



ANNUAL WATERSHED CONFERENCE

DRINKING WATER: SOURCE TO TAP IN-PERSON SESSION

Tuesday, October 22, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

[Register here](#)

The in-person session will focus on science and strategies to protect drinking water, from source to tap.

9:00-9:45 AM - Welcome and Introduction

Emily Vail, Executive Director, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

Emily Svenson, Board President, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

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

9:45-10:25 AM - Groundwater and Hydrogeology

Russell Urban-Mead, PG, Senior Hydrogeologist, LaBella Associates

10:25-10:45 AM - Break

10:45-11:25 AM - Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water:

Sources, climate impacts, mitigation and vulnerable populations

Shannon Roback, PhD, Science Director, Riverkeeper

**11:25 AM - 12:00 PM - Replacing Toxic Lead Pipes in New York Quickly, Efficiently, and Equitably:
Background and Strategies for Addressing Lead in Drinking Water**

Maureen Cunningham, Chief Strategy Officer & Director of Water,

Environmental Policy Innovation Center

12:00-12:30 PM - Lunch

12:30-1:15 AM - Panel Discussion: Watershed Groups and Drinking Water

This panel discussion will share how watershed groups from across the Hudson Valley are working on understanding and protecting drinking water in diverse ways.

Hollowbrook Water Watch

- *Joseph Scapoli, Chair, Hollowbrook Water Watch and Watershed Inspector,
Peekskill Department of Water and Sewer*

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (Hudson 7)

- *Rebecca Martin, Source Water Protection Coordinator/Consultant, Hudson 7*

Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance

- *Jack Caldwell, President, Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance and Member, Stewart Air National Guard Restoration Advisory Board*
- *Bill Fetter, Secretary/Treasurer, Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance and Member, Stewart Air National Guard Restoration Advisory Board*

Saw Kill Watershed Community

- *Karen Schneller-McDonald, Chair, Saw Kill Watershed Community; Author, Connecting the Drops; and Water Resources Specialist, Hickory Creek Consulting*
- *Elias Dueker, PhD, Director, Center for Environmental Sciences and Humanities, Bard College*

1:15-1:30 AM - Break

1:40-2:45 PM - Breakout Rooms/Concurrent Sessions

PLANNING

This session will focus on planning for source water protection, including opportunities for technical assistance and grant funding, environmental justice considerations, and how plans focused on other topics can support drinking water.

Drinking Water Source Water Protection Program (DWSP₂)

Jessica Casey, Environmental Analyst, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NEIWPCCC

Alyssa Bement, Drinking Water Specialist, NYS Department of Health and NEIWPCCC

Water Resource Protection in the Hudson Valley: Integrating Equity into Source Water Planning

Anna Palmer, Source Watershed Specialist, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program and NEIWPCCC

Protecting Peekskill's Drinking Water Through Collaboration & Planning

Carrie Hilpert, Director of Land Conservation

Ted Warren, Public Policy Manager, Hudson Highlands Land Trust

POLICY

This session will focus on state and local policy opportunities for protecting drinking water, focusing on the inherent challenges that municipalities face in protecting drinking water sources outside of municipal boundaries.

Introduction to State and Municipal Approaches

Emily Svenson, Esq., Partner, Gordon & Svenson LLP

New York State Drinking Water Policy Challenges and Opportunities

Dan Shapley, Senior Director of Advocacy, Policy & Planning, Riverkeeper

Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Inter-Municipal Watershed Protection Overlay District

Michelle Robbins, Senior Planner, Town of Cortland

PFAS

This session will focus on the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on drinking water, including federal and state policies and a focus on the City of Newburgh and Newburgh Clean Water Project's work.

Fighting Back Against Forever Chemicals: State and Federal PFAS Policy Landscape

Rob Hayes, Senior Director of Clean Water, Environmental Advocates NY

PFAS in Newburgh

Jennifer Rawlison, Newburgh Clean Water Project; Member, Stewart Air National Guard Restoration Advisory Board; and Leadership Team Member, National PFAS Contamination Coalition

2:45-2:50 PM - Break

2:50-3:00 PM - Closing

Emily Vail, Executive Director, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

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