

***Hudson River Environmental Society
Fall Eco-Tour:
The Upper Hudson River of
Washington County
Saturday September 22, 2018***



General Electric Manufacturing Plant
Hudson Falls, New York

The 13,000 square mile Hudson Basin contains diverse physiographic and social regions. The Hudson River Environmental Society has sponsored tours to visit some of these regions and interact with knowledgeable residents and experts. This year we will tour a part of the Upper Hudson in Washington County. The tour begins on Rogers Island at Fort Edward. Fort Edward was the site of one of General Electric's (GE) capacitor manufacturing plants. This facility, as well as another upstream in Hudson Falls, used polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). PCBs, which are now considered a toxic substance, entered the river. GE recently completed a remediation project in the river. GE and New York Department of Environmental Conservation experts will give their perspectives of this work. After a morning of science and engineering we will travel by bus for lunch and a talk about Washington County agriculture at the Gardenworks Farm in Salem, NY. During the half hour ride to Salem Stephen Lapham of the Washington County Historical Society will talk about the area's history. After lunch and a farm tour we will go to the Battenkill Creamery for a visit to the milk bottling plant and ice cream.



Gardenworks Farm
Salem, New York