



Hudson River Watershed Alliance

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Supported **18 community-based watershed groups** across the Hudson Valley through education programs and direct technical assistance.

Highlights:

- Piloted a new watershed planning program with the **Roe Jan Watershed Community** and **Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance**.
- Brought Pace University's award-winning land use training to local leaders, enabling the formation of a new **Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance**.
- Supported the **Wallkill River Watershed Alliance** through leadership transitions and planning the Wallkill River Summit.

Co-facilitated the **Hudson Valley Flood Resilience Network**, connecting local governments taking action to manage current and future flood risks.

Highlights:

- Organized virtual trainings and in-person meetings with **76 local leaders** on priority topics, fostering new connections to experts and peers.
- Launched a **Strategic Roadmap** to chart a path forward for the Network, including program priorities and a shared leadership structure.
- Grew the Network from 14 municipalities to **25 municipal Members** and **19 regional Partners**.

Convened unique and impactful regional programs to improve **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Environmental Justice (DEIJ)** in watershed work.

Highlights:

- Organized the **Annual Watershed Conference** to share DEIJ strategies with **over 160 participants**, directly responding to community needs.
- **Facilitated conversations on DEIJ** with watershed groups and regional partners to identify next steps.
- Implemented our own internal **DEIJ goals**.



The Punch Brook-Roeliff Jansen Kill Advisory Committee connected three Columbia County towns to understand and improve their watershed.



Hudson Valley Flood Resilience Network members discussed flooding challenges and toured green infrastructure projects in Albany.



The Good Work Institute facilitated a workshop on Sharing Power in Your Collaborations at the Annual Watershed Conference in Hyde Park.

The Hudson River Watershed Alliance unites and empowers communities to protect our shared waters. Your support makes this work possible.

In 2023, the Hudson River Watershed Alliance held 25 programs, engaging over 900 people to protect clean water, adapt to climate change, and improve Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Environmental Justice.



Hudson Valley Flood Resilience Network members toured flood mitigation projects in Yonkers, including a restored shoreline and stream daylighting.

Educated local leaders to support watershed protection and climate change resilience.

Highlights:

- Trained 50 local leaders from the Rondout Creek, Esopus Creek, and Fishkill Creek watersheds on planning and zoning to protect water resources.
- Hosted webinar series on state resources for implementing watershed projects and Climate Smart Communities actions.
- Presented on harmful algal blooms, green infrastructure for stormwater management, and watershed-climate change connections.



Conference presenters Ronald Zorrilla, Outdoor Promise, and Jennifer Rawlison, Newburgh Clean Water Project, with Emily Vail, Hudson River Watershed Alliance.

Hudson River Watershed Alliance 2023 Financials

Covering the period from November 2022 to October 2023, rounded to the nearest thousand. Your support makes a difference!

