## **Environmentally Responsible Management Strategies** for Municipal Athletic Fields & Grounds

~ An update for employees that manage athletic fields and grounds in municipal, parks, and school settings ~

## **Presented by**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County

## Location:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County 26 Legion Drive, Valhalla NY 10595

## **Agenda**

Tuesday March 17, 2009

- $\square$  8:30 9:00 **Registration / Welcome**
- □ 9:00 10:30 The Agronomics of Establishing and Maintaining a High-Quality Turf

Better understand the cultural practices that can encourage a healthy turf cover. Attendees will have an opportunity for hands-on activities with the use of a soil pH test kit, soil penetrometer and clegg hammer.

- David Chinery, Turf Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension
- □ 10:30 10:45 **Break**
- □ 10:45 12:15 Instituting an Environmentally Responsible Pest Management Program for Athletic Fields & Landscape Turf

Learn about some of the least-toxic and integrated strategies that may be useful in managing pests on turf.

- Tamson Yeh, Ph.D., Turf Specialist, Cornell Coop. Extension
- $\Box$  12:15 1:00 Lunch
- $\Box$  1:00 2:30 Establishing and Maintaining a Low Maintenance Landscape

Solve problem sites that are not appropriate for turfgrass. Low-maintenance plant varieties will be discussed and a color weed-suppressive groundcover guide will be distributed to participants.

- Brian Eshenaur, NYS IPM Program Cornell University
- $\square$  2:30 3:00 **Q&A**, Evaluation, Wrap-Up