitoes take over, and homeowners do not see their lot as premium, but rather an unattractive nuisance. While there is no one easy fix or solution, this information meeting is designed to educate and dialog what can be done to help address homeowners’ concerns about living alongside a pond.”

MCSWCD staff will present information on the purpose and function of stormwater ponds, why they are located where they are, and also address many of the frequently asked questions about ponds. The Town of Penfield’s role in maintenance of ponds will be discussed along with a discussion of options for residents to address problems with algae, geese, and unwanted vegetation.

The Town’s Representative for this meeting is Geoffrey Benway, Town Engineer, 585-340-8683 or benway@penfield.org.

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