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DEP Announces Watershed Recreation Newsletter

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Christopher O. Ward announced today that the first issue of the DEP's Watershed Recreation newsletter will arrive in mailboxes across the watershed and metropolitan area this month. The bi-annual newsletter will be sent to all 57,000 DEP Access Permit holders and can also be viewed on the DEP's Web site at nyc.gov/watershedrecreation.

"This is one way that the DEP communicates with people who use watershed lands to let them know about recreation opportunities and policies for protecting the water supply," said Commissioner Ward. "Through the newsletter people will receive updates on seasonal recreation activities and new developments directly from the DEP."

This spring's newsletter features information on recent changes to the Access Permit system, articles on the new Filtration Avoidance Determination and activities at the Bureau of Water Supply, and a report on the 2002 deer hunting season. Contact information for the Access Permit Office, Land Management Offices and the DEP Police is provided as well.

The eight-page newsletter is printed in full color, and will be published in March and August each year to coincide with the opening of fishing and hunting seasons.