



Call for Abstracts and Save the Date

When: October 23rd and 24th 2014

Where: Belleayre Mountain Ski Center in Highmount, NY

The purpose of this forum is to:

- (1) Build on the success and continue with themes of past CERM conferences held in November of 2010 and October of 2012;
- (2) Exchange information and share research pertaining to the Catskill Mountains and major conference themes which will include, but not be limited to, biodiversity, water quality, climate change, invasive species, forest and stream ecosystem health, geology and soils, extreme events, monitoring techniques, science communication; and
- (3) Stimulate discussion and promote collaborative efforts that address data gaps and environmental issues affecting natural resource management in the region.

Researchers are invited to present new findings relating the above themes or other Catskill-related research areas. Presentations reviewing the state of knowledge in a particular area of specialization, identifying areas where research or monitoring is lacking, or new research methods that could be applied to the Catskills, are strongly encouraged.

Please forward presentation titles and abstracts (300 word maximum) for a poster or platform presentation (15 to 20 minutes in length) to Steven Parisio at the following email address: sxparisi@gw.dec.state.ny.us, on or before September 12, 2014. Please indicate your preference for either a poster or a platform presentation. There will be an opportunity for selected papers to be included in the conference proceedings which will be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. Presenters who would like to submit a paper for publication should notify us at the time that the abstract is submitted.

Details regarding the conference agenda and registration will be provided in a subsequent notice and posted at http://www.bard.edu/graduate/cep_dev/programs/catskill/ and at <http://ashokanstreams.org/conferences-training/>

This meeting is intended mainly for researchers, students and resource managers working and studying in the Catskill Region, but we do not intend the meeting to be exclusive. Please forward this announcement to others you think may be interested in attending or presenting.

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