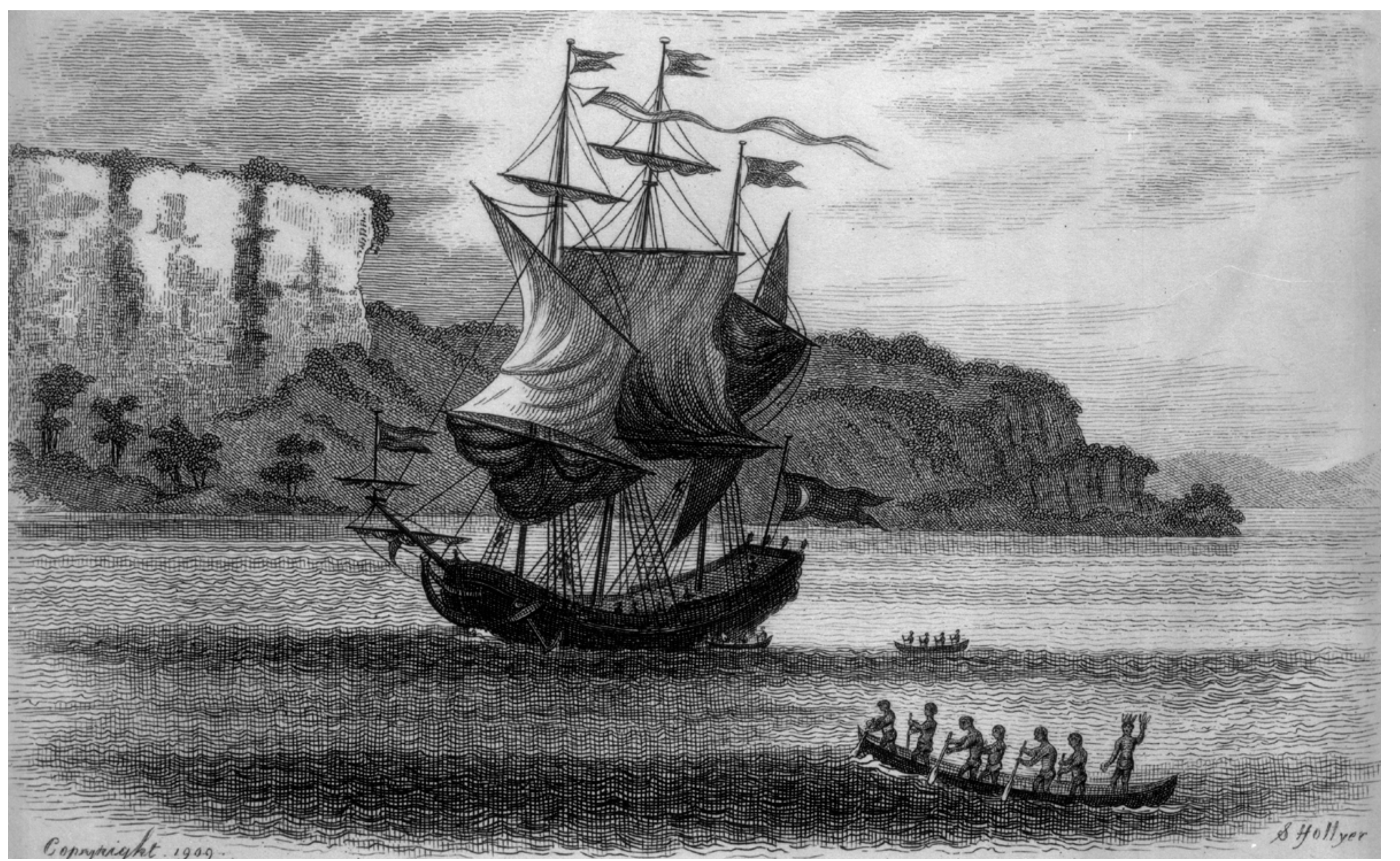


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A HUDSON RIVER JOURNEY



THE HALFMOON BY S. HOLLYER, ENGRAVING. COLLECTION OF THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DISCOVER

In 1609, Henry Hudson entered a lush estuary studded with rocky islands, fringed with marshlands, and criss-crossed by Native Americans in dugout canoes. He discovered then what we still know today: a majestic river and the people who depend upon it.

DEFEND

Today, Riverkeeper is the leading defender of an ecosystem as complex as it is fragile, struggling to recover from four centuries of abuse.



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THE FIRST PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

