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Give Nature A Helping Hand

Protecting Wetlands In Your Neighbourhood **Information Open House**

Hosted by Central Lake Ontario Conservation
Thursday, May 13 from 6:30 to 8:30pm
Hampton United Church Hall
5454 Old Scugog Road, Hampton

April showers have led to May flowers and now everyone is thinking about getting their lawns and gardens ready. Did you know that your yard work may affect the wetlands in your neighbourhood? Central Lake Ontario Conservation invites the public to an information open house on backyard green living within the Black/ Harmony/ Farewell Creek watersheds. Tips will be provided on living next to a wetland, native plant gardening, natural lawn care, solar heating, rain barrels and composting. The open house will take place on Thursday, May 13th from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Hampton United Church Hall at 5454 Old Scugog Road in Hampton. A short 15 minute introductory presentation will take place at 7:00pm.

"If you like to work in your yard, you will not want to miss this event," says Diana Shermet, Natural Heritage Resource Analyst with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. "Wetlands provide many benefits important to the watershed health, such as, flood prevention, water filtration, recreation opportunities, and habitat for wildlife. Although people are more aware of how their actions affect the watershed in which they live, wetlands still need our help. Learning how we can reduce our daily impacts can make a difference."



Along with Central Lake Ontario Conservation staff, local environmental organizations in attendance including Sciensational Sssnakes with their live reptile and amphibian displays! This event will be fun for the whole family. The wetland program is made possible through the generous support of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, The McLean Foundation and the Region of Durham.

For more information on the open house or directions please visit us online at www.cloca.com or contact Diana Shermet at the conservation office (905) 579-0411, ext. 107.

Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Directions:

The Hampton United Church Hall is located on the southwest corner of Old Scugog Road and Millstream Lane intersection in the village of Hampton. A Google map is available at www.cloca.com.

What we do on the land is mirrored in the water.