



Swim for the River



DIRECTORY OF HUDSON RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

This directory lists information for 51 environment-related organizations in the Hudson River Valley. Included are government, nonprofit, preservation/conservation, and educational groups. Many of them benefit from volunteer and membership participation and have events that are open to the public.

Help organize an event at Solar One, New York's first solar arts and education center, become a member of the Wildlife Conservation Society, or join Riverkeeper's river watch program. These are just a few of the ways that you can get involved and help make a difference.

The directory is ordered by geographic region. The national and statewide organizations are listed first. Local groups are listed alphabetically within four regions: the New York City Metro Area, Lower Hudson Region, Mid-Hudson Region, and Capital Region.

Look for the organization nearest you that matches your interests. Check the organization Web sites for up-to-date information.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1967, the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is a national organization that speaks for 400,000 members. EDF is dedicated to protecting the environmental rights of all people, including the rights to clean air and water, healthy food, and flourishing ecosystems. Support EDF by making a donation, volunteering, or visiting the “take action” section of its Web site.

PUBLICATION

Annual Report

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Federal Government

DESCRIPTION

The Environmental Protection Agency was created by an act of Congress to protect human health and the environment. EPA employs 18,000 people across the country, including its headquarters offices in Washington, D.C., 10 regional offices, and more than a dozen labs. EPA is led by its administrator, who is appointed by the president of the United States.

The EPA of New York state works to clean up Superfund sites. It also monitors the progress of other government-sponsored cleanup sites. Volunteer opportunities with the EPA include monitoring cleanup projects. Contact the agency directly for specific opportunities.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Government/Water Conservation/Education

DESCRIPTION

The National Estuarine Research Reserve is a national organization representing 26 different biogeographic regions of the United States that are protected for long-term research, water-quality monitoring, education, and coastal stewardship. Its staff works with local communities and regional groups to address natural resource management issues. Field classes are offered for students K-12 and allow scientists and graduate students to monitor water quality in a “living laboratory.” In the Hudson River chapter, the NOAA works together with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC). The department recruits volunteers for monitoring submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and combatting the spread of “mile-a-minute vine.”

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Environmental Conservation (all types)

DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1970, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) uses law, science, and the support of 1.2 million members and online activists to protect the planet’s wildlife and wild places to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things. The organization works to restore the integrity of the elements that sustain lifeair, land and water—and to defend endangered natural places. Support the NRDC by becoming a member or participating in its giving program.

PUBLICATION

Nature’s Voice, Oearth, and NRDC Reports

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Education/Recreation

DESCRIPTION

Audubon New York is dedicated to the protection of birds, other wildlife and their habitats through advocacy and education. Audubon New York is the New York state program of the National Audubon Society. With 30 local chapters, 50,000 members, a nature center network and sanctuary system, Audubon New York provides conservation leadership based on sound science.

PUBLICATION

Audubon Advocate

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Water Conservation/Land Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Environmental Advocates of New York is a watchdog organization holding lawmakers and state agencies accountable for enacting and enforcing laws that protect natural resources and safeguard public health. Environmental Advocates works alone and in coalitions, and has more than 7,000 individual and 130 organizational members. This nonprofit organization is also the New York affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. It has internship opportunities throughout the year that are posted on its Web site and distributed to local colleges and universities. Its members support it by lobbying legislators in person and via fax, phone, or email.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

State Government

DESCRIPTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation exists to “conserve, improve, and protect the New York state’s natural resources and environment, and control water, land and air pollution, in order to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and their overall economic and social well-being.”

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Recreation

DESCRIPTION

The Atlantic Chapter represents more than 45,000 members of the Sierra Club across New York state. It applies the mission of the national Sierra Club to issues facing New York state. The mission of the Sierra Club is “to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth’s ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.”

The Atlantic Chapter’s Executive Committee, conservation committees and member volunteers work to affect governmental and community actions.

