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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO HOST YOUTH FISHING DAY AT ASHOKAN RESERVOIR

Sept. 22 outing among numerous events planned for weeklong Ulster County Creek Week

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that it will host a youth fishing day at Ashokan Reservoir on Sept. 22. The event is being co-sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which will supply fishing poles and bait to those who do not have their own. As part of the “[I Fish NY Program](#),” the New York State fishing license requirement is waived for adults who want to fish during this event. Ashokan Reservoir is home to many different species of fish, including smallmouth and largemouth bass, yellow and white perch, yellow and brown bullhead, sunfish, and trout.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woodstock Dike on Ashokan Reservoir. A parking lot at the dike is located on a gravel driveway off Route 28, just east of the West Hurley Post Office. A sign will be posted at the end of the driveway to help participants find the lot. If adults do not have a free DEP access permit, applications will be available on the day of the event, or a permit can be obtained online anytime by going to the DEP website at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/recreation/access.shtml>. More information can also be obtained by calling DEP at (845) 340-7873.

The youth fishing day at Ashokan Reservoir is part of Ulster County Creek Week, which encourages the enjoyment of water and watersheds throughout the county. The weeklong series of events includes stream walks, kayak/canoe tours, interpretive hikes, informational workshops, and more. Additional information about Creek Week can be found at the event’s website by going to <http://ucenvironment.org/ulster-county-creek-week/>.

DEP manages New York City’s water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support

sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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