

# Habitat & Water Resource Assessment for Land Use Planning

## *3-day Short Course*

### Offered by Hudsonia Ltd. and the Hudson River Estuary Program

This three-day intensive course is designed to teach municipal officials, planners, and land trust staff about land use approaches and opportunities to proactively conserve important natural areas. The course will cover methods to recognize significant habitat and water resources, gather information to assess a site and review site plans, and achieve more ecologically-sound planning outcomes. Through indoor lectures and outdoor sessions, participants will learn how to interpret aerial photos and maps to predict the locations of important habitat and water features, consider site context, conduct a field visit, and apply conservation principles in reviews of land development proposals. Hands-on exercises in site assessment and environmental review will cover many issues and scenarios relevant to the work of town agencies and conservation organizations.



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The course will be taught by Hudsonia and Estuary Program staff, and participants will receive the *Biodiversity Assessment Manual for the Hudson River Estuary Corridor* and companion *Guidebook for Biodiversity Assessment; Creating a Natural Resources Inventory: A Guide for Communities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed*; other course materials; and lunch and other refreshments each day. Participants must attend all three days.

**When?** September 21-23, 2017 (approximately 9am-5pm each day)

**Where?** Cornell Cooperative Extension office, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY

**Who should attend?** Land use decision-makers in the ten counties that border the Hudson River Estuary are encouraged to participate. Space is limited, and preference will be given to members of town boards, planning boards, conservation commissions, and watershed councils; staffs of land trusts; and other municipal or NGO representatives directly involved in environmental reviews, land use policy-making, and planning.

**Registration:** Please submit the application form on the reverse (or use Survey Monkey) to be considered for enrollment in the course. Space is limited; you will be notified if accepted.



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# *Application*

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This is a competitive application and space in the course is limited. **Participants must be able to attend the full three days of the course.** Applicants will be accepted based on several factors, including the date of submission; early submissions will be favored. All applications must be submitted no later than **September 11** to: **Lea Stickle, Hudsonia, PO Box 5000, Annandale, NY 12504; or fax to 845.758.7033; or email to [lstickle@bard.edu](mailto:lstickle@bard.edu).** Or, you may apply via Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TG6NLDD>. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided each day. The registration fee for the course is \$55. **Do not send payment at this time.** If selected, you will be notified and an invoice will be sent with your registration information.

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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1.) Describe any municipal or regional conservation or land use planning efforts in which you are engaged (e.g., comprehensive plan update, watershed plan, planning board reviews, etc.).

2.) Describe how you expect to apply the skills taught in the Short Course.

3.) Have you participated in a Hudson River Estuary Program or Hudsonia educational opportunity before? If yes, please describe.

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