PUBLICATION

Sierra Atlantic

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The American Littoral Society is not a book club! It gets its name from the Latin *litus*, meaning beach or coast. It is an environmental organization concerned about issues that affect the littoral zone, that area on the beach between low and high tide. The American Littoral Society (ALS) is a national, nonprofit, public-interest organization comprised of professional and amateur naturalists, with headquarters in Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Support the American Littoral Society by volunteering for regularly scheduled beach cleanups, tagging fish, and taking part in field trips. The American Littoral Society was founded in 1961.

PUBLICATION

Littorally Speaking, newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Urban Environment, Anti-Poverty, Civic Participation

DESCRIPTION

The nonprofit Citizens for NYC, founded in 1975 by Senator Jacob Javits, encourages and supports volunteer efforts by New York City residents to improve the quality of life in city neighborhoods. It provides small grants, training, self-help publications, and technical assistance to more than 12,000 block, neighborhood, tenant, youth, and faith-based associations throughout the city's five boroughs, helping New Yorkers of all ages to form new organizations, strengthen existing ones and take action to improve their neighborhoods. Help Citizens Committee NYC by volunteering or making a donation. Or ask the organization to help you improve your neighborhood.

PUBLICATION

Philanthropy News Digest

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Coastal Marine Resource Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of the New York-New Jersey Harbor Bight by integrating ecological science and community concerns to produce equitable environmental policy. Current programs include the business stewardship program, raising awareness and resources for conservation and restoration efforts, and the Virtual Harbor Estuary Program, bringing the experience of the coastal ecosystem to people via Web-based technology.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Earth Society Foundation was started by John McConnell and Margaret Mead to foster worldwide participation in caring for the Earth. The organization is affiliated with the United Nations and is recognized as the international group in charge of Earth Day. There are many opportunities to get involved and volunteer. For membership information and specific activities, please visit the Web site.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Recreation/Education

DESCRIPTION

The goal of Floating the Apple is to restore universal access to local, public waterways for people (particularly young people) to enjoy rowing and sailing on urban waters. There are many on-water activities, including boat tours and sailing lessons. Visit the Web site for specific events.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation

DESCRIPTION

A volunteer program that prepares trees, shrubs, and plants for life in city public spaces by growing them to survivable sizes. The center provides educational experience and hands-on volunteer work including tree planting, greenhouse management, and outreach.

PUBLICATION

Urban Outdoors, monthly electronic newsletter.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Nature Conservancy is a conservation organization working to protect ecologically important lands and waters around the world for nature and people. The Conservancy's Eastern New York Chapter recently launched a Hudson River Estuary Program aimed at protecting the Hudson River and its watershed. Challenges include: inappropriate development along the river and its tributaries, invasive plants and animals, damming of key tributaries, decline of native fisheries, rising sea levels, and pollution.

Support the Nature Conservancy by volunteering.

PUBLICATION

Nature New York

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The New York Aquarium is driven by a vision of a world in which people understand the critical role oceans play in human survival. The aquarium's education programs place a priority on the protection of marine and freshwater ecosystems and the aquatic wildlife they sustain. With exhibits featuring more than 8,000 animals, the aquarium offers diversity, superb viewing, and world-renowned scientific expertise that ensures a rewarding experience. Come see how people can make a difference in the ocean world around them. Learn about aquatic environments from the southwest coast of Africa and the Arctic to the Hudson River. Help support the Aquarium by becoming a member of [Wildlife Conservation Society](#), making a donation, or volunteering.

PUBLICATION

[New York Aquarium News](#)

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Municipal Government

DESCRIPTION

The department monitors and maintains New York City's water supply, sewage and waste disposal systems. It also manages hazardous waste and environmental cleanups within the city.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education

DESCRIPTION

The Pratt Center for Community Development works for a more just, equitable, and sustainable city for all New Yorkers, helping communities plan and realize their futures. As part of the Pratt Institute, it uses professional skills—especially planning, architecture, and public policy—to support community organizations that improve neighborhoods by attacking the causes of poverty and inequality and advancing sustainable development. The center is the first university-based advocacy planning and design center in the United States. It has trained hundreds of community leaders and organizations to implement effective community development strategies, and supported a wide array of successful public policy and community planning efforts.

