



Hudson River Watershed Alliance **2017 Annual Watershed Conference**

Responding to Watershed Challenges: Building Partnerships and Taking Action

November 14, 2017: 9:00 am to 4:15 pm
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library & Home
Hyde Park, NY

Conference Summary: This program focuses on a range of challenges confronting watershed protection, including climate change, ongoing federal policy changes, urban development and others. Through several panels, we will explore ways we can build a stronger constituencies and partnerships around watershed protection and how people can get more involved with protecting water supplies, through greater activism, watershed partnerships in rural communities, and watershed awareness and action in urbanized environments.

- 9:00 am – 9:20 am** **Check-in, networking and morning coffee**
- 9:20 am – 9:30 am** **Welcome**
Staff, FDR Presidential Library & Home
- 9:30 am – 9:40 am** **Welcome/Conference Overview**
Maureen Cunningham, Hudson River Watershed Alliance
- 9:45 am – 10:30 am** **Climate Change: The most urgent environmental issue of our generation**
Keynote Speaker: Judith Enck, Former Regional Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am** **From Global to Local: Taking charge, building power, communicating climate change at a community level**
Margie Turrin, Senior Staff Associate and Education Coordinator, Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- 11:00 am – 11:15 am** **Morning Coffee Break**

- 11:15 am – 11:45 am Reflecting on 30 Years of River Conservation**
Frances F. Dunwell, NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Coordinator
- 11:45 am – 12:15 pm A Catalyst for Change in Our Watersheds: The nexus of science, technology, and people**
George Schuler, The Nature Conservancy
- 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch Break & Exhibitor Tables**
- 1:00 pm – 1:10 pm Overview of Afternoon Agenda**
Simon Gruber, Hudson River Watershed Alliance and CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities
- 1:10 pm – 1:40 pm Watershed Mismanagement: A view from downstream**
Michael Ciaravino, City of Newburgh Manager
- 1:40 pm – 2:00 pm Town Center Redevelopment as a Sustainable Land Use Strategy**
Emily Svenson, Hyde Park Town Councilmember
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm Panel: Downstream Watershed Protection: Prioritizing water protection, citizen engagement and environmental justice**
Moderated by Manna Jo Greene, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
- Emily Svenson, Hyde Park Town Councilwoman
 - Jennifer Rubbo, The Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns
 - Michael Ciaravino, Newburgh City Manager
 - Gabrielle Burton-Hill, Newburgh Community Circles
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Afternoon Coffee Break**
- 3:00 pm– 4:10 pm Panel: Upstream Watershed Protection: How to engage with rural communities and outdoor user groups**
Moderated by Scott Cuppett, NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program
- Brandy Neveline and Stancy DuHamel, Ducks Unlimited
 - Greg Cuda, Trout Unlimited
 - Carolyn Klocker, Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - Bill Connors, NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board, Dutchess County Sportsmen Federation
- 4:10 pm – 4:15 pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
Ryan Palmer, Hudson River Watershed Alliance and Center for the Urban River at Beczak