

The Watershed Commons:

People, Wildlife, and Water in the Hudson Valley

Mohonk Mountain House
Conference House
New Paltz, New York
Friday, November 17, 9am to 4pm

The conference will explore the various interconnected, yet sometimes unapparent, interests and themes related to water resource protection, wildlife habitat conservation, and human needs in the Hudson River watershed. We hope to create a regional dialogue on how to more fully integrate watershed and biodiversity protection efforts while addressing the growing needs of the human community.

Presented by the Hudson River Watershed Alliance and Mohonk Consultations.



The Hudson River Watershed Alliance is a network of agencies, environmental groups, research and educational organizations, and local grassroots groups that share the common goal of protecting and restoring water resources throughout the Hudson River basin. The primary goals of the HRWA are to serve as a regional resource for networking and collaboration, create a central clearinghouse of information and contacts, and collaboratively advance our member groups' efforts in outreach and education.

Hudson River Watershed Alliance
112 Little Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601



Registration

Must preregister by November 10.

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

*fee includes morning coffee and pastries, buffet lunch and conference materials

Agenda

Morning Session

- 8:00-8:45 Check-in & Networking
- 8:45-9:00 Opening Remarks | Kitty Brown, Mohonk Consultations
- 9:00-10:00 Keynote: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of Our Nation's Fresh Water | Robert Glennon, Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of Arizona and author of *Water Follies*
- 10:00-10:15 Overview: Hudson River Estuary Watershed Biodiversity | David VanLuven, The Nature Conservancy
- 10:15-10:45 Riparian Areas: The Aquatic and Terrestrial Transition Zone | Peter Groffman, Institute of Ecosystem Studies
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:30 Stream Flow: Balancing Human and Stream Ecosystem Needs | Colin Apse, The Nature Conservancy
- 11:30-12:00 Hudson River Tributaries: American Eels and the Estuary Connection | Bob Schmidt, Simon's Rock College of Bard and Hudsonia Ltd.
- 12:00-12:30 How Proactive Land Use Planning Has Helped Minimize Impacts to Water and Wildlife in Greene County | Rene VanSchaack, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District

- 12:30-1:45 Full buffet lunch in the Mohonk Mountain House West Dining Room
Presentation of the First Annual Hudson River Watershed Alliance Watershed Stewardship Award

Afternoon Session

- 1:45-2:15 Brook Trout: The Canary in the Streams and Trout Unlimited's Initiative | Ron Urban, NYS Chair, Trout Unlimited
- 2:15-2:45 The Whole Farm Program: Providing Food for People While Minimizing Impacts to Water Resources and Habitat | Karen Rauter and Dan Flaherty, Watershed Agricultural Council
- 2:45-3:00 Break
- 3:00-4:00 Panel Discussion: What is happening on a national, state, regional and local level to address water usage issues from a policy or regulatory framework? What could be done to unify water and biodiversity protection efforts? | Panelists: Robert Glennon; Colin Apse, TNC; Jay Beaumont, Baker Engineering NY, Inc.; and others TBA | Moderator: Russell Urban-Mead, The Chazen Companies
- 4:00 Adjourn