

# RIVERKEEPER

New York's leading clean water advocate

In 1966, residents along the Hudson River joined together to rescue their badly polluted and dying river. Their efforts gave birth to Riverkeeper. Their approach created a new model for activism and advocacy, giving rise to the modern environmental movement.

Today Riverkeeper is an ever present force with boat patrols, volunteer watchdogs, thousands of activist members and a respected legal staff, vigilantly protecting, reclaiming, and restoring the ecosystems of the Hudson River and New York City's drinking water supply. Riverkeeper and its Hudson Valley constituents serve as models for the Waterkeeper movement which has spawned over 190 'keepers' around the globe.

Our efforts have proven time and again that community organizing and the enforcement of laws can be used to stop polluters.



*Riverkeeper's Patrol Boat the R. Ian Fletcher*

## HUDSON RIVER PROGRAM

Riverkeeper's Hudson River program includes campaigns aimed at protecting and restoring the Hudson River: *Swimmable River, Fishable River, Habitat Protection & Improvement, Pollution Control & Enforcement, Power Plant Fish Kills, and Public Access.*

Our Water Quality Testing Program monitors water quality at over 80 sites from NY Harbor to Troy and reports that data to the public online at [www.riverkeeper.org/special/swimmableriver](http://www.riverkeeper.org/special/swimmableriver).

Our Hudson River team is the public's investigator, scientist, lawyer, lobbyist and public relations agent for the river. We don't shy away from taking on the largest and most powerful polluters and we never forget our mission to protect individual communities from environmental harm.

***Riverkeeper believes that every citizen has the right to enjoy and defend our nation's water resources and public lands.***

## NYC WATERSHED PROGRAM

Our Watershed team ensures that the drinking water consumed by nine million residents of New York City, Westchester, Orange and Ulster County remains of high quality. Riverkeeper safeguards this drinking water supply system by battling sprawl, monitoring water quality, protecting wetlands and promoting smart, sustainable growth for the region.

Riverkeeper is currently leading the charge to ban natural gas drilling in the NYC Watershed. The industrial drilling for gas currently under consideration for the watershed is the largest single threat to its future.

Our *Tap Water* campaign educates New York water consumers about the source of their drinking water and engages them in actions to protect it.



*The NYC Watershed consists of approx. 2,000 square miles of land in the Hudson Valley & Catskill Mountains.*

## RETIRE INDIAN POINT CAMPAIGN

Since 2001, Riverkeeper has been leading the fight to shut down the Indian Point nuclear power plant situated on the banks of the Hudson River. The plant is plagued with safety problems, lax security, on-site storage of radioactive waste and an unworkable evacuation plan. This campaign aims to stop Indian Point's 20-year license extension and to promote safe, clean energy for New York.

Riverkeeper is also working to eliminate the use of outdated once-through cooling systems at the remaining four power plants on the Hudson that still use them. These systems withdraw more than a trillion gallons of water a year, needlessly killing billions of fish.

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