

Nature Across Boundaries: Keeping Lands and Waters Connected
November 6, 2017, Mohonk Mountain House Conference House



Conference Agenda

- 8:45am Registration and light breakfast
- 9:30am **Welcome**
Brad Berg, Chair, Mohonk Consultations
- 9:40am **Introduction and Overview on Connectivity**
Laura Heady, Mohonk Consultations, and Conservation and Land Use Coordinator, NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University
- 10:00am **Importance of Connectivity to Ulster County**
Ulster County Executive Michael Hein
- 10:15am **Habitat Connectivity in the Hudson Valley**
Dr. Matthew Schlesinger, Chief Zoologist, New York Natural Heritage Program
- 10:45am BREAK
- 11:00am **Growing Connected, Resilient Communities**
Karen Firehock, Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Center
- 11:45am **Ulster County: A County-Wide Case Study**
Amanda LaValle, Coordinator, Ulster County Department of the Environment
- 12:00pm LUNCH
- 1:00pm **Video: Staying Connected Initiative**
- 1:10pm **Making Room for Wildlife on Private Lands**
Dr. Heidi Kretser, Deputy Director, Conservation and Communities, Wildlife Conservation Society
- 1:35pm **Hudson Valley Conservation Strategy**
Seth McKee, Land Conservation Director, Scenic Hudson
- 2:05pm **Roundtable Discussions**
- 2:35pm BREAK
- 2:50pm **Hudson Valley Connectivity Case Studies**
- Hudson to Housatonic Conservation Initiative: A Multi-State Case Study**
Kara Hartigan Whelan, Vice President, Westchester Land Trust
- Dutchess County Biodiversity Blocks Map: A County-Wide Case Study**
Robert Wills, Senior GIS Project Coordinator, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Millbrook Preserve: A Multi-Parcel Case Study**
Seth McKee, Town of New Paltz Clean Water and Open Space Committee
- Q&A Panel with Case Study Presenters**
- 4:00pm Closing and networking reception with cash bar until 5:00pm.

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