

Natural Resources Inventory

Application for Technical Assistance



Hudson River
Estuary Program

The Hudson River Estuary Program (Estuary Program) is pleased to offer technical assistance to a watershed community in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, or Greene Counties interested in creating or updating a basic Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). As part of this project, the Estuary Program and a Cornell University graduate student will guide the working group through the steps necessary to create or update a basic NRI; facilitate data acquisition and management; create a series of resource maps; and review the NRI report. This assistance is available at no cost. Estuary Program assistance will not include development of new data or detailed studies. For more information about the process of developing an NRI, see *Creating a Natural Resources Inventory: A Guide for Communities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed*: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/100925.html>.



Municipal commitment: The municipality should have a working group of 5-6 volunteers who will determine the goals and scope of the project, review existing local studies and data sources, provide input on maps, write and format the NRI report, and liaise with municipal boards and the public about the project. The working group is responsible for coordinating meeting logistics. Volunteers should expect to attend monthly project meetings and complete 3-5 hours of work between meetings toward project outreach, research, map review, and report writing. Note that the process of creating an NRI can take up to one or two years.

To be considered for this opportunity, please answer the questions below and email responses along with a letter of support from the municipal governing board by **March 15, 2018** to: ingrid.haeckel@dec.ny.gov. Communities chosen to participate in this program will be notified by early April. Assistance is contingent upon successful hiring of the student intern. Municipalities must be located within the defined geographic boundaries of the Hudson River estuary watershed to be eligible for assistance (see map on reverse side). For questions contact Ingrid Haeckel at (845) 256-3829.

1. Name of municipality:
2. Does your municipality have a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)? If so, when was it created and/or last updated?
3. Why does your municipality want to develop/update its NRI? Will the NRI contribute to local plans or policy under development or on the horizon (e.g., comprehensive plan, zoning updates)?
4. Please list names and board or committee affiliations of 5-6 people who can commit to working on the project.
5. Briefly describe any recent environmental or land use planning initiatives undertaken by members of the working group, or other related experience that is relevant to this project.
6. Does your municipality have any staff or computer mapping capacity that can help support the project?
7. Name of point person to contact about this application:
8. Email:
9. Phone:

New York Municipalities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed

