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DEP Announces Family Fishing Day at Lake Gleneida

Event co-sponsored by state Department of Environmental Conservation "I Fish NY Program"

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that it will host Family Fishing Day at Lake Gleneida in Carmel on April 27. The event is co-sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which will supply fishing poles and bait to those who do not have their own. Families that have their own tackle are encouraged to bring it. 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. Adults who do not have a free DEP Access Permit are encouraged to get one before coming to the event. Participants can get their free permit and print it from home by visiting DEP's online permitting system at nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit.

The 178-acre Lake Gleneida is home to many species of fish, including brown trout, largemouth bass and panfish. DEP and DEC staff will be available to teach participants how to fish and assist with fishing equipment. The event will take place from 9am to 2pm. Parking will be located along the lake on Route 6. For more information about the event contact DEP recreation supervisor Tom Davidock at (845) 340-7812 or watershedevents@dep.nyc.gov.

DEP encourages participants to register before the day of the event. Those planning to attend can register by clicking here, or through DEP's Watershed Facebook Page.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. 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 other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 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 \$19.7 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

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