



1. Build capacity, prepare for comprehensive source water planning

Whether or not the Hudson 7 benefits from specific state support through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, it can follow the framework of that new state program, which starts with creation an update Source Water Assessment and creation of a Stakeholder Group.

- Apply for coordinator funding
- Build stakeholder group (ie, local, county, state and federal agencies with a role in watershed protection or spill response; municipalities in watershed; major water users)
- Convene and engage water plant operators regularly

2. Focus on high priority water quality concerns

High priority concerns include: Spill of crude oil or other hazardous material, legacy contaminants including Central Hudson coal tar; impacts of wastewater discharge, including CSOs; disinfection byproducts; unregulated/newly regulated contaminants (PFAS, pharmaceuticals, other DBPs); and climate change (sea-level rise on infrastructure + greater stormwater risks).

- Work with Coast Guard on spill prevention and response (spill drill)
- Watchdog cleanups (Central Hudson coal tar, Wappinger Creek Superfund site)
- Climate Resilience workshops w/ Hudson River Watershed Alliance
- Support and/or learn from water quality studies (PFAS, DEC water quality assessment)
- Complete water infrastructure report
- Document treatment process differences and emergency backup plans

3. Begin watershed-based approach to support source water planning

Any source water protection plan will include a focus on tributary streams that contribute water to the Hudson. The Hudson 7 communities, as stewards of the watersheds closest to the drinking water intakes, can begin to take local actions that enhance watershed protections.

- Document and improve stream, wetland and other watershed protection local laws
- Review land use regulations and zoning codes / conduct build-out analysis
- Increase knowledge, coordination and effectiveness of MS4 programs
- Connect with and build new tributary efforts
- Identify stream segments for DEC to assess in 2021 (RIBS process)

4. Education

Educate the council itself, and/or the larger public, on topics related to other priority areas.

- Coordinate annual WQ reports (May)
- Host speakers on topics relevant to other priorities
- Tour Hudson 7 water treatment plants
- Design signage for Hudson Riverfront and/or stream crossings
- Educate elected representatives (county, state, federal)

Potential Actions to approve at this meeting

1. Authorize creation of work plan identifying monthly meeting topics to ensure progress on priorities
2. Authorize letters to Gov Cuomo, legislative representatives of Hudson 7 communities, chairs of relevant Senate/Assembly committees and/or sponsors of relevant legislation (RVK)
 - a. In support of \$1 billion for water infrastructure
 - b. In support of Restore Mother Nature Bond Act
 - c. In support of Class C stream protections bill
 - d. In support of Governor Cuomo's wetlands mapping bill
 - e. In support of wetlands protection legislation bill
3. Authorize letter to EPA identifying Hudson 7 as interested in the Wappinger Creek Superfund site cleanup
4. Authorize convening of water plant operators and topic (some options: ID largest water users and create master document, document treatment differences, document emergency backup plans, spill drill prep.
5. Authorize creation of draft stakeholder list
6. Authorize any immediate followup actions needed relative to spill drill
7. Authorize stream, wetland and watershed code review