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The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, in partnership with the Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development Council, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U. S. Geological Survey, and the Rhode Island Water Resources Board, would like to invite the general public to the Capstone Event of the **Pawcatuck Watershed Water Use Optimization Study** (the Study). The timeframe for “Water Conservation on the Farm” has changed and will now be held on **Saturday, September 19th, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** at Schartner Farms, 1 Arnold Place, Exeter, RI 02822 (on Rt. 2). The previously advertised time was from 3pm – 7pm on that same day.

The event will still include guided bus tours and demonstrations of the water conservation techniques used on our local produce and turf farms. Participants will also be provided with information about the Study. This is a family friendly event and food and drinks will be provided. Don't miss your opportunity get a backstage look at how our local farmers are effectively conserving the water resources that we all share.

This Capstone Event is the culmination of a series of public outreach workshops held over the last month to announce the completion of the Pawcatuck Watershed Water Use Optimization Study and convey its results. The Study is the product of over a decade of stakeholder involvement and advocacy along with years of intensive data gathering and analysis. Copies of the Study summary will be available at the event this Saturday.

Our watershed is fortunate to be one of the only watersheds in the nation to have this level of modeling available to us. It is now important to gather stakeholder input on how best to maximize the use and effectiveness of this valuable tool. As a water user, you too are a valuable stakeholder, so please join us on Saturday for this informative and fun event.

You can also visit the project website at [www.edc.uri.edu/personal/pete/wpwa\\_pawcop.htm](http://www.edc.uri.edu/personal/pete/wpwa_pawcop.htm) for more information and updates. You may also contact Denise Poyer at 401-539-9017 or [denisep@wpwa.org](mailto:denisep@wpwa.org) if you have any questions.