

# Nature Across Boundaries: Keeping Lands and Waters Connected



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A Mohonk Consultations Conference

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Mohonk Mountain House Conference Center

The Hudson Valley's forests, wetlands, streams, and other natural areas provide wildlife habitat, scenic views, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. They also support local communities with critical benefits such as clean water and resilience to climate change. Unfortunately, the ability of these natural systems to function is often compromised by land-use decisions that fragment the landscape into smaller pieces and "disconnect" habitat.

Through presentations and discussion, *Nature Across Boundaries* will examine how local leaders, land managers, and landowners can work across political boundaries and property lines to preserve and restore connections in nature.

Registration is \$50 and includes light breakfast and full lunch. A limited number of student registrations are available at a discounted rate of \$15.

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## Conference presentations include:

### **Importance of Connectivity in Ulster County**

*Ulster County Executive Michael Hein*

### **Habitat Connectivity in the Hudson Valley**

*Dr. Matthew Schlesinger, Chief Zoologist, New York Natural Heritage Program*

### **Growing Connected, Resilient Communities**

*Karen Firehock, Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Center*

### **Ulster County: A County-Wide Case Study**

*Amanda LaValle, Coordinator, Ulster County Department of the Environment*

### **Making Room for Wildlife on Private Lands**

*Dr. Heidi Kretser, Deputy Director, Conservation and Communities, Wildlife Conservation Society*

### **Hudson Valley Conservation Strategy**

*Seth McKee, Land Conservation Director, Scenic Hudson*

### **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 Department 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**

*Join us after the conference for a networking reception with cash bar.*

**\*\*Municipal training certificates will be available for  
planning and zoning board members.\*\***

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