



## Hudson River Watershed Alliance 2019 Annual Watershed Conference: Healthy Landscapes

October 29, 2019  
Henry A. Wallace Center  
at the FDR Presidential Library & Home, Hyde Park, NY

### AGENDA

9:00-9:15 AM – Check in, networking, morning coffee

9:15-9:20 AM – Welcome  
Staff, FDR Presidential Library & Home

9:20-9:25 AM – Welcome  
Ryan Palmer, President, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

9:25-9:40 AM – Welcome & Introduction  
Emily Vail, Executive Director, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

9:40-10:15 AM – On Beauty and Environmental Responsibility: Thomas Cole's Catskill Creek Paintings  
H. Daniel Peck, Ph.D., John Guy Vassar, Jr., Professor Emeritus of English, Vassar College

10:15-10:30 AM – Break

10:30-11:00 AM – Messy Streams are Healthy Streams  
Tim Koch, Stream Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County & Ashokan  
Watershed Stream Management Program

11:00-11:30 AM – Restoring a Former Industrial Waterway: Poesten Kill Green Infrastructure Plan  
Hans Hesselein, Principal, Apiary Studios Landscape Architecture

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Connectedness to Nature is Mediated through Social Ties: Exploring the  
Social-Cultural Dynamics of Urban Waterfronts  
Anne Toomey, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies and Science,  
Pace University

12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch

1:00-1:20 PM – Hudson River Estuary Program Updates  
Fran Dunwell, Hudson River Estuary Coordinator, NYS DEC

1:20-1:40 PM – NYS DEC Stream Restoration & Flood Mitigation Program  
Tom Snow, Division of Water, NYS DEC (invited)

1:40-2:00 PM – Drinking Water Source Protection Program  
Noreen Gallagher, Environmental Analyst, NYS Department of Health  
Sue Van Patten, Watershed Section B Section Chief, Division of Water, NYS DEC (invited)

2:00-2:15 PM – Break

2:15-3:30 PM – Breakout Sessions

#### Clean Ups & Plastic Pollution

- Riverkeeper Sweep: Results, Stories, and Lessons Learned  
Jen Benson, Outreach Coordinator, Riverkeeper
- Plastic Pollution: Local Solutions and Watershed Strategies  
Asher Pacht, Director of Environmental Programs, Beacon Institute for Rivers & Estuaries/Clarkson University
- Youth Engaged in Beautifying and Restoring Kingston: BARK  
Ani Castillo, Kingston High School student, BARK Crew & Farm Crew member, Kingston YMCA Farm Project  
Tajsheona Chavis, Kingston High School student, BARK Crew & Farm Crew member, Kingston YMCA Farm Project  
Susan Hereth, Education Director, Kingston YMCA Farm Project

#### Scenery & Ecological Benefits

- Mawignack Preserve: Protecting and Restoring a Floodplain  
Nava Tabak, Director of Science, Climate, & Stewardship, Scenic Hudson
- Hudson River Estuary Program Scenic Guidance, Training and Demonstration Project  
Caroline Horgan, Graduate Student, School of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry & Intern, Saratoga Associates

#### Communicating Values

- The Courage to Care: Inspiring a Disengaged Community to Fight for Its Water  
Ophra Wolf, Newburgh Clean Water Project
- Getting People Out on Their River: The Great Wallkill River Race  
Martha Cheo, Wallkill River Watershed Alliance

3:30-4:00 PM – Closing  
Emily Vail, Executive Director, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

For more information and to register: <https://hudsonwatershed.org/annual-watershed-conference/>