



HARPETH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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Harpeth River Watershed Association Partners with Natural Resources Conservation Service to Protect “Heart of the Harpeth”

September 8, 2008- The public is invited to attend a presentation by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) summarizing the new Farm Bill and highlighting conservation program opportunities for Middle Tennessee landowners. Funding sources for conservation practices will also be discussed. NRCS, a part of the United States Department of Agriculture, provides leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water, and other natural resources. NRCS employees provide technical assistance based on sound science suited to a customer's specific needs and provide financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation in their numerous programs is voluntary.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 30th at 6:00 pm at the Hillsboro-Leiper's Fork Community Center at 5325 Old Hwy. 96 West Franklin, TN 37064. This community meeting, hosted by the Harpeth Watershed Association (HRWA), is one of a series being held this fall as part of the Association's "Heart of the Harpeth" Campaign. The goal of the Campaign is to enable citizens in one of the most densely forested and ecologically significant areas of Middle Tennessee to work together to discuss ways to preserve the water quality, open space, and rural way of life in this important section of the Harpeth River Watershed. The Heart of the Harpeth includes the communities of Fairview, Fernvale, Thompson's Station, Leiper's Fork, Burwood, Boston and Kingston Springs. The meeting is open to all who live, work or recreate in these areas.

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Heart of the Harpeth 2008 Speaker's Series Schedule

When: August 26, Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Where: Dirt Rd. Farm, Fairview, TN

Who: Land Trust for Tennessee - presentation on conservation easements and their benefits to landowners and the environment

When: September 30, Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Where: Hillsboro-Leiper's Fork Community Center

Who: Natural Resource Conservation Service - presentation on conservation programs and funding available for middle TN landowners

When: October 30, Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Where: Thompson's Station Community Center

Who: Southeast Watershed Forum - presentation on growth readiness and quality growth planning for watershed protection

When: November 20, Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Where: Hillsboro-Leiper's Fork Community Center

Who: Williamson County Department of Sewage Disposal Management - presentation on septic system care and maintenance

Please visit the HRWA Web site (www.harpethriver.org) for meeting locations and directions. HRWA encourages public participation in this meeting and all of the future informational meetings. For further information, please contact Josh Thompson, Watershed Assessment & Restoration Coordinator at 615-790-9767, ext. 106.

The Harpeth River Watershed Association is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization working to protect and restore the Harpeth River Watershed and provide expertise in statewide conservation policy.

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