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Hudson River Sloop Clearwater is a nonprofit, grassroots environmental organization whose mission is to inspire, educate, and activate the next generation of environmental leaders. Founded by music legend and activist Pete Seeger, the organization set sail in 1969 with the launch of the sloop *Clearwater*, a 106-foot heritage vessel created to carry the environmental message up and down the Hudson River. Today, with diverse scientific and educational programs, environmental action, green job-building and sustainable river cities initiatives, Clearwater continues Pete Seeger's legacy as America's environmental flagship organization.

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The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is an international nonprofit environmental organization with more than 1.3 million members and online activists. Since 1970, our lawyers, scientists, and other environmental specialists have worked to protect the world's natural resources, public health, and the environment. NRDC has offices in New York City, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Livingston, Montana, and Beijing.

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Riverkeeper is an environmental watchdog organization whose mission is to protect the ecological integrity of the Hudson River and its tributaries, and to safeguard the drinking water supply of New York City and the lower Hudson Valley.

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Scenic Hudson works to protect and restore the Hudson River and its majestic landscape as an irreplaceable national treasure and a vital resource for residents and visitors. A crusader for the valley since 1963, we are credited with saving fabled Storm King Mountain from a destructive industrial project and launching the modern grass-roots environmental movement. Today with more than 25,000 ardent supporters, we are the largest environmental group focused on the Hudson River Valley. Our team of experts combines land acquisition, support for agriculture, citizen-based advocacy and sophisticated planning tools to create environmentally healthy communities, champion smart economic growth, open up riverfronts to the public and preserve the valley's inspiring beauty and natural resources. To date Scenic Hudson has created or enhanced more than 50 parks, preserves and historic sites up and down the Hudson River and conserved more than 30,000 acres.

www.scenichudson.org.

Marist College Historic Cornell Boathouse: For years, Poughkeepsie, New York, was known as the "Rowing Capital of the World." The golden era of rowing began in 1894, when representatives from Cornell University, Columbia University, and the University of Pennsylvania selected the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie as the site for regattas for their newly formed Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA). Over the next 50 years, collegiate crews came from all over the country to take part in what was considered the "World Series of Rowing." From 1895 to 1949, Poughkeepsie served as the host for this premier crew event in the nation. The IRA Championship has since relocated, but a reminder of Poughkeepsie's rowing prominence remains. The Cornell Boathouse is the only building still standing from famed Regatta Row. In recent years Marist College has been investigating the history of the Poughkeepsie Regatta—reminding people that the Hudson River and Poughkeepsie were once known for wildly cheering crowds, brightly colored pennants, the crack of a starting gun, and the rumble of a grandstand train. Above all they were known for putting young crew teams to the ultimate test and determining through a grueling four-mile race who had the best crew team in the nation.

Hudson River PCB Forum

Project Update & Looking to the Future

Marist College
Historic Cornell Boathouse
Poughkeepsie, New York
January 16, 2013
3:00 – 6:00



FORUM PARTICIPANTS

Ned Sullivan: Scenic Hudson's President since 1999, Mr. Sullivan has directed the organization through a period of dramatic growth in its impact and national recognition as a leader in its field. Reflecting Mr. Sullivan's effectiveness in forging broad-based coalitions and fostering green job-creation, in 2011 Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed him as the only environmental representative on his economic development council. Prior to Scenic Hudson, Mr. Sullivan served as Maine's environmental commissioner, guiding landmark legislation ending the discharge of deadly dioxins from pulp and paper companies and implementing an international compact on mercury emissions. As deputy commissioner of New York's Department of Environmental Conservation from 1987 to 1995, he oversaw the state's \$1-billion hazardous waste cleanup initiative. As managing director at Bank of Boston, he financed corporate and municipal energy and environmental projects, and helped Massachusetts' secretary of environmental affairs develop legislation to finance the multibillion-dollar Boston Harbor cleanup. Mr. Sullivan earned a B.A. from Williams College and master's degrees from Yale University's School of Management and School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

