



CLOSING REMARKS

Hudson River
Watershed Alliance



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- Healthy Landscapes
 - What does a healthy stream or watershed look like?
 - How do our values inform our perspectives?
 - How does that impact stream & watershed management?



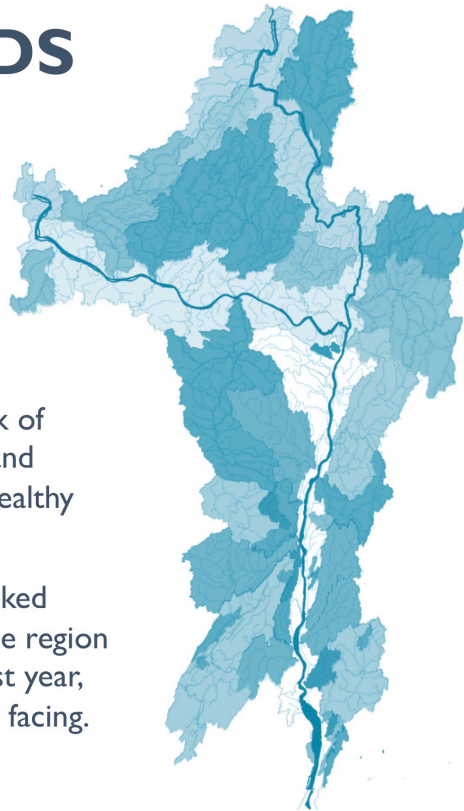
WORK ON WATERSHEDS

WORK ON WATERSHEDS 2019 YEARBOOK

The **Hudson River Watershed Alliance** unites and empowers communities to protect their local water resources.

The **Hudson River Watershed Alliance** is the only organization dedicated to building a collaborative network of engaged, informed and active citizens, watershed groups, and municipalities to ensure the Hudson River watershed is healthy and resilient.

In Fall 2019, the **Hudson River Watershed Alliance** asked organizations working on watershed issues throughout the region to share one fact, one proud accomplishment from the last year, one opportunity for next year, and one challenge they are facing. This is the result.



The Hudson River Watershed

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Each group reported on:

- Fact
- Accomplishment
- Opportunity
- Challenge

WORK ON WATERSHEDS

- Our watershed group partners are diverse!
- Battenkill to Bronx River
- Mohawk River to Tannery Brook



Battenkill Conservancy



Bronx River Alliance

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- Educating, communicating, organizing, & engaging communities
- Monitoring, planning, & promoting recreation
- Conserving land, partnering on projects, & cleaning up trash



HEALTHY LANDSCAPES

- Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance
- Quassaick Creek Watershed Management Plan



HEALTHY LANDSCAPES

- Wallkill River Watershed Alliance



HEALTHY LANDSCAPES

- The presence of a watershed group has been correlated with improved water quality
- “We find their increased presence resulted in lower dissolved oxygen deficiency and higher proportions of swimmable and fishable waterbodies.” (Grant & Langpap 2019)



Roe Jan (photo by Kathryn Clark)

NEXT STEPS

- **Please fill out the evaluation form!**
- Recycle your name badges
- Save the date for our upcoming programs



Catskill Creek (photo by Larry Federman)

THANK YOU!

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