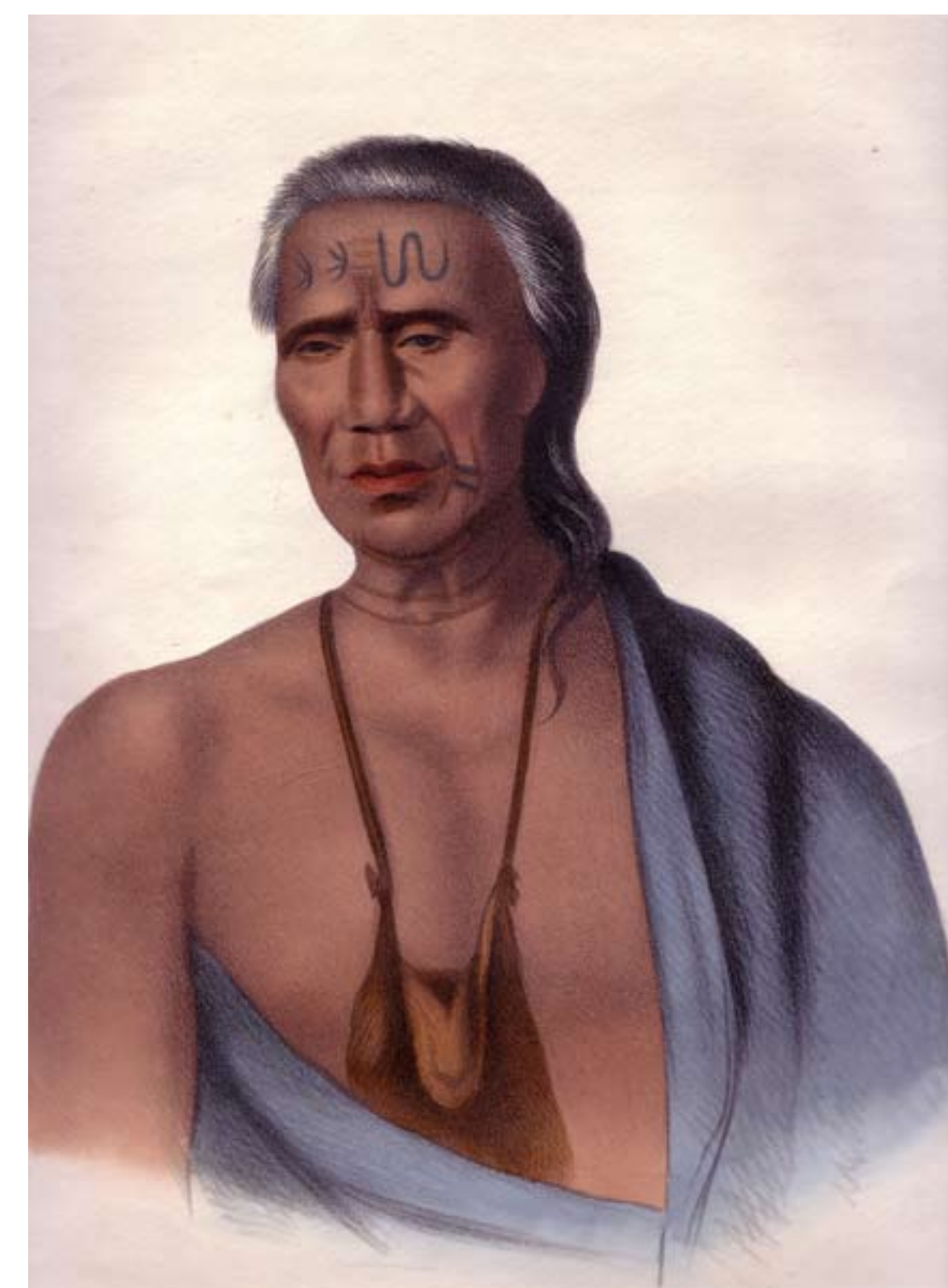


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MUHHEAKANTUCK: 'RIVER THAT FLOWS BOTH WAYS'

Before European contact, whales swam where the Manhattans tribe lived, the Sinsink band fed off huge oyster beds that grew in the bays, and the upriver shallows provided shad, sturgeon, smelt, and crab for the Iroquois nation.



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STEWARDS FOR 10,000 YEARS

People have lived along the shores of the Hudson River since the last ice age, bathing in its waters, living off its bounty, caring for its future. The Lenape tribe balanced the needs of man and the needs of fish and fowl, plant and animal.

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MOUTH OF THE OCEAN

A modern journey upriver begins with the churn of ferry boats, the cry of gulls circling garbage barges and the roar of traffic. Millions of New Yorkers have discovered the pleasures of the harbor; now we all share the responsibility of restoring its natural abundance.



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CONSERVE WATER

Greening the urban landscape will capture excess stormwater and significantly reduce the amount of raw sewage being diverted into New York Harbor.

NYC HARBOR

NEWTOWN CREEK OUTFLOW PIPE. PHOTO COURTESY OF RIVERKEEPER



FIGHT POLLUTION

Riverkeeper leads the battle to rescue Newtown Creek, a near-dead waterway contaminated by a colossal 17 million gallon oil spill and on-going illegal pollution.

