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Planning For 2030: A Preview Of The Next *Estuary Action Agenda*

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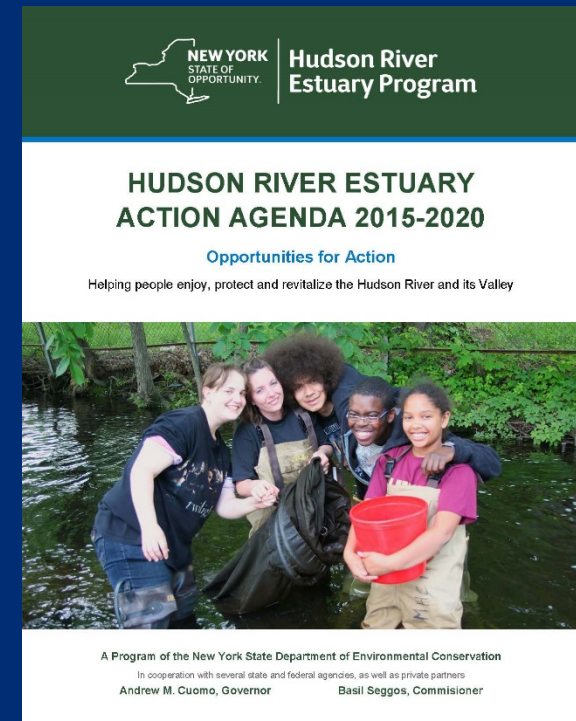
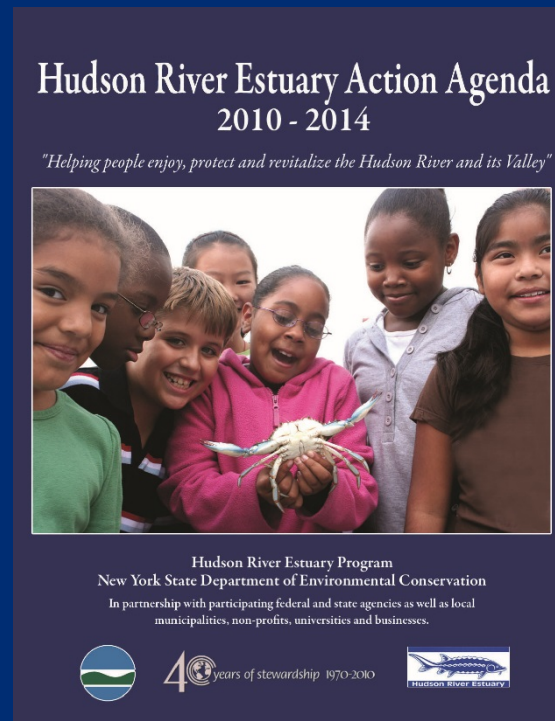
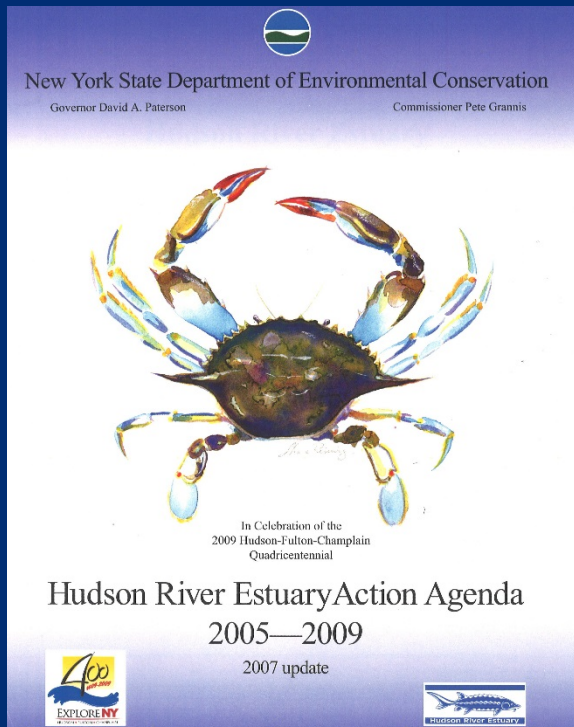
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What is the Action Agenda?

***A blueprint for partnerships to help people enjoy, protect and revitalize the Hudson River and its Valley.**

***Each one builds upon the one before**



Examples of Recent Progress

- Access: one per community along the estuary, Resiliency Handbook underway
- Habitat restoration: projects at Gay's Point, Tappan Zee, Iona Island & more
- Water quality: stream buffers and aquatic connectivity-- 50% of the watershed assessed

Fisheries: Sturgeon habitat use better understood



- Resilient waterfronts: 5 Hudson River communities are developing a vision for adapting to sea level rise and flooding, 97 communities have pledged CSC
- Land use : 16 communities are actively implementing projects and programs-- NRIs, CACs, open space plans, comp plan updates, etc
- Education: 19,000 people have attended our programs since 2015



Some DRAFT 2020-2030 objectives:

- Hudson River Water Quality: Establish a baseline and invest in CSO/WWT projects
- Tributaries: implement stream habitat improvements and address w.q. impairments



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- Access: Enhance river access for resiliency using the handbook
- Education: Provide a continuum of learning experiences in schools; 50,000 people attend DITL over the next ten years



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- Waterfront communities : Develop a resilience roadmap and implement adaptation strategies
- River habitats: implement sustainable shoreline BMPs, restore tidal habitats, conserve wetland migration pathways



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- Land use : move communities up the ladder from planning to active conservation
- Fisheries: Continue monitoring and management

