



BLANDING'S TURTLE HABITAT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Presented by the New York Chapter of the Wildlife Society in Cooperation with The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

May 25, 2018

9am – 5pm

Trevor Zoo at Millbrook School

This training will focus on identifying Blanding's turtle habitat using the criteria and techniques in the Grgurovic protocols for *the Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii)*. Attendees will gain knowledge of Blanding's turtle life history, habitat, and state requirements. This will provide *introductory* experience in identifying Blanding's turtle habitat.

General Agenda

- Overview of status and natural history
- Agency insight
- Detailed discussion of habitat components and variability
- Standardized Survey Protocols from the *Northeast Turtle Working Group*
- Field trips visit local wetlands to assess habitat
- Summary and discussion of trapping study design, habitat analysis, and search efforts

The workshop fee is **\$150** members (**\$180** non-members) and will include the workshop instruction and course handouts (a bag lunch is suggested). Class will be limited to 20 participants due to training facility restrictions. Please register by emailing Dan Bogan Treasurer NYTWS at nytws.treasurer@gmail.com or Dave MacDougall Past President dwmacdougall@outlook.com. Your registration should include your name, contact information, and affiliation. **Preference will be given to NYTWS members**, and participants will be added to the list on a *first come first served* basis. We are currently evaluating payment methods and will make payment available to registrants ASAP. A wait list will be established to fill seats if they become available. **All proceeds from this training will go directly to student and professional travel award funding.**