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Stop Polluters

Defending the Hudson. Protecting our Communities

Riverkeeper serves as the Hudson River's chief citizen-based pollution enforcement organization. Our legal team serves a diverse population, from urban dwellers residing in New York City to local fishermen and working class families who live and work in the rural Hudson Valley. Because of Riverkeeper's widespread reputation for taking on polluters, whether large or small, we are increasingly deluged with requests for our services. [Read more](#)

CAMPAIGN COMPONENTS:

▼ Sewage & Combined Sewage Overflows (CSO's):

In Brief: Riverkeeper has been leading the fight to keep sewage out of the Hudson River and its tributaries for nearly three decades. As treatment plants and sewer lines fail, water quality suffers, endangering human health and the environment. Today, sewage threatens to become the primary pollutant imperiling the Hudson. [Learn more](#)

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WHY WE CARE:

40% of America's rivers are too polluted for fishing, swimming, or aquatic life.

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Relevant News & Cases? Highlights?

On Issue and campaign work pages, links to relevant methods will be provided

Campaign pages will include a promo linking users to the issue area. Each promo will have a fact/stat on page relevant content.

Catch all category

Secondary campaign components are currently represented as "related work", assuming that all of these components are primary for one of the campaigns.

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Sewage & Combined Sewage Overflows

Riverkeeper has been leading the fight to keep sewage out of the Hudson River and its tributaries for nearly three decades. As treatment plants and sewer lines fail, water quality suffers, endangering human health and the environment. Today, sewage threatens to become the primary pollutant imperiling the Hudson. Wastewater treatment infrastructure in New York has deteriorated due to age, neglect, lack of oversight and enforcement, and the increased pressure of sprawl growth. Hundreds of municipalities are competing for limited and diminishing funds for upgrades and expansions. Both federal and state clean water funding and staffing have been cut. Yet, growth continues unabated. Municipalities often green-light development projects that immediately strain sewer systems.

Riverkeeper has brought suits against municipalities for sewage leaks, commented on developments that would worsen sewage threats, and protested the weak consent order currently under consideration against New York City for decades of dodging the CSO crisis. Click on the links below to learn more about some of the most recent battles.

▼ Learn about the problem

- [> Sustainable Raindrops](#)
Cleaning New York Harbor by Greening the Urban Landscape. Read the report summary or [download the full report \(pdf, 2.3mb\)](#)
- [■ eDesign Source Control Report to Riverkeeper](#)
A report summarizing the recent efforts of eDesign Dynamics to supplement Riverkeeper's report on the potential of Low Impact Development as a means of controlling sewer overflows in New York City. (pdf, 2.3mb)
- [■ Riverkeeper CSO's Fact Sheet](#)
Riverkeeper's CSO fact sheet describing New York City's combined sewer overflow problem (pdf, 2.3mb)
- [■ Open Water CAC CSO Recommendations](#)
Riverkeeper's CSO recommendations (pdf, 2.3mb)

▼ Locations of concern

- [> New Windsor's Sewage Treatment Plant](#)
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▼ Litigation proceedings

- TESTIMONY:**
[■ Artificial Turf Use in City Parks](#)
The use of artificial turf in New York City parks poses serious environmental and public health risks. (pdf, 2.3mb)
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[■ NYC Council Testimony 9/24/07](#)
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▶ What you can do

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New Windsor Sewage Treatment Plant

Since 1998, sewage effluent has seeped out of two manholes on a small island in the middle of Moodna Creek. The effluent – treated water leaving the New Windsor Sewage Treatment Plant – still contained low levels of organic matter, polluting the Creek with fecal coliform and possibly other organisms, suspended solids, and altered pH levels. In addition to polluting the Creek, the effluent created a ring of muck around each manhole in which no plant life could survive, swampy enough that one person nearly got stuck in the muck. Located in New Windsor, these manholes are hidden from view of the mainland shore and can only be accessed by boat or by wading out to the islands at low tide.

