



ANNUAL WATERSHED CONFERENCE

ANATOMY OF A SUCCESS STORY IN-PERSON SESSION

Tuesday, October 27, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Hyde Park, NY

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9:00-9:30 AM - Arrival & Registration

9:30-9:40 AM - Welcome

Emily Vail, Executive Director, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

Matt Shook, Board President, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

Jeffrey Urbin, Education Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

9:40-9:50 AM - Annual Watershed Conference Introduction

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9:50-10:45 AM - Quassaick Creek Greenway Trail

This session will focus on how the long-time vision for improved access to the Quassaick Creek in and around Newburgh is becoming a reality, through thoughtful science, planning, partnerships, and community activation.

- *Kayla Patel, Urban Planner Project Manager, Scenic Hudson*
- *Bill Fetter, Co-Chair, Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance*
- *Betty Bastidas, Director / Land Steward, Newburgh Sanctuary at Crystal Lake*
- *Jessica Dickinson, Parks & Recreation Director, Town of New Windsor*

10:45-11:05 AM - Break

11:05 AM - 12:05 PM - Housing & Conservation

This session will share the Hudson Valley Alliance for Housing and Conservation's collaborative work connecting affordable housing and land conservation goals, with project and planning case studies from the Columbia Land Conservancy and the Town of New Lebanon.

- *Marissa Codey, Special Projects Advisor, Columbia Land Conservancy*
- *Laura Heady, Conservation & Land Use Program Coordinator, NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with Cornell University*
- *Tistrya Houghtling, Town Supervisor, Town of New Lebanon*

12:10-12:55 PM - Lunch

12:55-1:50 PM - Oakdale Lake Community Science, Planning, and Management

This session will discuss an ongoing community-led project to understand, improve, and envision the future of Oakdale Lake, a beloved 4-acre lake and public swimming beach in the City of Hudson.

- *Cate Collinson, Project Manager, Oakdale Lake Water Quality Improvement Project*
- *Peter Frank, Board, Friends of Hudson Youth*

1:50-2:00 PM - Panel Discussion Q&A

2:00-2:20 PM - Break

2:20-3:25 PM - Breakout Rooms: 3 Concurrent Sessions

3:25-3:30 PM - Closing

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