



## Sustainable Landscapes for Community, Work, and Home

As citizens of the Hudson River Valley Bioregion, the building materials we use - for a simple driveway or for a large corporate park - play a major part in the environmental health of our community. The science of sustainable design principles focuses on analyzing such properties and uses best practices to identify, eliminate, or remediate potential toxic elements on these sites. These principles prioritize using native materials, including locally sourced materials, absorbent paving, regenerative storm water practices, native and non-invasive plant materials, etc. Our presenter will demonstrate effective methods to bring community, workplace, and home into harmonious environmental balance through these site improvements.



**Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Place: Online via Zoom (See registration information below.)**

**Presenter Stefan Yarabek** is a landscape architect in Saugerties. An active member in several Hudson River Valley preservation initiatives, including the Hudson River National Heritage Area and the Hudson River Valley Greenway, Stefan has been responsible for historic landscape restoration and maintenance of several Hudson River estates, most notably Montgomery Place at Annandale-on-Hudson. Currently, his firm is working with the Nature Conservancy on the restoration of the cultural and ecological landscape of the former Ice Caves Mountain Tourist Site and the design of a new field station and interpretive center at Sam's Point. As a consultant to many villages and towns, he has spearheaded landmark legislation protecting community landscapes through tree, habit, ridgeline, and vista regulations. In Europe, Stefan was the American landscape architect who helped design and develop the 200-mile Prague-Vienna Greenway project in Czechoslovakia beginning in 1990.

**REGISTRATION:** Lifespring members and members of the community are invited to attend this free online event. **Registration opens on February 19th and closes March 4th at 5 pm.** A link to the registration form will be posted on the Lifespring website under Latest News and Winter Presentations