GOWANUS CANAL

MANHATTAN

FORT LEE

BROOKLYN

NEWTOWN CREEK

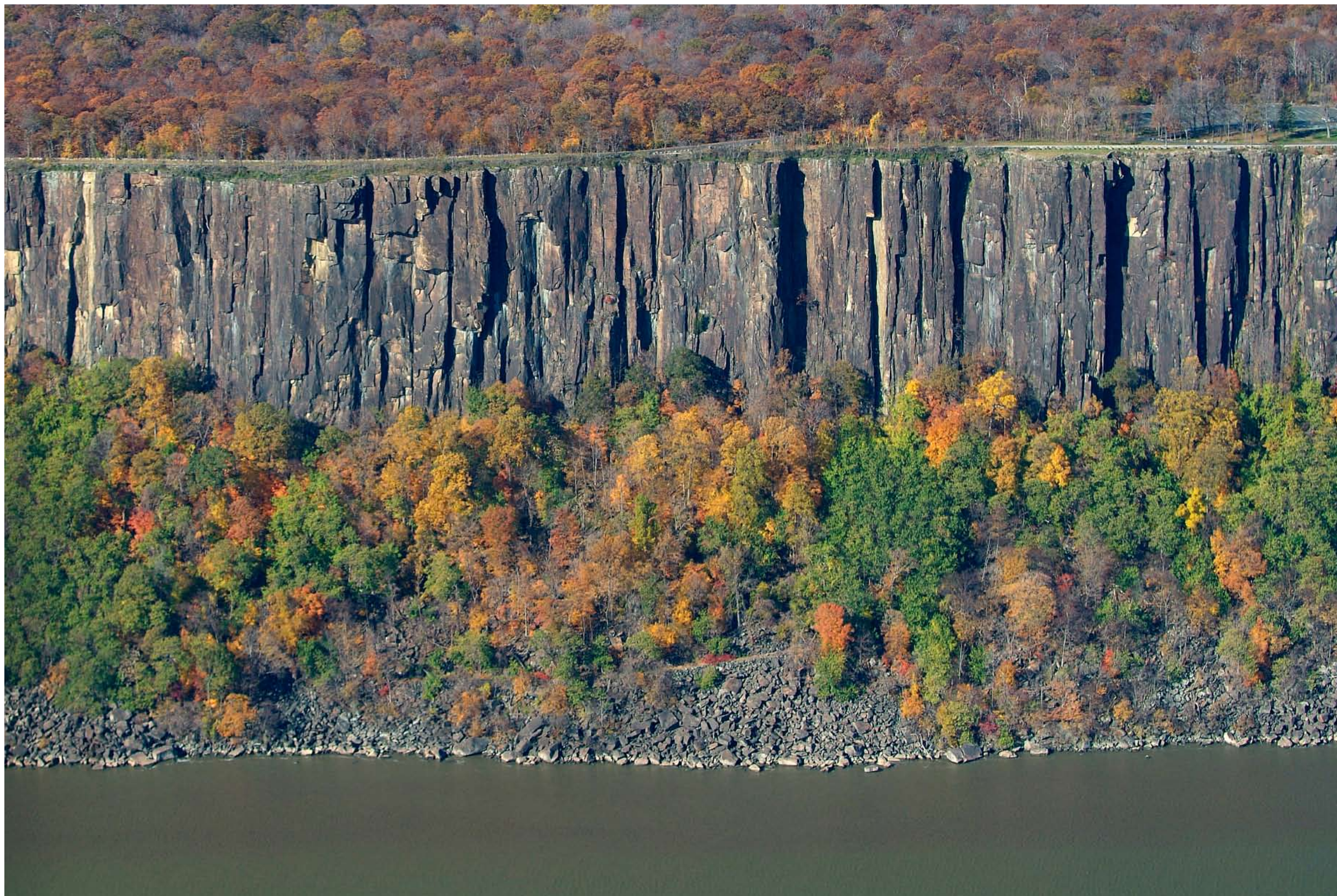
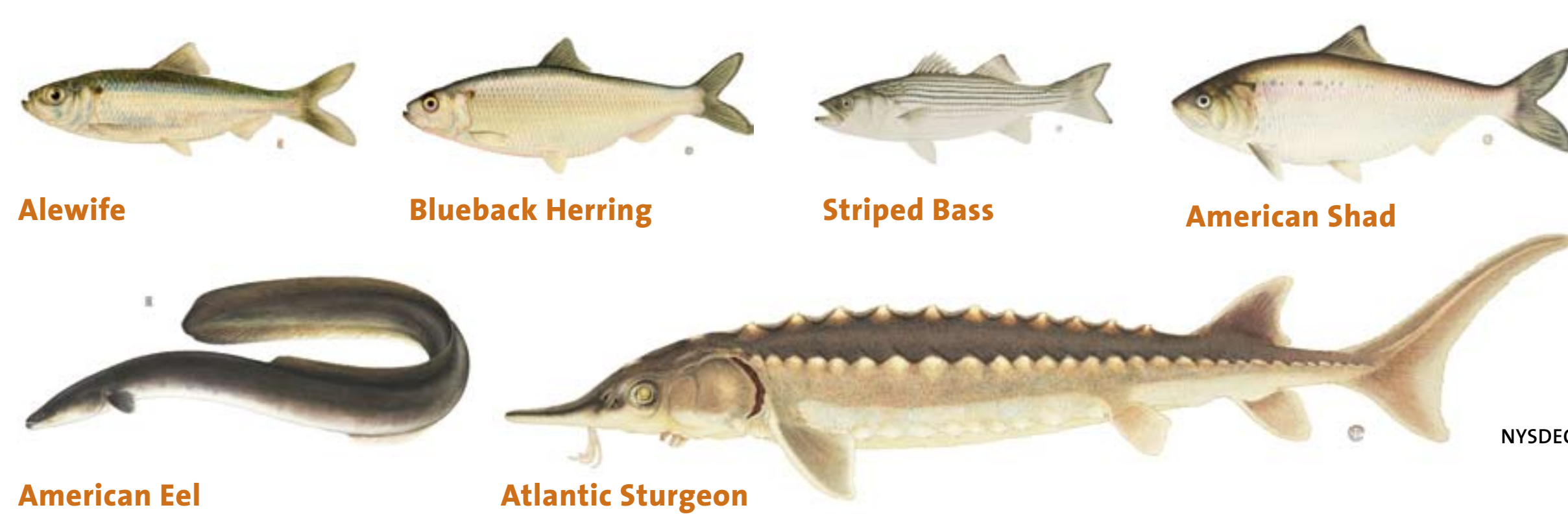


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RESTORE THE RIVER'S ABUNDANCE

A recent report shows that 10 of the river's 13 fish species studied are in decline. Riverkeeper is working with scientists and government regulators to establish a science-based ecosystem management approach to rescuing these fish.



