

Rebecca Martin Consulting Report

July, 2024

The Hudson River Source Water Protection Coordinator (as consultant) will carry out the goals of the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (Hudson 7).

Goals and Results

- **Organizational**
 - Scheduled weekly one-on-one meetings with Mayor Gary Bassett, Chair of the Hudson 7;
 - Organized and prepared all materials for monthly Hudson 7 meetings;
 - Provided letters of support for the Town of Lloyd for their grant application to the Hudson River Estuary Program for the watershed characterization project and Riverkeeper's proposed water quality monitoring project for Hudson 7 communities.
- **Goal 1: Create a 501c3**
 - Scheduling a meeting between Mayor Gary Bassett, Rebecca Martin and Hudson 7 lawyer Ian MacDonald to discuss Hudson 7 bylaws for a 501c3.
- **Goal 2: Establish Policies & Procedures with the Hudson 7 Executive team**
 - Ongoing organization of the Hudson 7 files and mapping document;
 - [Maintained the Hudson 7 motions document that tracks motions from 2018 - 2024;](#)
 - Developing technical advisor policy for Hudson 7.
- **Goal 3: Develop a strategy for maintaining sustainable funding streams for operation and development expenses**
 - Ongoing work to create a Hudson 7 "book" that outlines the council's efforts on numerous issues, to be used for outreach, monetary support and grantmaking. A draft will be presented to the council by the end of 2024.
- **Goal 4: Become an important resource for Hudson 7 drinking water operators**
 - Completed the "Hudson 7: Water Treatment Plant Operator/Learning Opportunities" survey and created a report to share the results;
 - Coordinating a tour of the Hyde Park water plant for Hudson 7 water treatment plant operators;
 - Maintained the Hudson 7's shared services files that includes a sample shared services agreement and an Available Equipment and Resources living document for all Hudson 7 municipalities.
- **Goal 5: Education**
 - Follow-up with AWWA for future collaborations;
- **Goal 6: Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)**
 - Attended DWSP2 committee meeting;
 - Reviewed various edits, discussed outreach strategy for H7 municipalities and state approval, discussed project list and cost estimates, discussed project implementation team and votes by Council to be taken to advance goals.
- **Goal 7: Salt Front Study**

- Requested an update on the Salt Front Study from Hudson 7 technical advisor Paul Malmrose from the NYSDEC.
- **Goal 8: Maintain watchdog role on key issues threatening water quality**
 - With the release of the draft third five-year-review on July 10, 2024, circulated materials to the council. The 90-day public comment closes on October 8, 2024.
 - Attending the Friends of Clean Hudson webinar, "[Hudson River PCB Cleanup Report: Analyzing EPA's Draft Third Five-Year Review and Its Impacts to the River](#)"
- **Goal 8a: CHPE Committee**
 - EM&CP/19B
 - Blog post on Hudson 7 items on CHPE since 2020: "[A timeline of events: Hudson 7 and the Champlain Hudson Power Express \(CHPE\) Transmission Cable](#)"
 - Submitted suggestion guidance to all municipal leadership for water operators to request pre- and -post sampling during CHPE construction;
 - Shared 24-hour notices with municipal leadership during the CHPE EM&CP Segment 19A (pre-lay matressing);
 - Attended TDI open house in Kingston re: Maritime team and CHPE Cable Construction/Installation.
- **Goal 8b: Lower Esopus Creek Committee**
 - Requested an update on the Lower Esopus Creek and Delaware Aqueduct Closure in the fall from Hudson 7 technical advisor Paul Malmrose from the NYSDEC.
- **Goal 8c: Anchorages Committee**
 - No activity in May

Notable Next Steps

1. Continue to coordinate and/or provide support for all Hudson 7 committee meetings;
2. Create a resolution for Rebecca Martin Consulting contract to continue in 2025;
3. Develop new goal document for Hudson 7 in 2025;
4. Support the Hudson 7 executive committee to meet to discuss the Hudson 7 budget;
5. Support Hudson 7 in its organizational structure needs and to have draft bylaws ready before the end of 2024;
6. Develop Hudson 7 technical advisor policy language;
7. Maintain Hudson 7 filing system;
8. Ongoing work/design of Hudson 7 campaign "book";
9. Organize a WTP committee meeting in September;
10. Set up a tour of the Hyde Park drinking water plant in October, 2024;
11. Set up tours of each of the five drinking water plants for water operators to meet regularly in 2025;
12. Finalize a report on the results of the educational survey for drinking water staff and work with the WTP committee to organize a learning opportunity with credits for the spring;
13. Follow up with AWWA to identify opportunities to partner;
14. Work with the DWSP2 committee to develop new management role for source water protection coordinator;
15. Post on Hudson 7's new social media accounts to build interest in the Hudson 7;
16. Support Riverkeeper NYSDEC water sampling grant application;
17. Keep track of the upcoming Hudson River PCB draft third FYR public comment process;
18. Assist technical advisors in their project work and advocacy;