



URI Small Acreage Livestock Education Program

Rhode Island 4-H Training Program

Volunteer Training Program – Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 10 AM to 3:00 PM

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

Agenda

Morning session (2 hours): 10 AM – 12 PM. Room 117, Coastal Institute in Kingston Building, 1 Greenhouse Road, URI, Kingston. Refreshments provided.

A slideshow and other tools will be presented to provide training on the major topics which include: pollution and health risks associated with large animals, and the proper management of manure, livestock yards and pastures to protect water resources and human and animal health. A binder of materials will be provided including a copy of the slideshow and supporting fact sheets and other internet resources.

Prior to this workshop, volunteers will be assigned to read the fact sheet and self-assessment worksheet series, which can be viewed and downloaded on-line at www.uri.edu/ce/healthylandscapes/livestock/livestock_publications.htm. Volunteers will also be assigned an independent site assessment – to complete worksheets 1 and 2 at a property that keeps large animals – preferably your own property or that of a close friend or family member. The specific results of the site assessment will not be discussed. We are looking for feedback on the effectiveness and ease of use of these self-assessment materials. A written evaluation will be completed by volunteers to provide this feedback. There will also be an opportunity for group discussion during the afternoon meeting.

Lunch provided: 12 – 1 PM. Room 117, Coastal Institute in Kingston Building.

Afternoon meeting (1.5 hours): 1:30 – 3:00 PM. URI Peckham Farm Conference Room. Refreshments provided.

All trained volunteers (including those trained on November 1, 2008) will meet to discuss the following:

- Location of educational tools (posters, post cards, fact sheets and worksheets, computer laptop and projector, etc.) at Peckham Farm
- Volunteer education delivery plans – what is your plan
- Program evaluation forms
- Effective presentations training opportunity
- Monitoring of education delivery – URI Program Staff
- Final discussion on independent site assessments
- Other discussion needed to kick off volunteer education delivery.



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