

State of the Hudson River Watershed



A Conference on the Ecological Status Of the Waters of the Hudson River and its Tributaries

At the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park

Purpose of Program: Four hundred years after Henry Hudson, can we paint a clear picture of the ecological health of the Hudson River and its tributaries? This conference will summarize what we know about current conditions and trends in the ecological integrity of the region's running waters, and examine key policy and management issues related to those trends. It will also explore the question of which environmental indicators best communicate ecosystem health for environmental policy-makers, managers and the general public. The conference program is intended to promote a regional discussion on development of a periodic "vital signs report" on the waters of the Hudson River Watershed.

Tuesday, September 29

Trends in Ecologically Significant Flows ▪ Sediment Budgeting and Management ▪ Physical Habitat: Shallow and Intertidal Wetlands
▪ How Does the Hudson Compare to other Estuaries? ▪ What's in Our Water Now? A Survey of Available Water Quality Data ▪
Groundwater: Recharge, Withdrawals, and Land Cover ▪ Engaging Stakeholders in Environmental Monitoring ▪ Regional Planning
for Water Use ▪ Hudson Valley Wetlands: Status and Trends ▪ Reporting on the Rest of the Hudson River Watershed

Wednesday, September 30

Hudson River Action Agenda and Ecological Health ▪ NYS' Biomonitoring Efforts in the Hudson River Watershed: Status and Trends ▪
Alien Fish Introductions in the Hudson River Watershed: A Call for Biocriteria ▪ Aquatic Macrophytes ▪ Riparian Protection and
Restoration: Policy Tools ▪ Longitudinal Connectivity in the Tributaries ▪ Riparian Ecosystem Influence on Tributary Health: What
are the Key Indicators? ▪ Selecting Ecosystem Indicators to Influence Policy ▪ Commercial Fisheries: Status and Trends ▪ Non-
commercial fisheries: Status and Trends ▪ Establishing Baselines of Ecological Health ▪ Communicating Ecological Vital Signs to
Decision-Makers and the Public



Registration

Name _____
Affiliation _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____
Email _____

	Early Bird until 9/18	9/18 – 9/28	On-site
Both Days			
Regular	\$95	\$105	\$125
HRES member	\$85	\$95	\$110
One Day			
Regular	\$65	\$80	\$95
HRES member	\$60	\$70	\$85

Please clip this section and include this form with your check, payable to HRES (memo: SOTHW conference, day(s) attending). Return form with payment to:

Hudson River Environmental Society
6626 Stitt Road
Altamont NY 12009-4523

*Please check which days you will be attending:

Both Days _____

Day 1 _____ Day 2 _____

*Fee includes continental breakfast, gourmet lunch, conference materials, and admission to the library and museum at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home

Practical Information

Registration. Registration opens on August 7, 2009. **Register online at:**
<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=188058>

Registration fee. Early Bird Registration is available until September 18, 2009. See matrix above for conference registration costs and deadlines. Fee includes continental breakfast, gourmet lunch, conference materials, and admission to the Library and Museum at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, NY.

Conference schedule. Both days of the conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:45 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.

Program details. A final agenda will be available online mid-August. See: www.hres.org or www.hudsonwatershed.org.

Travel. For directions, including train service and places to stay, see, <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/direct27.html>

Parking. Parking at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park is limited. For carpool opportunities, please check the following sites:
September 29th, <http://rideshare.us/index.php> [LOOKUP CODE: sothrw29]
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Questions? For more information, please contact: Katy Dunlap, HRWA Director, at katy@hudsonwatershed.org or Mark Vian, HRES Program Chair, at vian.mark@gmail.com.

The State of the Hudson River Watershed conference is the seventh annual conference of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA), and is being coordinated by HRWA and the Hudson River Environmental Society (HRES). On Tuesday, September 29, HRES will host its 2009 Annual Meeting and Award Dinner in Staatsburg, NY; for more information go to www.hres.org

Co-sponsoring organizations and agencies include Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, U.S. Geological Survey, Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Estuary Training Program of the NYSDEC Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Clearwater, Scenic Hudson, The Nature Conservancy, Hudson Basin River Watch, Hudsonia Ltd., National Park Service, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.