David H. King: Mr. King is a civil engineering graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He has over 10 years experience as a consulting engineer specializing in municipal engineering, solid waste and hazardous waste systems and hazardous waste remediation. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York, Vermont and Mississippi. He spent 12 years with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the fields of water quality planning, hazardous spill response, solid waste, hazardous waste transport and permitting and site remediation. In April 2004 Mr. King became the Director of the Hudson River Field Office for USEPA. In this capacity he is responsible for the oversight and coordination of the Hudson River Dredging Project activities including local community involvement, technical review and oversight and state and federal regulations.

Kevin Farrar: A lifelong resident of Waterford, New York (on the upper Hudson just upstream of the Troy Dam, at the confluence with the Mohawk River) Kevin Farrar graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a BS in Geology. Kevin has worked in the NYSDEC hazardous waste remedial program since 1986. Kevin began working on remediation of the PCB problem in the Hudson River in the late 1980s, and currently manages the team working on the Hudson River PCB related remedial projects for the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation

Kathryn Jahn: Ms. Jahn is the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Case Manager for the U.S. Department of Interior, as of January 2013. Previously, Kathryn had served as the Hudson River Assessment Manager for FWS since 2000. In total, she has 18 years experience in the U.S. Department of the Interior NRDA program, and has worked on numerous NRDA cases throughout New York State. Kathryn is a 2009 graduate of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Stepping Up to Leadership program, and a 2011 recipient of the U.S. Department of Interior's Superior Service Award. She has a Master's Degree in Biology from the State University College of New York at Buffalo and Bachelor's Degrees in Biology and Geology from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Paul Gallay: Mr. Gallay is an attorney, educator and non-profit executive working to protect community character and improve environmental sustainability. After a brief stint in private law practice, Paul served for a dozen years in the New York State Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau and at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, helping to close Fresh Kills landfill, raise standards at NYC wastewater treatment plants and bring hundreds of corporate and government polluters to justice. After leaving public service, Paul spent over a decade as an executive in the land conservation movement in New York and Maine, protecting thousands of acres of sensitive land, expanding the constituency for land conservation and promoting sustainable development practices. Now, as President of Riverkeeper, Paul fights for a cleaner Hudson and safer drinking water for over nine million New Yorkers. Paul received degrees from Williams College and Columbia Law School. He was a visiting professor of environmental studies at Williams from 2004 to 2007.

Dr. Peter deFur: Dr. deFur is president and owner of the consulting firm Environmental Stewardship Concepts, LLC, with over thirty years' experience providing technical services on the cleanup of contaminated sites to community organizations across the country. Dr. deFur also serves as an Affiliate Associate Professor in the Center for Environmental Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond VA, holding a Ph.D. in Biology from The University of Calgary. Dr. deFur has research and practical experience in the areas of ecological risk assessment, environmental regulations & policies, and toxicology.

AGENDA

3 p.m.

Welcome

- ❖ Ned Sullivan, Executive Director, Scenic Hudson

3:15

Hudson River PCB Update

- ❖ Project Update: Dave King, Hudson River PCB Remediation Field Director, US Environmental Protection Agency
- ❖ PCB Remediation on Land and Water: Kevin Farrar, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation Hazardous Waste Remediation
- ❖ Hudson River Fish Advisories: Regina Keegan, NY State Department of Health
- ❖ Hudson River PCB Highlights and Newest Research on PCB Remediation: Dr. Peter deFur, Environmental Stewardship Concepts, Technical Advisor to the Hudson River Community Advisory Group
- ❖ Q&A will follow each presentation -- Peter deFur, moderator

5:00

Break

5:15

Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration

- ❖ Kathryn Jahn, Hudson River NRDAR Trustee; USFWS Case Manager

5:40

Panel Discussion & Moderated Q & A

- ❖ Paul Gallay, Executive Director, Riverkeeper

6:00 p.m. **Adjourn**