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THE GREAT BAYS

The broad, shallow bays that start at the Palisades have made a remarkable comeback since the Cleanwater Act of 1972. Striped bass school beneath the Tappan Zee Bridge, blue crabs patrol the muddy bottom and developers flock to the waterfront, capitalizing on a cleaner Hudson but creating a new slew of problems in the process.



THE GREAT BAYS

STOP SPRAWL

To prevent these new developments from closing off and damaging the river, transportation solutions have to promote smart, sustainable growth.



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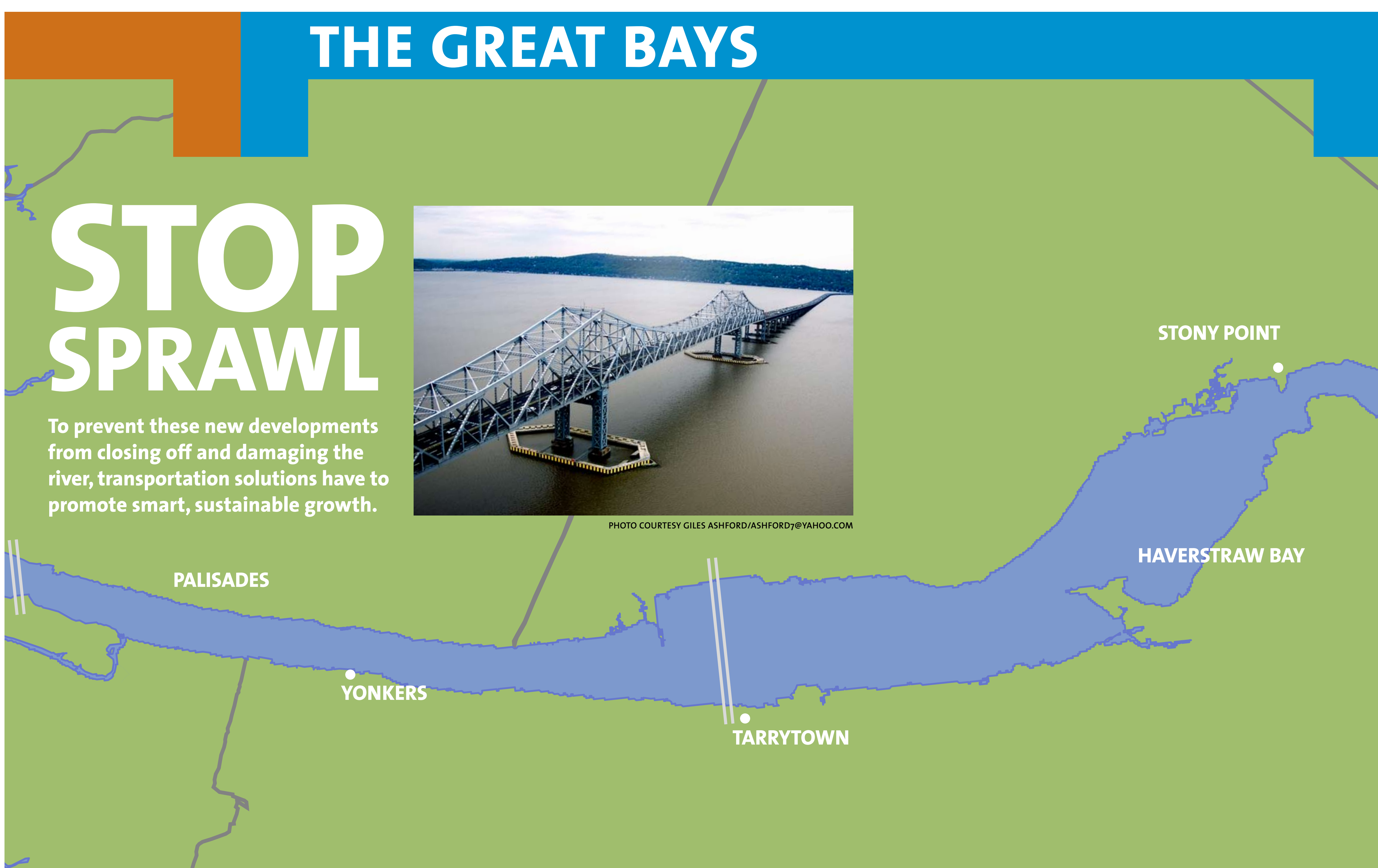




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THE LEGACY OF STORM KING

Round any bend in the Highlands and you'll see why this gorgeous mountain scenery helped inspire both the Hudson River School of painting and the modern environmental movement. The laws that came out of the epic battle to save Storm King Mountain are the laws we rely on today to stop would-be polluters.



