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Central Westchester Audubon Society Announces Planned Closure and Merger with Saw Mill River Audubon After Over 50 Years of Conservation Service

White Plains, NY — After more than five decades of dedicated environmental advocacy, bird conservation, and community education, Central Westchester Audubon Society, Inc. (CWAS) is announcing its plans to cease independent operations and merge with Saw Mill River Audubon, Inc. (SMRA). This merger aims to strengthen Audubon local efforts by uniting resources, expertise, and volunteer networks.

The legal closure of Central Westchester Audubon, Inc., which is subject to the approval of the New York State Attorney General, is set to occur over the coming months.

Saw Mill River Audubon will be inviting Central Westchester Audubon members to participate in SMRA activities beginning this summer. More information about the merger is here: www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/cwas

Saw Mill River Audubon President Erik Andersen said, “We look forward to welcoming Central Westchester Audubon members to Saw Mill River Audubon. We are also planning new outreach efforts in the Central Westchester Audubon communities of Elmsford, Harrison, Port Chester, Purchase, Rye, West Harrison and White Plains.”

“Our chapter was built on a simple but powerful idea: that a small group of dedicated individuals could make a real difference in protecting the natural world,” said Lisa Curtis, president of CWAS. “It’s bittersweet to close this chapter. However, we’re excited about the expanded opportunities this merger will bring. As we look to the future, we do so with pride in what we’ve accomplished and confidence in what lies ahead.”

Central Westchester Audubon was founded in the early 1970s by a passionate group of local birders and nature enthusiasts and has been a vibrant advocate for environmental stewardship in the central Westchester area. From organizing seasonal bird counts and classroom projects to hosting educational workshops and guided bird walks, the chapter has played a vital role in fostering a love for nature among generations of residents of central Westchester.

Saw Mill River Audubon, with its broader geographic reach and larger pool of volunteers and staff, will continue and expand programs and initiatives offered by Central Westchester Audubon, ensuring that its legacy lives on.

More about Saw Mill River Audubon activities is here: www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

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