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## **Clearwater Welcomes Non-Profit Leader David Toman as New Executive Director**

*Clearwater's Board of Directors hires David Toman, a non-profit leader with strong financial management and conservation background, to navigate new strategic course for the organization*

BEACON, NY – Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Board of Directors has named David Toman as the organization's new Executive Director to carry forward its mission of protecting the Hudson River through education, advocacy, and celebration.

Clearwater is excited to welcome Toman, who comes with over 25 years of experience in non-profit leadership, most recently as the Vice President of Operations and Chief Financial Officer at the Mohonk Preserve. Toman's non-profit career began in the public accounting world; his love of nature guided him to the Delaware Nature Society where he held the position of Associate Director of Business & Finance for 12 years.

As Clearwater's Executive Director, Toman will be responsible for supervising all programs and operations, including implementing Clearwater's recently adopted strategic plan in concert with board and staff. His work will encompass strengthening relationships with Hudson Valley partners and broadening both Clearwater's base of support and the impact of its activities.

David hopes to draw from his combined experience in environmental advocacy, nature education, public engagement, and business acumen to help guide Clearwater as they address the current challenges to the health of our environment.

"Pete Seeger had a wonderful vision to 'build a boat to save the river' and I am so fortunate to be able to join an organization that has played an important, unique, and necessary role in the ongoing efforts to protect the Hudson," said Toman. "I am excited to join a dedicated community working towards this important mission."

In his spare time, David enjoys paddling on local waterways, nature hikes with his Karelian Bear Dog, and listening to great music with his family, where they reside in New Paltz, NY.

Toman will replace Acting Executive Director Steve Stanne, who has kept the organization on course since July 2019. Stanne provided much needed stability for Clearwater as they navigated the challenges of the pandemic. Stanne will continue as Clearwater's Board President and looks forward to working with its new Executive Director.

“With David’s arrival, Clearwater will voyage into the new year with optimism, buoyed by the continued generosity of our supporters, steered by talented and hard-working staff and crew, and following a course charted by the board’s adoption of our new [strategic plan](#).”

Clearwater thanks Steve for his years of service, devotion to the organization, and commitment to the health of the Hudson River and its valley.

### [About Hudson River Sloop Clearwater](#)

Launched in 1969 by legendary folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has been at the forefront of the environmental movement as a champion of the Hudson River. To date, more than half a million people have experienced their first real look at an estuary’s ecosystem aboard the Sloop *Clearwater*. Clearwater has become a grassroots model for producing positive changes to protect the waters of our planet. For more information, visit [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org).