

WINTER NEWSLETTER



HUDSON RIVER
ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HRES Members:

It is my pleasure to announce that through the continuing efforts of our Executive Committee and Board of Directors, we have put together a number of events in 2023 for our membership including:

- April 19, 2023 Symposium (in-person) scheduled at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- Awarding of McKeon Research Grants to high school and undergraduate students to encourage them to undertake summer environmental research projects in the Hudson Valley.
- Leadership Award(s) announcement and Annual Dinner to honor the 2023 Awardee(s).

We hope that you will join us for our events this year. Thank you for your continuing support.

Jim Morrison
HRES President

HRES HONORS FIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS AT 2022 AWARDS DINNER

Thank you to HRES members and awardees who braved the weather on a chilly October night and participated in our “under the tent” event at the Ole Savannah Restaurant in Kingston on the Rondout Creek. Annually, our Leadership Awards program recognizes the contributions that individuals have made towards providing a better understanding of the environmental issues facing the citizens of the Hudson Valley. This dinner was the first in-person event award event that HRES has held since October 2019.



L to R: Clay Hiles, Dr. Isaac Wirgin, Dr. Melissa Everett, Laura Heady, Jim Morrison (HRES President) and Fran Dunwell.

(Photo: Anne Morrison)

HRES Membership: Our 2023 Membership period for renewals and new members is active. There are two ways to sign up:

You can sign up through our link on EventBrite: (credit card required)

https://hres_2023_membership.eventbrite.com/; or you can print out the application online at www.hres.org and mail with your check to: HRES, PO Box 279, Marlboro, New York 12542.

The awardees for 2020 through 2022 cut across the scientific and educational spectrum and included: Dr. Ike Wirgin, Research Associate Professor at NYU’s Grossman School of Medicine (*2020 Outstanding Environmental Researcher Award*); Dr. Melissa Everett, Executive Director of Sustainable Hudson Valley (*2021 Outstanding Practitioner Award*); Laura Heady, Conservation and Land Use Coordinator, Hudson River Estuary Program (*2020 Outstanding Environmental Communicator*

Award); Clay Hiles, former Director of the Hudson River Foundation (2021 *Distinguished Service Award*), and Fran Dunwell, former Director of the Hudson River Estuary Program (2022 *Dennis J. Suszkowski Leadership Award*). Congratulations to all our 2020 - 2022 award winners and we look forward to holding future Awards events in a timely fashion!

Additional information about HRES's Leadership Awards program is available on our website www.hres.org.

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER



*L to R: Laura Heady, Fran Dunwell and Lucy Johnson.
(Photo: Anne Morrison)*



*HRES Vice President Chuck Nieder awards Dr. Isaac Wirgin.
(Photo: Anne Morrison)*

Awardees	Leadership Award
<i>Isaac Wirgin, Ph.D.</i>	2020 Outstanding Environmental Researcher
<i>Laura Heady</i>	2020 Outstanding Environmental Communicator
<i>Clay Hiles</i>	2021 Distinguished Service
<i>Melissa Everett, Ph.D.</i>	2021 Outstanding Practitioner
<i>Fran Dunwell</i>	2022 Dennis J. Suszkowski Leadership Award

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2023 HUDSON RIVER SYMPOSIUM

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Lucy Johnson (Secretary)
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David Yozzo, Ph.D.

HRES is looking forward to our annual scientific symposium this spring to be held at Cary Institute on Wednesday April 19th. This year's symposium topic – Landscape Tradeoffs as New York Transitions to Renewable Energy – addresses an issue of concern to scientists, resource managers, municipalities, and the general public throughout the Hudson Valley and other regions of the state. The goals of the 2023 Symposium are to: 1) present New York's renewable energy goals; 2) Identify potential impacts to natural resources and landscapes; 3) Present ongoing research on impacts, impact minimization, and management strategies. Presenters include scientists and land managers from the Hudson Valley and elsewhere, representing academia, government and not-for-profit organizations/land trusts. We look forward to a day of informative presentations and lively discussion – hope to see you all there!

The current list of presenters includes:

- Sarah Osgood, Exec. Director Climate Action Council, NYSERDA
- Steven Grodsky, Cornell University
- Jeremy Magliaro, Environmental Research, NYSERDA
- Jennifer Manierre, Clean Energy Siting, NYSERDA
- Troy Weldy, Columbia County Land Conservancy
- Kate Miller, Invenergy
- Brandon Smith, New Leaf Energy
- Joseph R. Murray, Office of Renewable Energy Siting
- Audrey Friedrichsen, Scenic Hudson
- Echo Cartwright, The Nature Conservancy
- Andrew Gill, CEFAS, Suffolk, U.K.
- Linda Garrett, American Farmland Trust

To register for the 2023 symposium visit: [2023 Hudson River Symposium: Landscape and Renewable Energy Tickets, Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

A HUDSON VALLEY PHOTO GALLERY



January Barge on the Hudson – Tivoli, NY

(Photo Credit: D. Yozzo)



View Across Tivoli South Bay in January

(Photo Credit: D. Yozzo)

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Founded in 1970, the Hudson River Environmental Society is a nonprofit, non-advocacy organization that delivers the science behind Hudson Valley issues to citizens, scientists, and decision makers. We enable objective discussions, provide forums for rigorous science, connect disparate views, and showcase the region's natural heritage. We are academic researchers, government officials, nonprofit scientists, private consultants, teachers, students, and interested residents who find real solutions.