ENERGY IN HARMONY WITH THE RIVER

Riverkeeper is leading the fight to close Indian Point because of the millions of people it places at risk and the destruction it wreaks on the River's fish and other aquatic life.



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THE HIGHLANDS

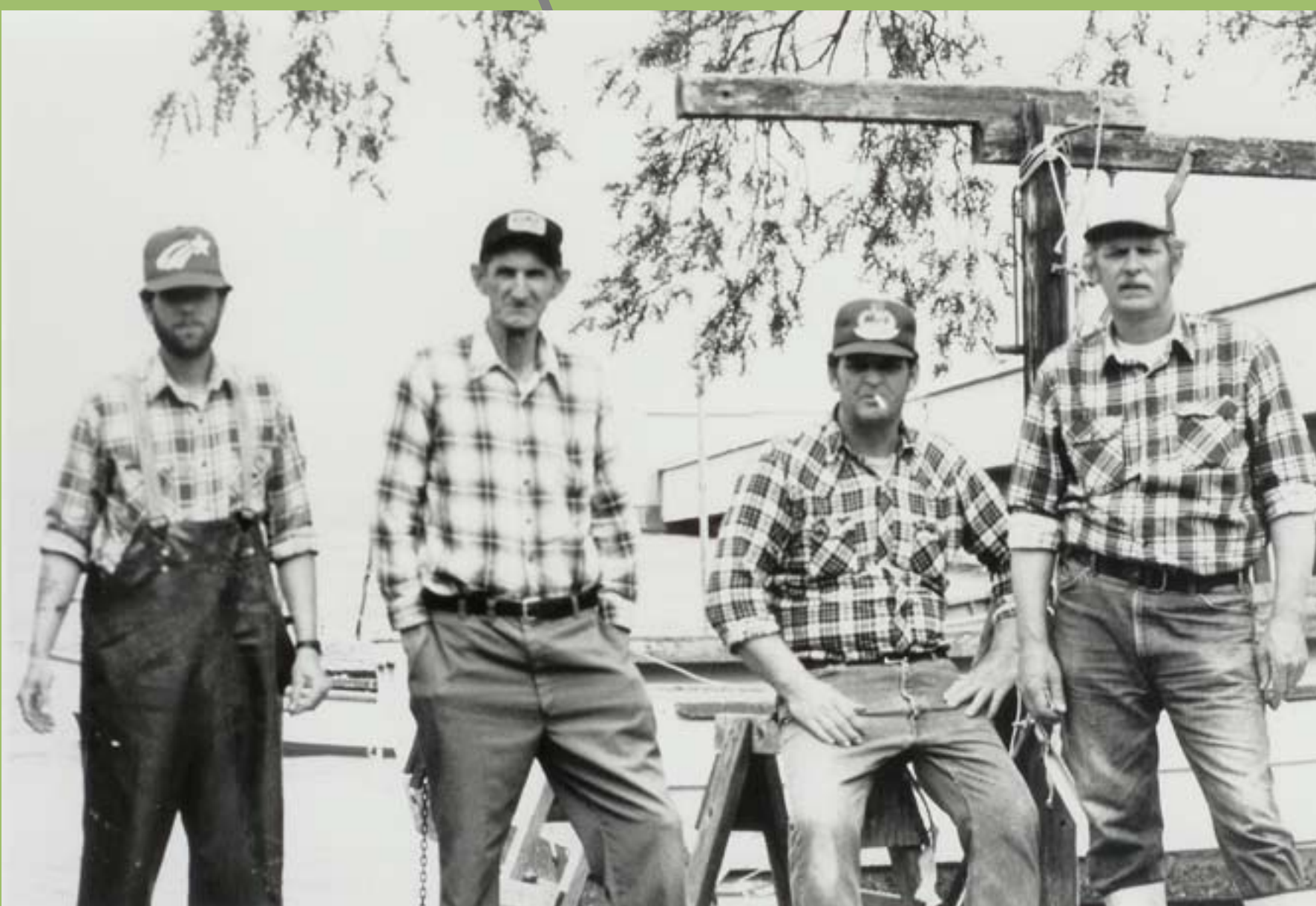


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BIRTHPLACE OF A MOVEMENT

In the 1960's, a band of local fishermen founded Riverkeeper's predecessor, the Hudson River Fishermen's Association. Their successful campaign to reclaim and restore the Hudson River spawned a movement that today includes waterkeeper programs on six continents.



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WHERE STURGEONS SPAWN

The mid-Hudson provides a prime spawning ground for nearly 200 species of fish. Shore towns depend on the Hudson for business, recreation, and drinking water.



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IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

“Is it safe to swim here?” Riverkeeper’s water monitoring program is the only comprehensive and regular testing being done on the river and offers a model for local and state governments.

MID-HUDSON



UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE

Riverkeeper advocates upgrading our great-grandparents’ sewage treatment plants with non-polluting, economical alternatives.



