



Third Thursday Presents Culverts, Waterways and Wetlands

You ride and walk over them, but culverts are typically hidden from view and don't get much attention. But when properly built, they are critical in allowing aquatic animals to move freely and safely through streams and wetlands.

On Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm, Ben Ganon with Ulster County's Department of the Environment will discuss the importance of these road stream crossings, as well as present an online mapping tool for predicting and assessing road stream crossings, assessment protocols and data. He will also show the impact of culverts that were built with no regard for aquatic habitat.

Culverts, Waterways and Wetlands is a **free, online Zoom talk** sponsored by the Third Thursday Series. To join the event, simply send an email to thirdthursdayseries@gmail.com.

Ganon has worked for with the Department of the Environment for three years. He is a Level 1 coordinator for North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, helps coordinate the Ulster County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, and is the project manager for the ongoing Ulster County Natural Resources Inventory.



Figure 1 Can aquatic animals get through this culvert? Credit: Ben Ganon

Third Thursday Series is a program of free, online events, organized by members of the Gardiner, Marbletown, Rochester and Olive Environmental Conservation Commissions (ECC's). Each month—every third Thursday—the series will present a free, online program on an environmental topic of general interest to residents of Ulster County. The next Third Thursday Series will be on October 20 and is entitled Placemaking Strategies for Homegrown Climate Resilience.



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