

# Planning for Biodiversity

## Strategies for Developers and Municipalities

When communities understand their biological resources and natural systems, they are better equipped to achieve smart, sustainable growth. Incorporating biodiversity early in land use planning creates a more efficient process for both developers and municipalities. This conference will present principles of biodiversity conservation, case studies of municipal and county strategies and resources available to inform the process.

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 9 p.m. at  
Marist College, Cabaret (Student Center) Fee: \$15**

**5:00 - 5:45** Registration, Networking Reception with Refreshments

**5:45 - 6:00** **Welcome**

**Manna Jo Greene**, Environmental Director, Hudson River Sloop  
Clearwater, Inc.

**Elmore Alexander**, Dean, School of Management at Marist College

**6:00 - 6:45** Keynote Speech: **What is Biodiversity?**

**Michael Klemens, Ph.D.**, Director of Conservation Science,  
Scenic Hudson

**6:50 - 7:20** County Perspective:

**Proactive Planning for Habitat Conservation: Strategies & Success Stories**

**René VanSchaack**, Director of Community and Environmental Programs Division, Greene County IDA

**7:25 - 7:55** Municipal Perspective: **Habitat Assessment Guidelines/Conservation Analysis**

**Karen Schneller-McDonald**, Hickory Creek Consulting

**Lauren Kingman**, Town of Milan Planning Board

**8:00 - 8:30** **Tools for Protecting Nature in Your Community**

**Laura Heady**, Hudson River Estuary Biodiversity Outreach Coordinator,  
NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program

**8:30 - 9:00** **Questions and Answers**

Attendance at this event may qualify for 3 hours of Land Use Training credits for zoning and planning board officials. A Certificate of Attendance will be available at the conference; however, actual approval must be obtained from the local municipality of which you are a member.

For conference information contact [jolanda.jansen@verizon.net](mailto:jolanda.jansen@verizon.net) or call 845-505-0324.



"Skipper on Cinquefoil"  
photo by Laura Heady

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### **Registration Form: Planning for Biodiversity Conference**

For registration information contact [glexpo@clearwater.org](mailto:glexpo@clearwater.org) or call 845-454-7673 x112

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Registration Deadline: April 25, 2008**

Registration Fee (# attending x \$15.00)

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to:                     HVSGA                    

Mail: c/o Clearwater,  
112 Market St,  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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**Presented by:**  
**The Hudson Valley Smart Growth Alliance**

HVSGA is a regional partnership of diverse interests including environmental, land conservation, and economic development organizations, builders, realtors, tourism officials and planning agencies who have come together to build consensus on smart growth principles and promote local and regional solutions to sprawl.

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**Directions**

Driving (from Orange or Greene County)

1. Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 18 (New Paltz).
2. Take Route 299 East to Route 9W South;
3. Continue on 9W to Route 44-55 (Mid-Hudson Bridge) Poughkeepsie.
4. Make the first right off the bridge and immediately follow signs for Route 9 North, Hyde Park.
5. Marist College is located approximately 1.5 miles north on the left side of Route 9.

Google Map or Map Quest

Enter 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Public Transportation

1. Take Metro North to Poughkeepsie Train Station.
2. <http://mta.info/mnr/html/fares.htm>
3. Taxi cabs are available to Marist.

For general conference information call Jolanda Jansen of Hudson Valley Development Group at 845-505-0324.

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“Oven Bird Nest”  
photo by Laura Heady