PUBLICATION

The Pratt Center

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Youth Development

DESCRIPTION

Rocking the Boat is a traditional wooden boatbuilding and environmental education program based in the Bronx. Taking a hands-on and multi-faceted approach to education and youth development, Rocking the Boat runs one of the most effective after-school and summer programs in New York City. Activities are interconnected—boats are built from scratch and used to restore the Bronx and East Rivers. Students are eligible to receive a variety of academic credits at their high schools, including math, science, technology, physical education, and community service credit, with the successful completion of the program. The Student Advocate, an in-house social worker, offers monitoring, guidance, and counseling to all students. Custom daytime environmental programs for school groups allow more than 700 high school students to take part in Rocking the Boat's dynamic experiential education. Contact Adam Green for further information.

PUBLICATION

What's Happening, quarterly newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Recreation

DESCRIPTION

The Sebago Canoe Club is a volunteer-run membership organization in Brooklyn. It provides its members access to Jamaica Bay for kayakers, canoeists, sailors, and rowers. Volunteer opportunities are open to its members year-round. The club also emphasizes environmental education and local cultural education. Contact the club for membership information.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Recreation

DESCRIPTION

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PUBLICATION

City Sierran

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Energy Conservation/Education

DESCRIPTION

Solar One is the city's first solar-powered "Green Energy, Arts, and Education Center," where people can learn firsthand about energy conservation in their urban neighborhood. Get involved with Solar One by making a donation, volunteering to help with special events or park maintenance, or simply stopping by for an educational experience.

PUBLICATION

Sunpower Times

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Water Conservation/Volunteer

DESCRIPTION

The Surfrider Foundation is a national environmental group dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, beaches, and waterfront areas. It promotes activism, research, education, and conservation. Volunteer events include outreach and education. Meetings of the New York chapter are held each month at convenient locations around the city. Each spring, the Surfrider Foundation sponsors a beach cleanup for New York City beaches open to all its members and those who want to join. Check the Web site for times and dates.

PUBLICATION

State of the Beach, National Newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Environmental Justice

DESCRIPTION

West Harlem Environmental Action (WE ACT) is dedicated to building community power to fight environmental racism and improve environmental health, protection, and policy in communities of color. WE ACT accomplishes its mission through community organizing, education, advocacy, research, and public policy development. Founded in March 1988, WE ACT organizes communities into vocal, informed, and proactive forces capable of determining and implementing a vision of environmental quality. Support WE ACT by becoming a member or making a donation.

PUBLICATION

Harlem-on-the-River: Creating a True Community Vision

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Environmental Education

DESCRIPTION

Beczak's mission is to educate people about the ecology, culture and history of the Hudson River. It provides interactive educational experiences that encourage people to become better stewards of the Hudson and better citizens of the community. Its Hudson River Interpretive Center features a wet lab, interactive exhibits, riverfront park, tidal marsh, and sandy beach. Beczak has numerous volunteer opportunities that provide the organization with much-needed assistance, as well as offering an array of options to suit almost any volunteer's interests. The center and park are open to the public. Please check the Web site for hours.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education

DESCRIPTION

Cornell Cooperative Extension's educational system helps people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Its educational programs are designed to address current issues in the local environment and community as well as youth and family development. Volunteer opportunities are listed on the Web site.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition strives to protect and improve the waters of New York City's Croton watershed. This is a critical component of the water supply for more than half of New York state.

PUBLICATION

Our Water, Our Future, bimonthly newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Coalition/Advocacy

DESCRIPTION

Federated Conservationists of Westchester County is a nonprofit coalition of organizations and individuals. Founded in 1965 to create a unified voice on environmental matters of regional concern, FCWC works to protect our natural resources through advocacy and education about environmental issues and how they relate to public health, quality of life, and the economy. FCWC offers local solutions to global issues through its newspaper, conferences, weekly email list serve, environmental directory, and a high school student environmental program called the Westchester Environmental Student Council.

