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Please share this with interested colleagues.

Thanks, Nancy Beaubaire

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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EVENT: Plant Stewardship Index Introductory Workshop

DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 9, 2006, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (same program as March 11) Saturday, March 11, 2006, 10 a.m.-noon (same program as March 9)

PLACE: Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Visitor Center, 1635 River Road, New Hope, PA

FEE: \$80 for either date; Pre-registration recommended; call (215) 862-2924.

#### Plant Stewardship Index Introductory Workshops

The Plant Stewardship Index (PSI) is an analytical tool that allows stewards of public and private lands in the Piedmont area of Pennsylvania and New Jersey to survey and assess the status of the native plant populations on the properties they protect and manage. As a quantitative assessment of the floristic quality and botanical integrity of a site, the PSI offers a method for monitoring and evaluating land management practices, and affords granting agencies the ability to track those results over time. This workshop is designed for land stewards, private landowners and municipal officials.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is offering an introductory workshop about the Index. Participants will receive a copy of the Index and gain a thorough understanding of the PSI methodology and how its use can support the proliferation of healthy native habitats.

The Plant Stewardship Index Introductory Workshop will be held Thursday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The same program will be repeated on Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee for either date is \$80. Pre-registration is recommended; call the Preserve at (215) 862-2924. The workshop will be held at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, located at 1635 River Road (PR Rt. 32), 2.5 miles south of New Hope, Pennsylvania and convenient to I-95. For directions, visit the Preserve's website, <http://www.bhwp.org> and click on "Visiting BHWP".

For more information about the Plant Stewardship Index, visit <http://www.bhwp.org> and choose "Plant Stewardship Index" from the main menu.

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