



Peconic Estuary Program

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**Hashamomuck Pond Watershed Meeting
Tuesday April 7, 2009; 6pm-7pm
Southold Town Hall Public Meeting Room
53095 Route 25 Southold, NY 11971
Peconic Estuary Program and Southold Town**

Dear Hashamomuck Pond Watershed Property Owner,

The Peconic Estuary Program and the Town of Southold invite you to take part in an exciting water quality and habitat improvement project planned for your neighborhood. The April 7th meeting will provide you with the opportunity to learn about the project and the role you can play in making it a success. The Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) has developed a management plan for protecting and restoring Hashamomuck Pond. Together with Southold Town, the PEP is working to implement this plan, starting with some structural improvements on roads surrounding Hashamomuck Pond. To be successful however we need your help and attendance at this important inaugural meeting.

Common pollutants from roads, homes, businesses, and farms can get into groundwater and easily run from sloping road ends directly into the pond, reducing water quality and habitat value. However, with help from Southold Town and the PEP you can help protect and restore Hashamomuck Pond. With your input, this pilot program will be expanded to other water bodies in the Peconic Estuary System to improve finfish, shellfish, and bird/wildlife habitats as well as general water quality.

With hundreds of thousands of dollars in dedicated funding already in place, this partnership between Southold Town and the Peconic Estuary Program has the potential to protect this local treasure, but your participation is key to really seeing success! Our combined efforts are likely to be successful as long as you decide to take part, and at the April 7th meeting we will show you how easy it will be to do your part.

Please attend this meeting, on April 7, 2009 from 6pm-7pm at the Southold Town Hall Meeting Room, to hear a brief update on the Hashamomuck Pond ecosystem, the planned stormwater reduction projects (you will begin to see groundbreaking in your neighborhood shortly), and steps you can take around your home. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, please take a minute to fill out our online questionnaire by following the link that can be found on PEP website homepage (www.peconicestuary.org). Hard copies will also be available at the April 7th meeting. Even if you cannot attend the April 7, 2009 meeting, we still want and need your participation. For more information please visit the Peconic Estuary Program website, email the Program Office via info@peconicestuary.org, or contact Peconic Estuary Program representatives: Jennifer Skilbred at 631-765-6540 or Laura Stephenson at 631-444-0871, or Southold Town Principal Planner: Mark Terry at 631-765-1938.

Sincerely,

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Peconic Estuary Program Director

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Southold Town Supervisor