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Biodiversity Assessment Training  
**WORKSHOP I: Introduction, Conservation Planning, and Habitats**

Red Hook, Tuesday, 3 February, 2009, 4:00 – 8:00 pm

- 4:00 - 4:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 4:15 - 4:30 Hudson River Estuary Program  
Laura Heady, Outreach Coordinator
- 4:30 - 5:30 Introduction to the Biodiversity Assessment Training  
Purpose and description  
Goals of the training  
Program timeline  
Schedule for future meetings  
Role assignments: coordinator, treasurer, editor  
Contents of gray folders
- 5:30 - 6:00 Assessment methods  
Using the habitat approach  
Assessing ecological significance
- 6:00 - 6:15 Break
- 6:15 - 6:30 Intro to the *Biodiversity Assessment Manual & Guidebook for Biodiversity Assessment*
- 6:30 - 6:45 General planning concepts for habitat conservation
- 6:45 - 7:15 Habitats of the Hudson Valley
- 7:15 - 7:45 Study Area  
Biodiversity assessment procedures  
Assign tasks for ordering maps & stereoscopes
- 7:45 - 8:00 Questions, homework

**HOMEWORK for next workshop on \_\_\_\_\_ :**

- Read *Manual* p. 3-8, 15-19, 31-34, 49-61 and review p. 1-36 in *Guidebook* (everyone).
- Complete questionnaire and medical information & submit via mail or email by February 16th (everyone).
- Order necessary map resources and stereoscopes (according to individual assignments).
- Submit data requests to NYNHP and HREP (according to individual assignments).
- My assignment is: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS

*While everyone in the group will participate fully in all aspects of the assessment training and project, it's helpful to have particular roles assigned to individuals. Some of the items below will be discussed in future workshops.*

**Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact with Hudsonia; coordinates workshops & internal meetings; oversees and facilitates group progress.

**Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates with appropriate agency to set up account and reimbursement procedures for \$1000 grant; keeps record of purchases and maintains file of receipts and invoices; submits to Hudsonia two accounting updates (in May and October), and final accounting when grant funds are spent.

**Editor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Later in the training, the group will develop a report to accompany the habitat map of your study area. Everyone will contribute different sections, but one person will bring all the pieces together to create a cohesive document.

### Assigned Tasks: Gathering Information and Materials

NY Natural Heritage Program data request: \_\_\_\_\_

Hudson River Estuary Outreach information request: \_\_\_\_\_

Topo map(s): \_\_\_\_\_

NWI map: \_\_\_\_\_

County soil survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Stereoscopes: \_\_\_\_\_