



Watershed Characterization & Planning Workshop

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

In-Person: 9:30 am to 2 pm, with lunch provided,
at The Heartwood at Vassar College, 165 College Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY

Virtual Option: 10 am to 12:30 pm, via Zoom

AGENDA

9:30-10:00 am - Arrival, coffee, and networking

10:00-10:15 am - Welcome & Introductions

Emily Vail, Executive Director, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

Ingrid Haeckel, Manager, NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program

*Marianne Begemann, Dean of Strategic Planning and Academic Resources and Associate
Professor of Chemistry, Vassar College*

10:15-10:50 am - Watershed Characterization: Understanding and Sharing Your Watershed's Story

Emily Vail, Hudson River Watershed Alliance

Karen Strong, Strong Outcomes

**10:50-11:25 am - Watershed Characterization Case Studies: Punch-Brook Roeliff Jansen Kill and
Sparkill Creek Watersheds**

Colleen Lutz, Roe Jan Watershed Community & Town of Ancram

Larry Vail, Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance

11:25-11:40 am - Break

11:40 am - 12:30 pm - Resources for Watershed Characterization, Planning, and Implementation

Brittany Ryan, Coastal Resources Specialist, NYS Department of State

Anna Boutsikaris, Source Watershed Specialist, NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program

12:30-1:00 pm - Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm - Interactive Working Session to Identify Next Steps

Facilitated by Karen Strong, Strong Outcomes

