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**Hudson River Watershed Alliance Hosts 12th Annual Watershed Conference on Nov. 14:
Conference will focus on responding to watershed challenges**

HYDE PARK, NY - The Hudson River Watershed Alliance will hold its annual Watershed Conference on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:15 pm at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, NY. The theme of the conference is *Responding to Watershed Challenges: Building Partnerships and Taking Action*. To register for the conference, visit www.hudsonwatershed.org. Registration is \$75 per person. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

This year's conference features a keynote presentation by Judith Enck, former Regional Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, on *Climate Change: The most urgent environmental issue of our generation*. The conference program focuses on a range of challenges confronting watershed protection, including climate change, urban development and others. Through two afternoon 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.

"Climate change is a water issue. It is essential that we not only drive down carbon pollution that causes climate change, but that we build resilient structures and re-double our efforts to protect water quality at the source, which means strong policies to protect watersheds," said Judith Enck, former US EPA Regional Administrator.

More than 100 people and organizations from throughout the Hudson River watershed are expected to participate in this event, including researchers, grassroots watershed groups, nonprofit organizations, educators and students, and municipal and state officials.

This year's conference is supported by the Hudson River Estuary Program, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in cooperation with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, with funding from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Annual sponsors of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance provide support for this and other events, including the Hudson Valley Regional Council, Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Hazen & Sawyer, Hudson Valley Water Works Conference, GHD Inc., The Chazen Companies, Riverkeeper, and the Woodstock Land Conservancy.

The Hudson River Watershed Alliance supports a collaborative network of watershed information and stewardship in the Hudson River Basin, by working with dozens of watershed groups and municipalities. We sustain this critical alliance by raising the collective voice for watershed interests and supporting a network of

information, innovation and learning at events like this Annual Watershed Conference. For more information and to register for this conference on November 14th, visit our website at www.hudsonwatershed.org.

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