



April 1, 2022

Dear Friends of Pelham Healthy Yards:

Thanks to all who came to the Sunday, March 6th Meetup, cohosted by EcoPel and the Village of Pelham Sustainability Advisory Board and Climate Smart Communities Task Force.

As promised, we are sharing a link to the recording of the meeting, below.

Special thanks to Heather Glickman Eliezer for the informative presentation and guidance in transforming a conventional front yard over a period of time, by removing and replacing ornamental and invasive plants and adding a great variety of native plants. Thanks also to Lynda Raihofer for spreading the good word and hosting.



INVITATION
HEALTHY YARDS MEETUP

Calling all Pelham gardeners and friends interested in
healthy outdoor spaces

In person at the Highbrook Highline
Young Avenue & Harmon Avenue, Pelham
Sunday, April 10, 2022
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Join us for a **Walk and Talk** led by Dominique Biondi, ecologist and Pelham Pollinator Pathway Coordinator. Discover the native plants added over the past decade that support wildlife, and learn to identify (and remove) invasive plant species.

**Mark your calendar for
our next IN-PERSON
Healthy Yards Meetup:
Pelham's Historic
Highbrook Highline
April 10, 2022
3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Young Avenue & Harmon
Avenue**

Join us for a Walk and Talk with Dominique Biondi, Pelham Pollinator Pathway Coordinator, and landscape ecologist, who will share information about the native plantings added on the Highline over the past

decade that support wildlife. She will also give us tips to identify and properly remove invasive plant species that we may find in our own gardens.

Gloves and tools will be available. *Watch out Lesser Celandine (Ficaria verna), Mugwort (Artemisia vulgaris), and Narrowleaf Bittercress (Cardamine impatiens)!*

Information about the Pollinator Pathway and Healthy Yards Tips will also be available.

We love inspiring HY stories! Here's a note shared with us by Pelham HY neighbor, Anna Simonsen-Meehan, who attended our last two meetups:

"Privet Be Gone!

We've been busy this week removing all of our privet! I started off with the hedge in the backyard, but after thinking about the plan for the front side yard, I decided to forge ahead and remove the hedge in that area too! Luckily my lawnmower crew was available and willing to tackle both jobs. Those shrubs were not easy to get out! So the next time you walk by you can check out our "clean slate" that's ready for loads of native plants this spring!"

Good News: The Town of Pelham has joined Village of Pelham and EcoPel in endorsing the Pelham Healthy Yards community campaign, demonstrating their commitment to informing residents about a way to care for land using low impact landscape practices.

Find the March 6 meetup recording here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11pMaMtGM5o1YzBak9GI4lupOIJJaQmGgU/view?usp=sharing>

Learn more about Healthy Yards here: <https://www.healthyyards.org/westchester/>

Sign up for the Pelham Healthy Yards mailing list and/or take the Pelham Healthy Yards pledge here: <https://cutt.ly/takethepelhampledge>

Watch for announcements about Pelham Healthy Yards and other eco-friendly events and activities on Facebook @sustainablepelham, and on Instagram @climatesmartpelham.

As always, please feel free to share with anyone who may be interested and send us your suggestions or ideas for Healthy Yards topics.