

Landscape and River Scenery

Goals 5 and 6

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Landscape

Conserve key elements of the **human, pastoral landscapes** that define the character of the Hudson River Valley and its setting of history and mystique.

- Conserve and steward habitat, forests, agricultural lands
- Develop tools beyond land acquisition
- Encourage local open space planning

River Scenery

Conserve the key features of the world-famous **river scenery** - the inspiration for the Hudson River School of American painting and for the tales of Washington Irving - and provide new and enhanced vistas where residents and visitors can enjoy Hudson River views.

- Identify viewpoints
- Protect viewsheds
- Public enjoyment of river scenery

Problems affecting goals

- Development Pressures
- Sea level rise

Tools to address problems

- Land Acquisition
- Local Government Capacity and Resources
- Incentives to maintain land as open spaces
- Improve quality of life in urban areas

Current Activities and Initiatives

- Land Acquisition – DEC Quad Legacy Program (3/5/08)
 - “DEC will conserve fragile habitats such as tidal wetlands, eagle nesting and foraging sites, and scenic vistas for which the Hudson is legendary, such as views from the Franklin D. Roosevelt home and the Saratoga battle site.” –
- Ecosystem Services Incentives
- Revision of Open Space Conservation Plan
- Local Government Capacity



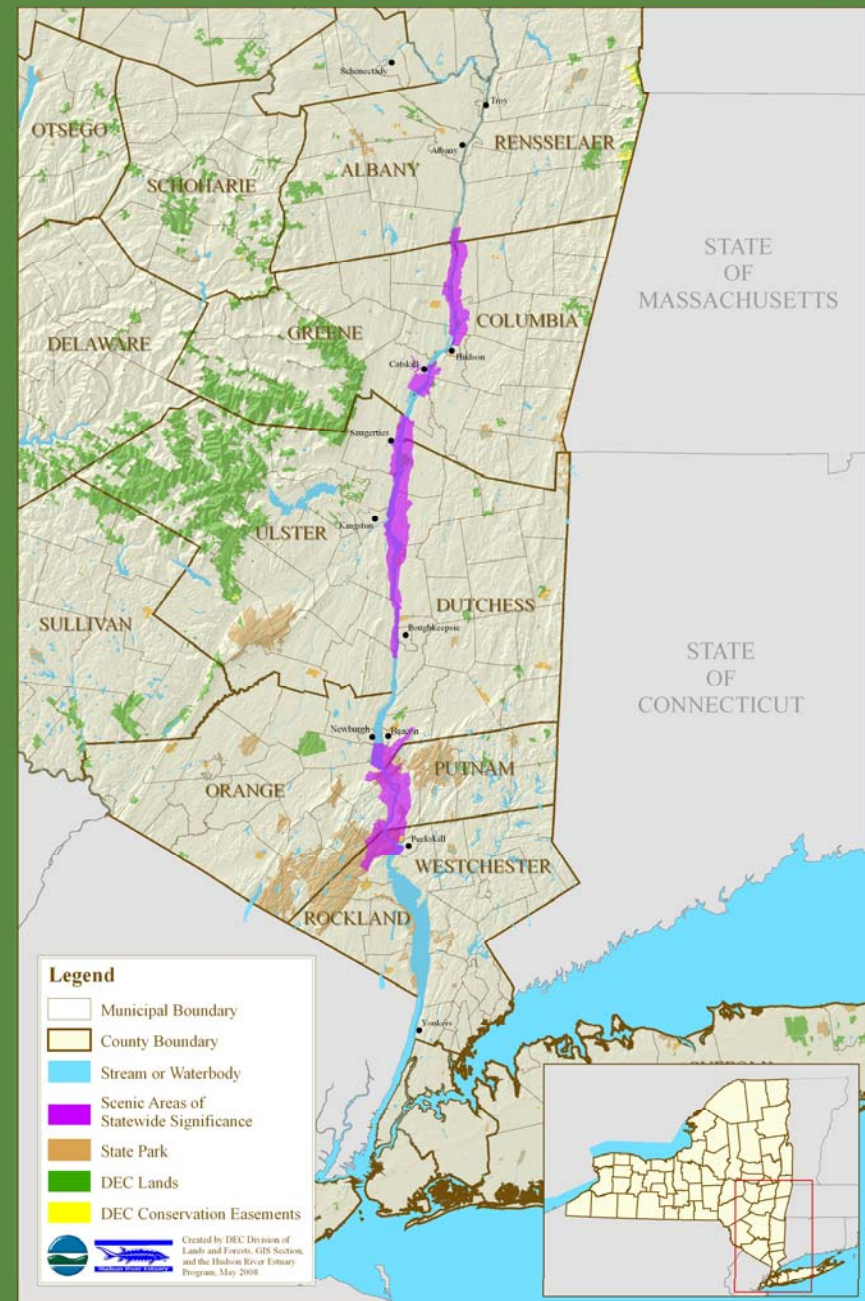
Partnerships

- Quad Legacy
- Riparian Buffers
- Shoreline habitat and Sea level rise

Needs

- Scenic study

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Subcommittee

- New Co-chairs
 - Andy Bicking
 - Sara Griffin

Questions