The organization acts as a liaison between citizens and various levels of government. Board members and staff testify frequently at hearings and serve on advisory committees. FCWC works to protect wetlands and wildlife habitat, safeguard and expand the county's parks, ensure adherence to environmental regulations, and protect and enhance Westchester's natural resources.

Check its Web site for membership information.

PUBLICATION

Westchester Environment

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Greenburgh Nature Center

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The grounds of this 33-acre preserve are open 365 days a year, from dawn to dusk. Its Manor House Museum contains live animals, natural history exhibits, a greenhouse with botanical exhibits, classrooms, and a gift shop.

Volunteer activities include caring for animals, helping with the Center's exhibits, classes and special events and acting as a docent: greeting visitors, presenting information, and leading tours.

The Greenburgh Nature Center is supported by membership dues, grants and corporate contributions. Check the Web site for membership information and museum hours.

PUBLICATION

Quarterly calendar of events and membership bulletin, and natural history booklets on topics of special emphasis to Westchester County.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Keep Rockland Beautiful, a nonprofit organization located in New City, NY, supports community improvement and beautification efforts in Rockland County through four program areas. These include volunteer cleanup campaigns and education on the ecological and community impacts of litter, illegal dumping, and other forms of visual blight. Keep Rockland Beautiful also supports improved property maintenance, enforcement of health and appearance codes, and public art projects. Through its popular trash-can painting project it has beautified more than 200 bus shelters. Keep Rockland Beautiful welcomes volunteers in all projects.

PUBLICATION

Talkin' Trash, KRB's quarterly newsletter, mailed to several hundred subscribers and distributed to most public buildings in the county

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Legal Action /Water Conservation and Land Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Riverkeeper's mission is to safeguard the ecological integrity of the Hudson River, its tributaries, and the watershed of New York City (protecting the city's drinking water supply) by tracking down and stopping polluters. Since 1983, Riverkeeper has investigated and brought to justice more than 300 environmental lawbreakers.

Riverkeeper believes in the rights of every citizen to enjoy and defend our nation's water resources. Its members are businesspeople, lawyers, teachers, contractors, doctors, firefighters, police officers, moms and dads. In other words—you! Whether you live directly on the Hudson, or simply believe in our right to clean water and healthy communities, it needs you to join in its mission. Support Riverkeeper by attending a Riverkeeper event, becoming a member, making a donation, or volunteering. Details on how you can get involved are on its Web site.

PUBLICATION

Riverkeeper Newsletter, biannual publication

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Rockland County Environmental Management Council (EMC) was established by the Rockland County Legislature in 1973. (It is one of 28 county EMCs in New York State.) Members are volunteers representing Rockland County's five towns. They are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature. The council works in a nonpartisan, non-adversarial manner to effect environmental improvement within the system. Its mission is to: 1. work within the Division of Environmental Resources to strengthen the county's environmental initiatives; 2. Advise county government on environmental matters; 3. Provide a liaison between citizens and county government on issues regarding the environment; 4. Work proactively to preserve fast-diminishing green space; 5. Work with the community and other county departments on environmental projects and issues; 6. Promote environmental education; 7. Work proactively to preserve and improve water resources.

Monthly meetings are open to the public. Check the Web site for schedule information.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Started in 1930, the RCCA is dedicated to the conservation of natural resources and the promotion of sound land use. It advocates for clean air and water quality, development of proper drainage, and energy conservation. The association promotes the cleanup of toxic sites, recycling, preservation of open space, and sustainable land use. Quarterly meetings are open to the public.

PUBLICATION

RCCA Newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Rye Nature Center is a 47-acre, city-owned wildlife preserve with ponds, streams, and hiking trails. It offers a full range of environmental education programs, including workshops, classes, and a seven-week summer camp for 3½- to 13-year-olds. Volunteers are accepted based on expertise and the needs of the center. Contact the center for current opportunities.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Recreation

DESCRIPTION

The Lower Hudson Group of the Sierra Club is affiliated with the national Sierra Club. It includes more than 5,000 Sierra Club members in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland counties. There are many club functions throughout the year, including group hikes, trash cleanup days, and other family-oriented events. Volunteers are welcome to help run these events and are welcome to join club functions. Check the Web site for upcoming events and meetings.

