

▪ Winter 2023 Community Workshop Summary

Project: Lower Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan
Topic: Winter 2023 Community Workshop
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Location: Ulster County Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center,
733 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401 and over Zoom

Executive Summary

Ulster County hosted the Lower Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan Community Workshop on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Hosted both in-person and virtually over Zoom, this workshop provided information to community members about the Stream Management Plan and gathered their input regarding important issues to inform the draft Plan.

The workshop started with opening remarks from Kim Mapes from the Ulster County Restorative Justice Center. After the opening remarks, Tim Koch, Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council Member and a representative from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, delivered a presentation that focused on the importance of the Lower Esopus Creek from a cultural and environmental perspective. Afterwards, Sean Morrison and Michael Chergosky of Inter-Fluve provided a presentation that highlighted specific elements of the Lower Esopus Creek and the Stream Management Plan.

After the two presentations, both virtual and in-person attendees participated in the activity table session of the evening. Each of the four activity tables focused on themes from the draft Stream Management Plan: Public Use Locations, Watershed Overview, Valley Segment Overview, and Precedent (Species) Photos. The activity leaders at each table facilitated the conversation using accompanying maps and images to guide the discussion. In-person, participants provided input by placing sticky notes with their thoughts on the maps and visuals. Over Zoom breakout rooms, participants discussed these topics while a project representative took live notes on a Miro board displaying the maps, visuals, and discussion questions.

124 attendees pre-registered for the event. During the workshop, a peak of about 50 participants attended via Zoom and 65 attended in-person, for a peak total of **115 participants**.

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GSA Schedule GS-00F-154DA

Ben Ganon	Ulster County	County Representative
Esi Lewis	Ulster County	County Representative
Europa McGovern	Ulster County	County Representative
Burt Samuelson	Ulster County	County Representative
Kristen Wilson	Ulster County	County Representative
Michael Chergosky	Inter-Fluve	Project Manager
Sean Morrison	Inter-Fluve	Presenter
Cam Twombly	Inter-Fluve	Activity Leader
Jackie Van Der Hout	Inter-Fluve	Activity Leader
Mary McNamara	LECAC	Activity Leader
Tim Koch	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County	Presenter
Nora Madonick	ASC	Virtual Notetaker
Caroline Ibarra	ASC	ASC Team Lead
Sebastian Kogler	ASC	Virtual Notetaker
Jared Klukas	ASC	Virtual Notetaker

