

2010 Conference on the Environment: Speakers & Moderators
Regional Approaches to Conservation
November 19-21, Thayer Hotel, West Point, NY

Friday, Nov 19

Dinner Speaker:

Ed McGowan, Director of Science, Palisades Interstate Park Commission

Saturday, Nov 20

Plenary Opening Session:

Fran Dunwell, Hudson River Estuary Coordinator, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Creating the Region:

Laura Heady, Biodiversity Outreach Coordinator, NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University

Fred Koontz, Executive Director, Teatown Lake Reservation

Simon Gruber, Fellow, CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities

Al Wegener, Executive Director, Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership

Jim Bonesteel, President, Rensselaer Plateau Alliance

John Nolon, Pace University School of Law

Land Trust as Partners:

Ethan Winter, New York Conservation Manager, Land Trust Alliance

Susan Carpenter, Land Preservation Director, Westchester Land Trust

Andrew T. Chmar, Executive Director, Hudson Highlands Land Trust

Assembling Regional Datasets Demonstration:

Mike Rubbo, Environmental Stewardship Director, Teatown Lake Reservation

John Ladd, Benthic Mapping Coordinator, NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program

Managing Wildlife and Invasives across Regions:

Fred Koontz, Executive Director, Teatown Lake Reservation

Mark Weckel, Director of Research, Mianus River Gorge

Robert T. O' Brien, Invasive Species Control Field Director, Minnewaska State Park Preserve

Managing Partnerships:

Susan McDonnell, Member, Environmental Leaders Learning Alliance

Shino Takawana, District Manager, New York City Soil & Water Conservation District

Ed Hoxsie, Executive Director of Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District

(Managing Partnerships: Continued)

Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Action Director, Clearwater

Michael Barnhart, President, Somers Land Trust

Crafting Regional Policies:

Linda Cooper, CEO at Linda Cooper Associates, LLC

Robert Pirani, VP for Environmental Programs, Regional Plan Association

David Church, Orange County Planning Commissioner, Orange County, NY

Mark Castiglione, Acting Director, The Hudson River Greenway

Jeff Anzevino, Regional Planner, Scenic Hudson

Partnering On Energy:

Herb Oringel, Chair, Northern Westchester Energy Advisory Panel

Leo Wiegman, Mayor, Croton, NY

Mary Foster, Mayor, Peekskill

Mark Thielking, Director of Energy Services, Bedford, NY

Tom Bregman, Program Director of Energy Savings, Bedford, NY

Dinner Speaker:

Paul Gallay, Executive Director, Riverkeeper

Sunday, Nov 21

Field Trip to Storm King Mountain:

Michael Barnhart, President, Somers Land Trust