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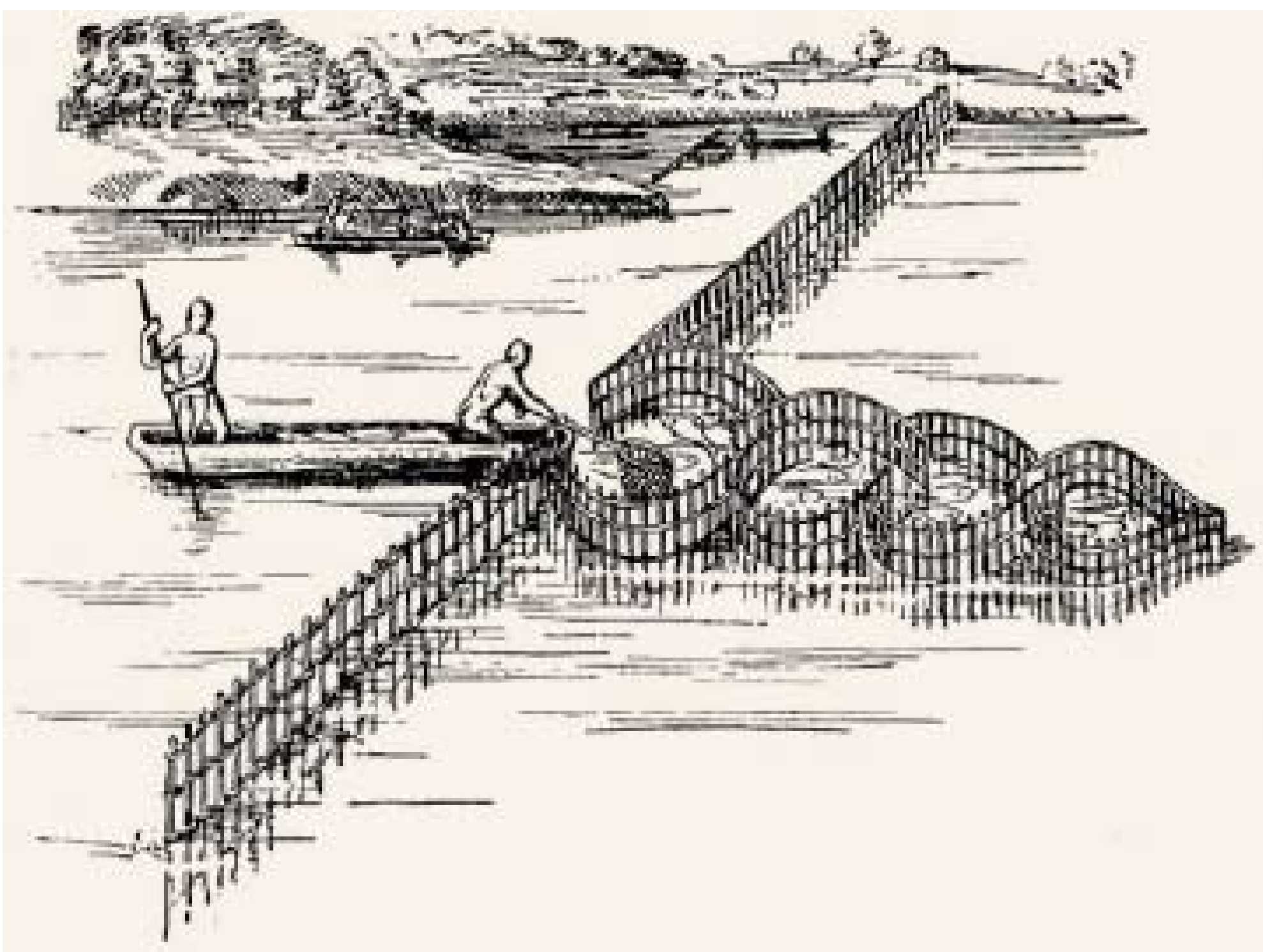
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A WILDNESS REMAINS

Upriver, channels diverge and a unique habitat of small islands and wetlands cry out for preservation. This slow, low-lying stretch of the river is a link back to a time of abundance and our intimate relationship with the natural world.

LEAVE NO TRACE



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PRESERVE HABITATS

The recent return of the bald eagle offers hope that Riverkeeper's efforts to make this region part of a preserve will help other species come back too.

