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Rensselaerville's Water District Invites Hamlet Residents to a Presentation of the Draft *Protection Strategies* for the Current Drinking Water Source

Date: February 12, 2025, at 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Location: Conkling Hall, 8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville, N.Y. 12147

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Steven Winkley, a professional geologist with LaBella Associates, will present a draft set of strategies for protecting the current drinking water supply source for the hamlet of Rensselaerville. Since early 2024, the LaBella consultant team has been engaged with an advisory committee for the Town of Rensselaerville to develop a Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan for the Rensselaerville Water District.

The advisory committee includes representatives of the Rensselaerville Water Committee, other Town officials, Sustainable Growth Partners, Huyck Preserve & Biological Research Station, Hilltown Commons, the Town of Berne Conservation Board, Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Albany County Department of Health.

The Drinking Water Source Protection Program is a Town-led, state-supported program that empowers the Town to take action to improve and protect the community's public water source. The Town was accepted for participation in the state's program following a successful grant application in 2023 and has been working with the LaBella Associates consulting team to develop its DWSP2 Plan. The program is intended to lead to actionable steps that the Town can take to protect the community's drinking water source now and into the future. The DWSP2 is led at the state level by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYS Department of Health. For more information on the state program, see:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/dwsp2>

The one-hour presentation will present the current conditions and potential issues with the hamlet's source water and offer mitigating strategies and steps to sustain and improve water quality. Attendees will have ample opportunity to ask questions.

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