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DEP Commissioner Christopher O. Ward to Give Keynote Address on Water Conservation at Westchester "Save Water/Safe Water" Conference

Commissioner Christopher O. Ward of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be the keynote speaker at a conference in Westchester that will focus on water conservation and new technologies that allow cities to make better use of their limited water resources.

The all-day "Save Water/Safe Water" conference, sponsored by The Water-Wise Council of New York, Inc., will take place on March 24 at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Co-sponsors include the DEP and numerous other groups with interests in water conservation.

Commissioner Ward's lunchtime address will cover topics that are essential to New York City's long-term water supply needs, from the potential use of recycled water in the five boroughs for irrigation to new generation water-conserving appliances to potential future water supplies for New York City and its neighboring communities. Other topics to be discussed at the conference include green roofs, stormwater pollution prevention, organic lawns, residential water-use efficiency, watershed forestry management, best management practices for landscaping and ground water protection.

Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano will make the welcoming address and the featured speaker will be Amy Vickers, author of "Water Use and Conservation." Other speakers will appear from Audubon International, the Orange County Water Authority, Ashokan Water Services, the Council on the Environment, Urban Forest Management and other related groups.

Exhibits on water conservation will also be on display. People wishing to attend the "Save Water/Safe Water" conference should contact Nancy Levine of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection at (914) 742-2086.