Dutchess County Ducks Unlimited (DCDU) was founded in 2012 by a group of committed, local conservationists with particular interest in wetlands conservation. Their mission is to bring the educational resources and waterfowl habitat restoration expertise of Ducks Unlimited to Dutchess County. In turn, the Chapter will introduce non-hunting conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts to DU’s important work in New York State, protecting waterfowl habitat along the Atlantic Migratory Flyway. Both the Hudson River and Harlem Valleys are within the Atlantic flyway, and their wetlands are used by ducks as an important stopover and breeding habitat. In Dutchess County, this premier waterfowl habitat is provided in abundance by the Great Swamp.

Ducks Unlimited (DU) is the world leader in wetlands conservation. As a New York-founded conservation non-profit, Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl. The habitats are also crucial for other wildlife and human habitation. In 2012 Ducks Unlimited launched a new initiative, “Completing the Cycle,” to address the needs of Atlantic flyway waterfowl throughout their entire lifecycle. Thus far, DU has conserved more than 500,000 acres within the Atlantic Flyway zone; of those, 44,000 acres are in New York State. The Second Annual Great Swamp Shoot and Conservation Program will help realize DU’s vision of sustaining an abundant population of waterfowl, sufficient enough to fill the skies today, tomorrow, and forever. The funds raised from this event will provide the direct income necessary for DU to advance its work locally and nationally.

Ducks Unlimited is a 501(c)(3) accredited charity
Dutchess County Ducks Unlimited Fifth Annual Great Swamp Shoot & Conservation Program

Registration & Breakfast  8:00-9:30 am
Silent Auction Opens  8:00 am
Welcome & Safety Instruction  8:30-9:00 am
Opening Remarks
Tim Bontecou, President Tamarack Preserve; President, DCDU Chapter
Becky Thornton, President, Dutchess Land Conservancy
Sporting Clays Shoot starts  9:00 am
Conservation Program starts  9:30 am
Ducks Unlimited, in association with
Dutchess Land Conservancy, and
Dutchess County Soil & Water District
Introduction to DU Projects
Basic Property Management
Wetlands as Habitat
Land Use History
Conservation Tools
Lunch  Pig Roast, 12:00-1:30 pm
Silent Auction Closes  12:30 pm
Live Auction Opens  12:30 pm
Auctioneers: Courtney Christensen
Highlights:
Flyfishing at Chime Lodge, Patagonia
Day of Sport at Tamarack Preserve
Guided Flighted Shoot for Two Service-Disabled Veterans at Tamarack Preserve
Dakota Meyer Limited Edition Production 1911 Beretta Shotgun, Ten Mile River Preserve
Open Water Duck Hunt
Day at the Races, Saratoga
Conservation Awards presented  1:00 pm
Awards & Prizes  1:15 pm
Awards: High Mens, Ladies, Team, Boys & Girls, Parent-Child. Prizes for all Youth Shooters.

Conservation Program in association with
Dutchess Land Conservancy and Dutchess County Soil & Water District

Registration & Breakfast  8:00-9:30 am
Indoor Program  9:15-10:15 am
Introduction to DU Projects
Brandy Neveldine, DU Biologist
Basic Property Management
Conservation Tools
Outdoor Program  10:15-11:30 am
Location: Nearby Wetlands
Habitat
Land Use History
Exhibitors include
Ducks Unlimited
Dutchess County Soil & Water District
Dutchess Land Conservancy
Friends of the Great Swamp (FrOGS)
Oblong Land Conservancy
Wetlands Conservation Award
Gretchen Stevens, Hudsonia
Wetlands Remediation Award
Cricket Valley Energy

Shooter: $250
Youth Shooter: $50
(Ages 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult)
Conservation: $100
Lunch: $100

Buy Tickets: bit.ly/2wrBxYM
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