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## FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS:

THE SCIENCE AND POLICY CHALLENGES OF CONSERVING  
SMALL WETLANDS IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

*The Hudson River Environmental Society is partnering with Cornell University and the NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program to address the important issue of small wetlands conservation at a conference on Tuesday, October 28 from 9am to 5pm at Norrie Point Environmental Center in Staatsburg, NY.*



Small wetlands are some of the most ecologically and economically valuable habitats in the Hudson Valley—but they are also one of the least protected. Recent changes to federal jurisdiction, along with limited protection offered by state regulations, leave many small, “isolated” wetlands vulnerable to filling, draining, and other impacts. As a result, local governments and individual landowners bear considerable responsibility for conserving small, isolated wetlands in the Hudson Valley.

The conference will include presentations on the science of small wetlands, including the implications of climate change; current federal and state protections; local authority; and examples of local initiatives to conserve small wetlands.



### Speakers include:

- James Gibbs, SUNY-ESF
- Jon Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers
- John Connell, Army Corps of Engineers, NY District
- Tim Post, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- Drayton Grant, Attorney, Grant & Lyons, LLP
- Dave Clouser, Professional Engineer and Town and Village Engineer in New Paltz
- Supervisor Edward Brancati of Town of Lewisboro and Bruce Barber, Wetland Inspector
- Mark Peritz, Town of Woodstock Planning Board Chair and Builder

The conference will be especially relevant to local government planners, managers, and engaged community members, as well as consultants and regulators.



**More details to come! Check [www.hres.org](http://www.hres.org) for updates and registration information.**