Riverkeeper sued the Town of New Windsor under the Clean Water Act to abate these illegal discharges. The case - led by a law student from the Pace Environmental Law Clinic - was settled on February 25, 2005. New Windsor has agreed to raise and install watertight seals on the manholes, repair any other nearby leaks in the effluent pipe, and remediate all areas of collected sludge surrounding the manholes. In addition, New Windsor will create a canoe launch near the New Windsor Water Department building, allowing citizens to more easily access and enjoy a cleaner Moodna Creek. These actions should all be completed by mid-September, 2005.

▼ Litigation Proceedings

- CASE:**
New Windsor Case
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 - ▣ [Download](#) settlement document (pdf, 2.3mb)

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- MARCH 24, 2005:**
- > [Riverkeeper and New Windsor Settle Sewage Case](#)
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- Riverkeeper and the Town of New Windsor have signed a consent order, settling the pending lawsuit brought by Riverkeeper against the Town of New Windsor for two sewage effluent overflows into Moodna Creek. Under the consent order, New Windsor will raise and seal the two manholes, remediate the areas affected by the sewage sludge, and inspect for other potential leaks.

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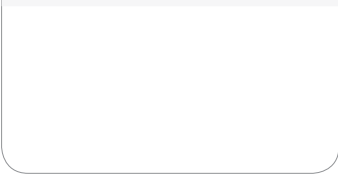
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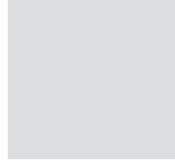
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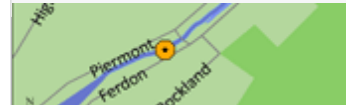
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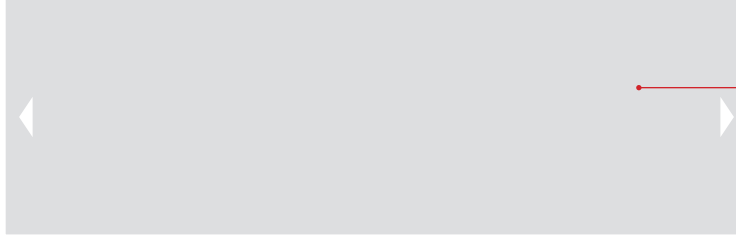
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Success Stories



Riverkeeper successes happen both on an organizational level and on an individual level. Here you will find out highlighted successes stemming from the work of the Riverkeeper legal team as well as the successes of local individuals who have taken their own initiative to make a change in their community.

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The Storm King Case:
 One of the earliest lawsuits to establish that citizens may sue for environmental and aesthetic harms was the Storm King Mountain case in 1965. [READ THE STORY >](#)

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Links to full case history, press release or download

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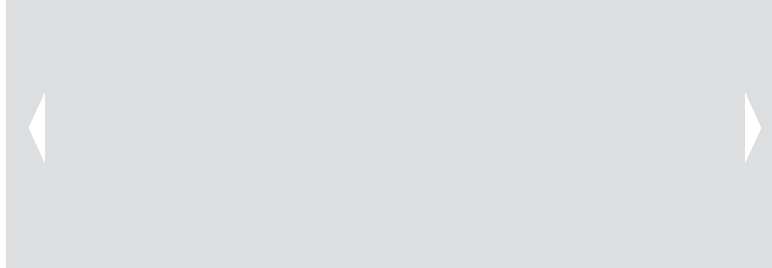
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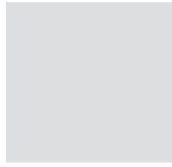
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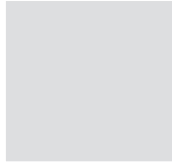
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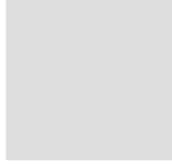
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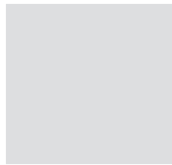
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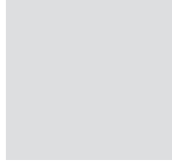
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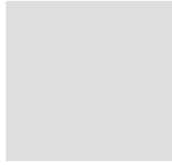
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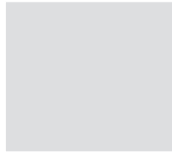
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By Lisa Rainwater



