

# Hudson River Watershed Alliance

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Supported **24 community-based watershed groups** across the Hudson Valley through education programs and direct technical assistance.

### Highlights:

- Published new reports with the Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance and Roe Jan Watershed Community, compiling information to better understand and improve their watersheds. These reports serve as templates, as we help others get started with watershed planning.
- Developed new guides and training materials to support watershed groups in growing strong organizations and leadership.

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

### Highlights:

- Organized virtual and in-person meetings with **75 local leaders** on priority topics, including emergency communications, flood resilience planning, local land use policies, and more.
- Grew the Network to **26 municipalities**, including five counties, and **30 regional partners**, fostering new connections to experts and peers.

Convened unique and impactful programs to advance **regional coordination** of watershed work.

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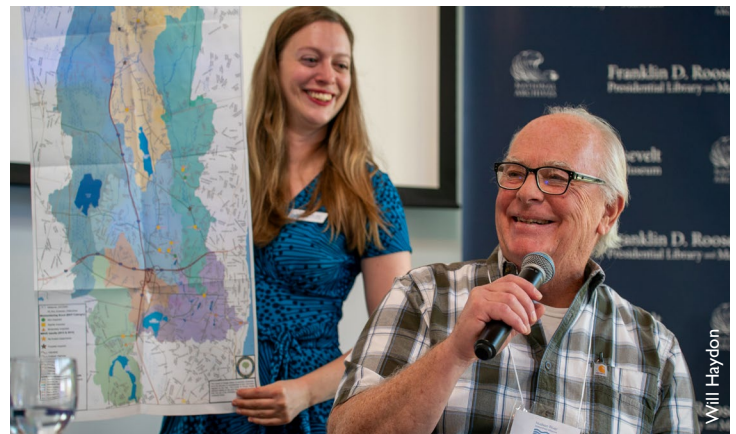
- Organized the **Annual Watershed Conference** to bring together **150 people** from different backgrounds in conversation about protecting clean drinking water, from source to tap.
- Hosted breakfast webinars on **equitable community-academic collaborations**, partnerships to protect drinking water, and health impacts of **PFAS chemicals**.



The Punch Brook-Roeliff Jansen Kill Watershed Characterization process convened communities in conversation about next steps in Ancram.



Hudson Valley Flood Resilience Network members toured flood adaptation projects at Long Dock Park in Beacon.



The Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance presented their work on drinking water 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 2024, the Hudson River Watershed Alliance organized 14 programs, engaging 600 people to protect clean water, adapt to climate change, and collaborate on projects across the Hudson Valley.

Increased **organizational capacity** to achieve our vision: a healthy Hudson River watershed and communities that support the watershed with meaningful and lasting environmental stewardship.

**Highlights:**

- Opened our first office and meeting space in Kingston to foster collaboration.
- Added a new Operations Manager staff position, improving internal systems to continue our growth trajectory.

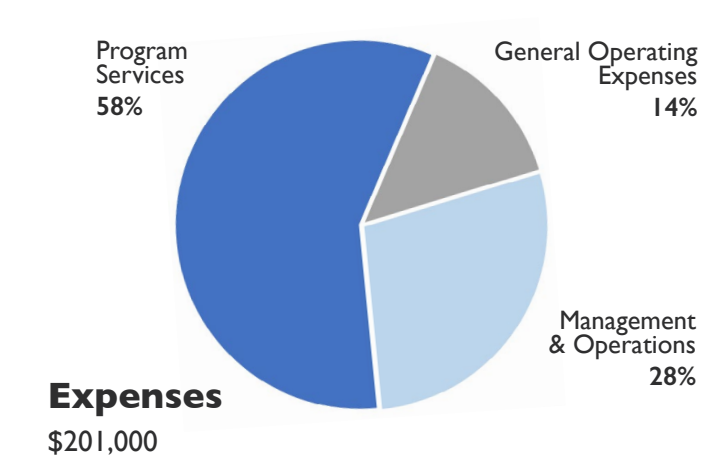
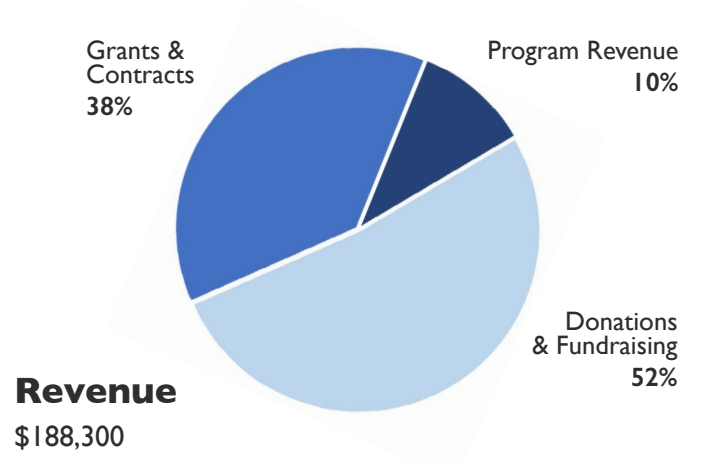


Hudson River Watershed Alliance board members, Executive Director Emily Vail, and Operations Manager Jennifer Cohen.

**Hudson River Watershed Alliance 2024 Financials**

Covering the period from November 2023 to October 2024, rounded to the nearest hundred.

This year, we invested heavily in necessary staffing and infrastructure that will allow us to expand and improve our programs in 2025 and beyond. **Your support makes a powerful difference!**



The Annual Watershed Conference in Hyde Park shared science and strategies to protect clean drinking water with 150 participants.