THE ISLANDS

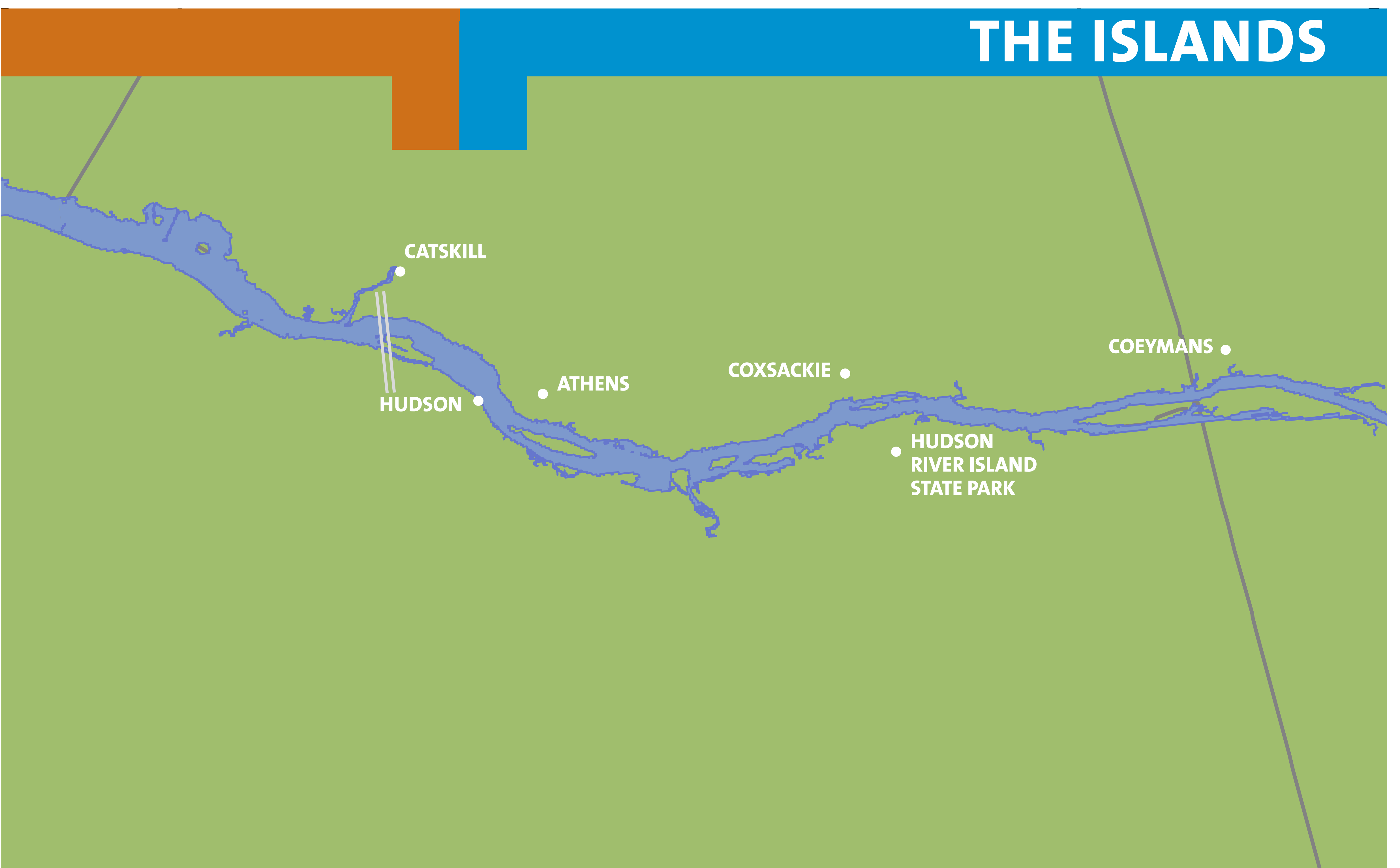




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THE RIVER THAT CONNECTS US

The tidal estuary ends just north of the state capitol in Troy, but the Hudson extends another two hundred miles, and hundreds of tributaries feed the flow. Whether it's forcing General Electric to clean up its PCBs, or stopping a home owner from filling in wetlands, it's our responsibility to protect the waters that sustain and connect us.



BECOME A STEWARD

The history of our commitment to preserving the Hudson dates back long before European discovery: a heritage of caring that continues today.



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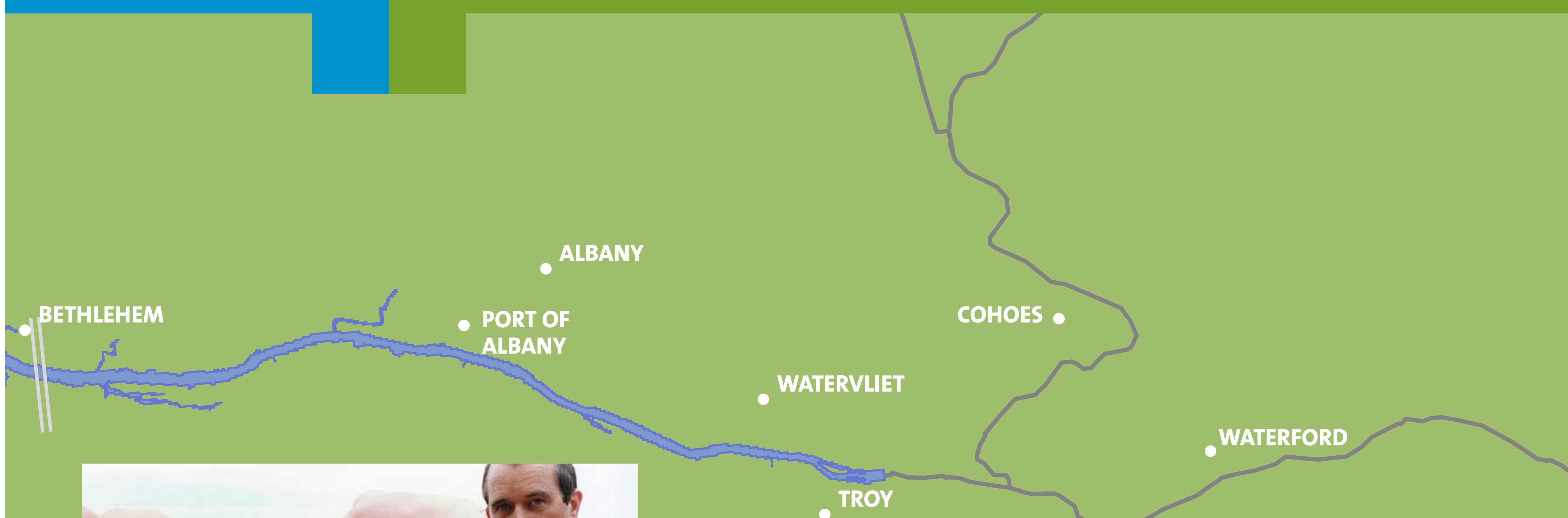