PUBLICATION

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Government/Land Conservation/ Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Westchester County Department of Planning oversees environmental programs and initiatives, including open-space protection, walkable communities, low-impact development, storm-water management, aquatic habitat restoration, citizens volunteer monitoring program, and agricultural protection. It provides staff support to the County Planning Board, Soil and Water Conservation District, Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and Environmental Management Council. The Department of Planning also prepares reports, guidance documents, and general information on environmental issues. It conducts environmental reviews, assists in the development of environmental policy, and works with local communities to prepare watershed-based plans and studies.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Land Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Westchester Land Trust protects land in partnership with private property owners, helps communities create new parks and preserves, and fosters sound land-use planning. The trust has protected 4,500 acres in 24 communities. It was founded in 1988. Support the trust by giving a donation or volunteering to do important research, planning, and field work. Other ways of contributing are to support local open space acquisition and protection or join the email list serve located on the Web site.

PUBLICATION

WLT Newsletter

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MID-HUDSON REGION

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Science, Education, Research and Policy

DESCRIPTION

The Beacon Institute's mission is to create a world center for the study and understanding of rivers and estuaries. The institute enlists experts from around the world in an integrated program that focuses on research, education, and policy development. The Beacon Institute welcomes volunteers in its offices and docents for the institute. Please contact it for a list of specific opportunities.

PUBLICATION

Watermark

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land and Wildlife Conservation/Recreation

DESCRIPTION

The Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary is a 270-acre tidal marsh managed by the Audubon Society since 1970. It offers school programs that allow students to engage in scientific research and an outreach program that sends center staff to schools. The center also offers seasonal and tidally-dependent canoe trips through the marsh habitat as well as a boardwalk (always open) for birdwatchers and others to enjoy the sanctuary. The nature center's 500-gallon aquarium allows closeup views of fish, crabs, and other wildlife.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Research and Education

DESCRIPTION

The Institute of Ecosystem Studies was founded in 1983 by Dr. Gene E. Likens. Its goal is to combine research and education to disseminate information and apply that knowledge to ecological systems. Volunteer opportunities include working in the institute's garden and arboretum. Volunteers with experience in environmental science participate in research. Specific opportunities can be found by contacting the institute directly or filling out its online application.

PUBLICATION

IES Newsletter, Biennial Report

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Nonprofit/Scientific Research/Education

DESCRIPTION

Since 1981, Hudsonia has conducted environmental research, education, training and technical assistance to protect the Hudson River Valley's natural heritage. Hudsonia serves as a neutral voice in the challenging process of land-use decision-making. Their work includes education, basic and applied research on Hudson River wetlands, habitat and rare species ecology, and the study of nonnative plants and other threats to biodiversity. Hudsonia welcomes volunteers who wish to help with office, laboratory or field work. For more information please visit the Hudsonia Web site.

PUBLICATION

News from Hudsonia

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Historical Preservation/Advocacy

DESCRIPTION

Hudson River Heritage is a nonprofit membership organization committed to preserving the unique character of the Mid-Hudson Valley's historic architecture and scenic landscapes through advocacy and education. It is a steward for the Hudson River National Historic Landmark District. HRH has a "Country Seats Tour" through historic areas and a variety of other events.

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Educational/History Museum

DESCRIPTION

The museum was founded in 1980 to preserve the maritime and industrial history of the Hudson River. Education is a main focus of the museum. It possesses a large collection of material related to Hudson River lighthouses, steamboats, tugboats, sailing ships, and industries including brick-making, bluestone quarrying, cement production, boat building, ice boating and ice harvesting. Volunteers help put events together, serve as tour guides, staff the museum store, and assist with maintenance and gardening, among other things. Contact the museum for current opportunities.

