

Agenda
June 8, 2009 Hudson River Summit
Revitalizing and Sustaining the River Valley Environment
for the benefit of all its residents
Thayer Hotel, West Point, NY

10:00 Registration and networking

10:30 *Building a Common Vision for the Hudson River Estuary*
Commissioner Grannis and Summit participants will discuss *The State of the Hudson 2009* and the *Discussion Draft Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2010-2014*, initiating a dialogue on the future of the river in this Quadricentennial year.

Welcome:

Pete Grannis, Commissioner, NYSDEC

Dennis Suszkowski, Chairman, Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee
Barney Molloy, conference co-host, Historic Hudson River Towns

Making a Difference: The Estuary Action Agenda --

Where have we been? Where are we going? What are the key challenges for the future?

Fran Dunwell, Hudson River Estuary Coordinator, NYSDEC

How Can the Federal Government Become a Partner?

Congressmen Hinchey, Congressman Hall (invited) *

Dialogue:

Participants and press

12-1 Lunch

1: 15 *Panel 1 Discussion: Revitalizing the River at a Time of Institutional, Political, Financial and Environmental Change*

Moderator: Barney Molloy, Historic Hudson River Towns

Ned Sullivan, Scenic Hudson

Roland Lewis, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance

Jim Tripp, Environmental Defense

Gerald Benjamin, SUNY New Paltz,

Jeff Rumpf, Clearwater

Questions for Panel 1:

At this time of great change, what are your suggestions for making new progress on the work we started with the last Action Agenda? What new partners do we need to bring in? What new approaches should we consider?

2: 15 *Panel 2 Discussion: Sustaining People, Ecosystems and Natural Resources*

Moderator: Dennis Suszkowski, Hudson River Foundation
Katie Dolan, The Nature Conservancy
Alex Matthiessen, Riverkeeper
Katy Dunlap, Watershed Alliance
Stuart Findlay, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
Bill Conners, NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Questions for Panel 2:

What issues should the Action Agenda focus on and why? What needs to be done to protect the river and the valley and provide the quality environment that supports the needs of the people?

3:15 *Panel 3 Discussion: Agency Partners-How We Can All Play a Role*

Moderator: Jim Tierney, Assistant Commissioner for Water and Watersheds, NYSDEC
Mark Castiglione, Hudson River Valley Greenway
Paul Beyer, NYS DOS
Gina D'Agrosa, Westchester County
Erik Kulleseid, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Mario Del Vicario, Chief, Watershed Management Branch, EPA Region 2
Colonel Nello Tortora, Army Corps District Engineer, NY District (invited)
Pete Grannis, Commissioner NYSDEC

Questions for Panel 3:

What can government do better to protect the river? What gaps do you see, what opportunities?

4:15- *Wrap Up: Visions for the Future*
Kent Barwick, ourhudson.org

Fran Dunwell, NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Coordinator

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*Exact times of the panel discussions and congressional participation may shift

The DEC Hudson River Estuary Program invites you to submit your comments on the following questions for shaping the *Discussion Draft Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2010-2014*. The questions will be posed to the panels at the River Summit on June 8, 2009. Please hand in this sheet before you leave the Summit so we will consider your valuable comments.

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Panel 3: Agency Partners-how we can all play a role

Questions for Panel 3:

What can government do better to protect the river? What gaps do you see, what opportunities?

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