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BALANCING NEEDS

Riverkeeper's continued presence on the river, in courtrooms, and before government officials is to ensure that our actions today benefit all species.



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THE NYC WATERSHED



TAP INTO DRINKING WATER

Take Back the Tap! Bottle Your Own!
Help us keep New York City's drinking water safe.

PROTECT THE LAND THAT SUSTAINS US

Riverkeeper keeps a watchful eye on the two thousand acres set aside to provide New York City's drinking water, making sure they remain protected from misguided development, failing infrastructure, drilling for natural gas, and other threats.

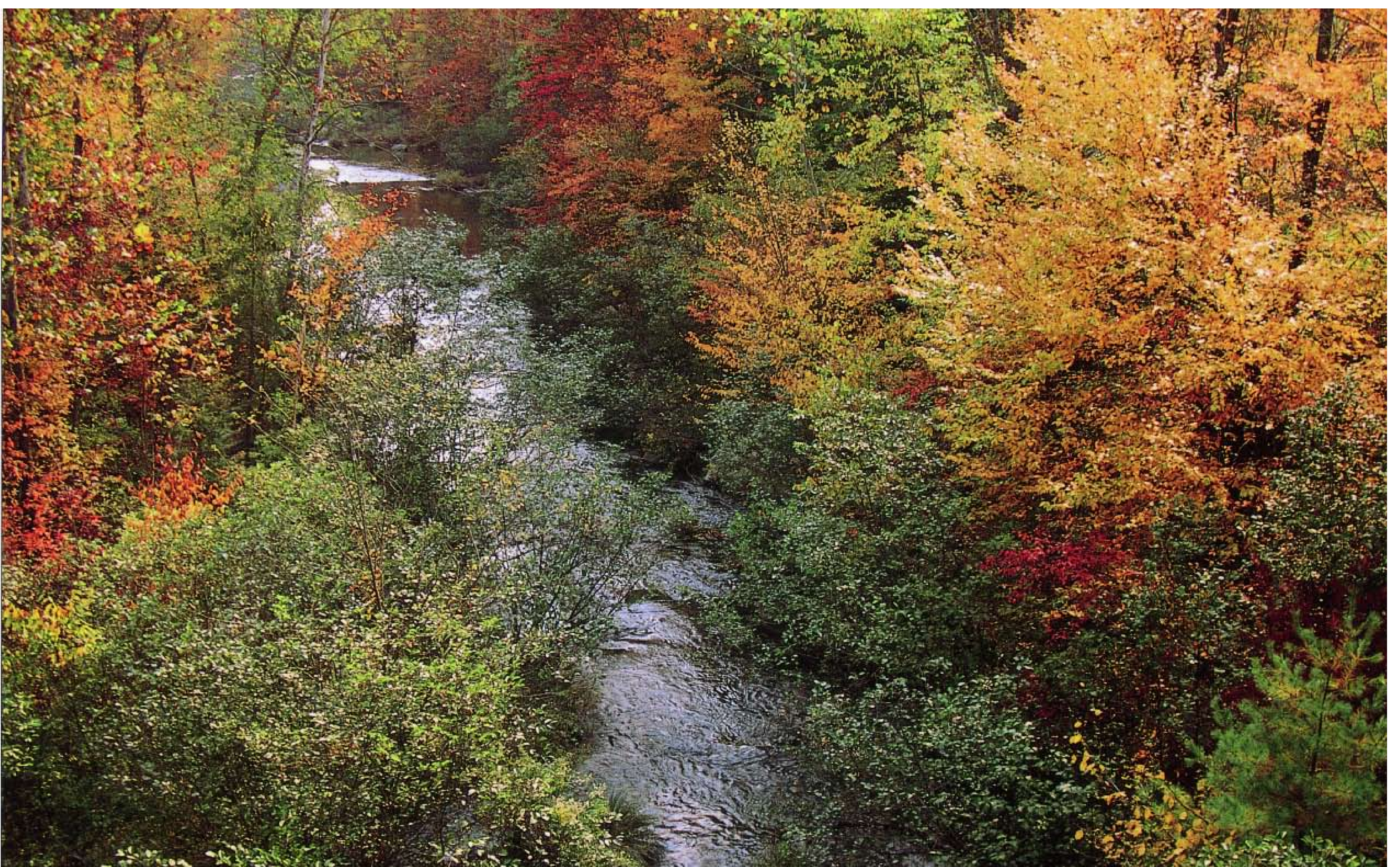




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Discover and defend the water that belongs to all of us.

TAKE ACTION

BE A WATCHDOG

Report a polluter.
Email
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