PUBLICATION

Foc'sle Days, museum newsletter; *Pilot Log*, journal

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Historical

DESCRIPTION

The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater is an internationally renowned flagship of the environmental movement and social action. Launched in 1969, the sloop is a replica of nineteenth century cargo sloops designed for the unique wind and water conditions of the Hudson River. It is the centerpiece of Clearwater's public education programs, serving as a floating classroom, laboratory, stage, and forum. Clearwater was created to defend, protect and restore the Hudson River. It conducts research concerning the natural integrity of the river, educates people about the importance of preserving the river, and fosters the historic and cultural heritage of the Hudson River Valley. Seasonal harvest and river festivals provide enjoyment for local residents, opportunity for artists to perform, and the chance for Clearwater to spread its message to audiences that might not otherwise attend a slide-show, fieldtrip, or lecture.

PUBLICATION

The Navigator, bimonthly newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Air, Water and Land Conservation, Smart-Growth Planning

DESCRIPTION

Scenic Hudson works to protect and restore the Hudson River and its majestic landscape as an irreplaceable national treasure and a vital resource for residents and visitors. A crusader for the valley since 1963, it is credited with saving Storm King Mountain from a destructive industrial project and launching the modern grass-roots environmental movement. Today, with more than 10,000 supporters, it is one of the largest environmental groups in the Hudson River Valley. Its team of experts combines land acquisition, support for agriculture, citizen-based advocacy and sophisticated planning tools to create environmentally healthy communities, champion smart economic growth, open up riverfronts to the public and preserve the valley's inspiring beauty and natural resources. Volunteers can help with an annual river cleanup that removes 100 tons of trash from along the Hudson and with maintenance at 28 public parks up and down the river. Free membership with Scenic Hudson is a great way to receive "you-heard-it-first" updates and take action on hot-button valley issues.

PUBLICATION

Your Valley Newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation/Recreation

DESCRIPTION

The Mid-Hudson Sierra Club is affiliated with the national Sierra Club. Functions include group hikes and fund-raisers. Events with public speakers are scheduled on the third Wednesday of spring and fall months. There are also group activities to clean up the local environment.

PUBLICATION

Fresh Air

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Government/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The Ulster County Environmental Management Council is responsible for coordinating the environmental programs of all agencies of the county. Additionally, it advises all levels of government on matters of the environment. It has a GIS lab and designs education programs for all grade levels. Volunteer opportunities arise as needed by the council. Please contact them for current opportunities.

PUBLICATION

Green Heron, quarterly newsletter

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

Environmental Education/Lobbying

DESCRIPTION

Citizens' Environmental Coalition is an information clearinghouse and communications network for environmental issues. It serves the public by bringing diverse groups together to build awareness and stimulate discussion about regional environmental issues. Its programs include forums that give information and a balanced perspective on environmental issues.

PUBLICATION

Building Green Without Going Into the Red: A household guide to healthy, affordable building materials

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ORGANIZATION TYPE

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DESCRIPTION

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) is a coalition of organizations, towns, and people that represent a wide range of opinions, interests, and needs with the common goal of cleaning PCBs out of the Hudson River. The group is a forum for these parties to voice their concerns and communicate with the Environmental Protection Agency. All are welcome to join this community forum. Meeting times and places are listed on the Web site.

PUBLICATION

Meeting Minutes

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Environmental Science/Land Conservation/Water Quality &
Conservation

DESCRIPTION

Hudson River Environmental Society works to facilitate and coordinate research in the physical, biological and social sciences. This includes environmental engineering, resource management, urban and regional planning, and other disciplines in the Hudson River region. The society is a channel for communication between the research researchers in different but related disciplines.

PUBLICATION

Currents

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Education/Land Conservation/Water Conservation

DESCRIPTION

The W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center was founded in 1998. Together with the Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corporation, the organization works to prosecute polluters in the capital region of New York. Ongoing projects include efforts to clean up national Superfund sites in the Albany area. Two main projects are cleaning up Patroon Creek and Tivoli Preserve. The center accepts volunteers year-round to help conduct outreach and work on these and other important projects.

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