Position: Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Maurice Hinchey
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A calling to protect the environment came early to Riverkeeper's latest Unsung Hero Anne Georges, Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY, 22nd District). Growing up in Waukegan, Illinois, Anne recalls her first awakening to environmental awareness when, as a teenager, she realized that all was not well in her small Midwestern town: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) were discovered in the Waukegan Harbor. Around the same time, Anne recalls having vivid nightmares in 1972 about a proposed nuclear power plant that was to be built just north of her hometown, one that was finally shut down in 1998 after problems in the control room. It was at this young age that Anne resolved to continue her environmental education and decided to pursue an environmental studies certificate along with her baccalaureate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Riverkeeper's Unsung Hero title is awarded to an individual who often works behind the scenes to protect the Hudson River and its watershed. It should come as no surprise, then, that Anne Georges calls her job with Congressman Hinchey "extremely rewarding." Working for the Congressman—one of the strongest environmental advocates in New York's Hudson Valley congressional delegation—Anne has her work cut out for her, dealing with many of the same issues that interested her as a teenager, but this time they're New York-based issues: PCBs in the Hudson River, safety issues at Indian Point, and volatile organic compounds such as Trichloroethylene (TCE) poisoning constituents' homes and property. But even at the end of a workday, Anne is always ready to hear of yet another issue affecting the district and is more than eager to start working on a solution.

She chalks it up to her boss, "I genuinely like my boss. He is so active on these issues and not afraid of anybody—the oil and gas industry or General Electric. He's courageous and fights for the people. My motivation has definitely increased since I've been here. It's just such a pleasure to work for somebody who 'truly gets it.'"

For over two decades, Anne has focused on protecting the nation's air, waters and land. She has an impressive background in not-for-profit environmental work, having served as Assistant Director for Government Affairs for the National Audubon Society and Director of Government Affairs for the National Association of Conservation Districts.

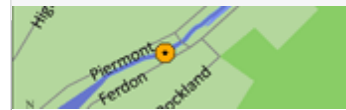
In both positions, she developed policies and secured funding for water quality, land preservation, wetlands protection, and agricultural conservation programming. Anne also worked as Legislative Director for Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT) and as Senior Appropriations Assistant to Congressman David R. Obey (D-WI). This crossover from advocacy work to government has provided her with the acute acumen needed to see an issue from all angles and to make decisive recommendations to both constituents and elected officials.

Following the lead of her boss, Anne Georges is a strong believer in clean energy. Since this is one of Congressman Hinchey's primary issues, she assists in developing policy initiatives that provide for the development of environmentally sensitive energy sources and simultaneously tackle the demand side of the equation by fostering smart energy use emphasizing efficiency and conservation.

While she spends a great deal of time in Washington, D.C., Anne enjoys returning to the district as often as possible. Some of her favorite spots include Ithaca—for the university flair and gorges, the Delaware region for its rustic scenery, and Newburgh for its historical beauty. Living in the nation's capitol can be hectic, so Anne tries to get back to nature as much as possible. An avid horse rider, she serves as a trail guide for tourists in Rock Creek Park, located in the D.C. metro area, one of the first national parks in the country. "I feel fortunate that I can interact with nature while showing off our beautiful national park on horseback nine months out of the year," she explains.

Over the years, Anne has assisted Riverkeeper on many of our key issues – Indian Point, GE's PCB contamination, and hopefully with Congressman Hinchey leading the way, clean, renewable energy will soon become the policy of the day. As is often the case, our Unsung Heroes feel more comfortable remaining behind the scenes, doing what they do best—making things happen. For Anne Georges, she notes that it is invigorating to be a part of Congressman Hinchey's team, "He teaches me a lot about New York and New York politics and about environmental policy. I am lucky—my job focuses on helping to protect the environment and public health in New York and around the country— and that's my pleasure." It's our pleasure as well, Ms. Georges.

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