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### HUNTERDON LAND TRUST FARMERS' MARKET HOSTS SPECIAL WATERSHED PROTECTION WEEKEND

Flemington, NJ — The Hunterdon Land Trust is having a special Watershed Protection Weekend. The events begin on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> with a special screening of the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development's (NJRCDD) film "Restoring Walnut Brook". NJRCDD is restoring Walnut Brook as it flows through the Dvoor Farm, site of the land trust's popular farmers' market. The project will restore wetlands, wildlife habitat and plant diversity to the farm. See the restoration come alive on screen and learn about the the importance of the project from conservation experts Mark Gallagher from Princeton Hydro, Christine Hall from Natural Resources Conservation Service and Linda Peterson from United States Department of Agriculture."Restoring Walnut Brook" will be shown Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the Hunterdon County Route 12 Complex, Building 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Watershed Protection Weekend continues at the Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market at the Dvoor Farm on the Route 12 circle in Flemington, on Sunday, June 6th between 9 am and 1 pm. Shop for the freshest seasonal produce from local farmers,

enjoy live jazz from the JP3 and find out more about our watershed and how you can protect local water quality.

At 9:30 am on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> Mark Gallagher and Christine Hall will lead a guided tour of the Walnut Brook restoration project featured in Friday night's film. At 10:00 am Matt McPherson from Matt's Red Rooster will host a cooking demonstration using organic produce from Comeback Farm. Growing organic helps protect the streams and creeks that make up our watershed by reducing pesticide run off. From 10:00 am to Noon The Water Resources Program of Rutgers University will be on hand to share information about their programs to improve the water quality and quantity issues facing New Jersey, including "Stormwater Management in Your Backyard" and Water Resources for Sustainable Communities.

There will also be a rain barrel workshop from 10 am to 1 pm. Jack Guthrie of ProductWater, based in Clinton Township, will conduct an educational workshop for up to 25 participants. For \$65.00 participants will receive a rain barrel, fittings and tools, and instruction and tips for using the rain barrel. Call 908-894-8530 or email [info@productwater.com](mailto:info@productwater.com) to register. Participants should be prepared to bring a rain barrel home in their vehicle.

Through out the day NJN public television will be filming for their new series NJ Fresh! The series will zoom in on community farmers' markets throughout the state, searching for the freshest produce, learning what to buy when and how to prepare it.

The Hunterdon Land Trust is also happy to announce that starting June 6<sup>th</sup> the Village Bakery from Lawrenceville will be selling their artisan breads, cakes, cookies and

pastries at the Farmers' Market. The Village Baker makes all their baked goods from scratch using the finest ingredients available without preservatives.

For the complete Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market special event schedule visit [www.hlta.org](http://www.hlta.org) or call 908-237-4582. The Farmers' Market is open every Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm through November 21 and starting June 10 will be open Thursdays 3 pm to 7 pm. The market is sponsored by Stem Brothers, Inc., Team Capital Bank, Matt's Red Rooster Grill and Basil Bandwagon.

The Hunterdon Land Trust is Hunterdon County, New Jersey's only countywide land trust. Incorporated as a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization in 1996, the land trust is committed to preserving and protecting the rural landscapes and natural resources of Hunterdon County. To learn more about the Hunterdon Land Trust, please visit their website at [www.hlta.org](http://www.hlta.org).

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Matt McPherson of Matt's Red Rooster Grill gives a cooking demonstration at the Hunterdon Land Trust's Farmers' Market in 2009.



Volunteers restore Walnut Brook at the Dvoor Farm.