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## **Hudson River Watershed Alliance** **2018 Annual Watershed Conference**

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*Watershed Solutions: People, Communities & Science*

**October 23, 2018**  
**Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library & Home**  
**Hyde Park, NY**

[DRAFT Conference Program](#)

**9:00 am – 9:20 am Check-in, networking and morning coffee**

**9:20 am – 12:00 pm PLENARY**

**Welcome**

Staff, FDR Presidential Library & Home

**Welcome/Conference Overview**

Maureen Cunningham, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

**Keynote Presentation**

Peggy Shepard, Co-Founder and Executive Director of WE ACT for Environmental Justice

**Morning Coffee Break**

**Accountability in Environmentalism - Addressing the Culture of our Movement**

Ava Bynum, Founder of Omnymyst and Hudson Valley Seed

**The Hudson, A Source of Change**

Gary Bassett, Mayor of the Village of Rhinebeck and Chair of the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

**12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lunch Break & Exhibitor Tables**

**12:45 pm – 4:15 pm PLENARY**

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (Invited)**

**The Jefferson Project: Advancing science and technology to monitor, model, and mitigate human impacts**

Dr. Rick Relyea, Director, Darrin Fresh Water Institute; Director, The Jefferson Project;  
David M. Darrin '40 Senior Endowed Chair, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Rensselaer  
Polytechnic Institute

**Prioritizing Stream Buffers for Protection and Restoration**

Beth Roessler, NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program

**Climate Adaptation Watershed by Watershed**

David Church, Commissioner of Planning, Orange County and KT Tobin, Ph.D., Associate  
Director, The Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz

**Afternoon Coffee Break**

**Watershed Solutions: Lessons Learned from the Field**

**Moderator: Michael Finewood, Ph.D., Pace University and Hudson River Watershed  
Alliance Board of Directors**

- Beth Gilles, Upper Hudson Watershed Coalition
- Michelle Luebke, Bronx River Alliance
- Jason West, Wallkill River Watershed Alliance
- Ophra Wolf, Newburgh Clean Water Project

**Conclusions, Next Steps and the Last Word**

Simon Gruber, Hudson River Watershed Alliance Board of Directors

An informal gathering will take place at the Hyde Park Brewing Company, across the street from  
FDR Presidential Library & Home, for anyone interested in debriefing and socializing after the  
conference.