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Public Information Meeting “Living Next to Stormwater Ponds II”
-Town Hall, Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM-

PENFIELD, N.Y., MARCH 28, 2011 – Penfield residents are invited to a community presentation entitled “Living Next to Stormwater Ponds II” on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to share information regarding the purpose of stormwater ponds and to present proper care and maintenance techniques to minimize common issues like algae, erosion, weeds, invasive species and nuisance wildlife. The presentation will be co-hosted by the Town of Penfield, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County.

“Last April we held a community meeting to address homeowners’ concerns about living alongside of ponds. Experts discussed maintenance operation practices and how they affect aesthetics. For instance, fertilizing lawns directly contributes to unsightly algae bloom, and mowing up to a pond’s edge, eliminating grasses and cattails, makes an irresistible home for Canadian geese,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain.

Presenters will include Paul Sawyko of the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition with education on rain barrel construction and use; Bob Kiley of the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District with information about living next to a stormwater pond; and Town Engineer Geoff Benway will share information on green infrastructure and current policies for Town-owned ponds.

The Town’s Representative for this meeting is Geoffrey Benway, 585.340.8683 or benway@penfield.org

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