

# COMMUNITY WALKSHOP

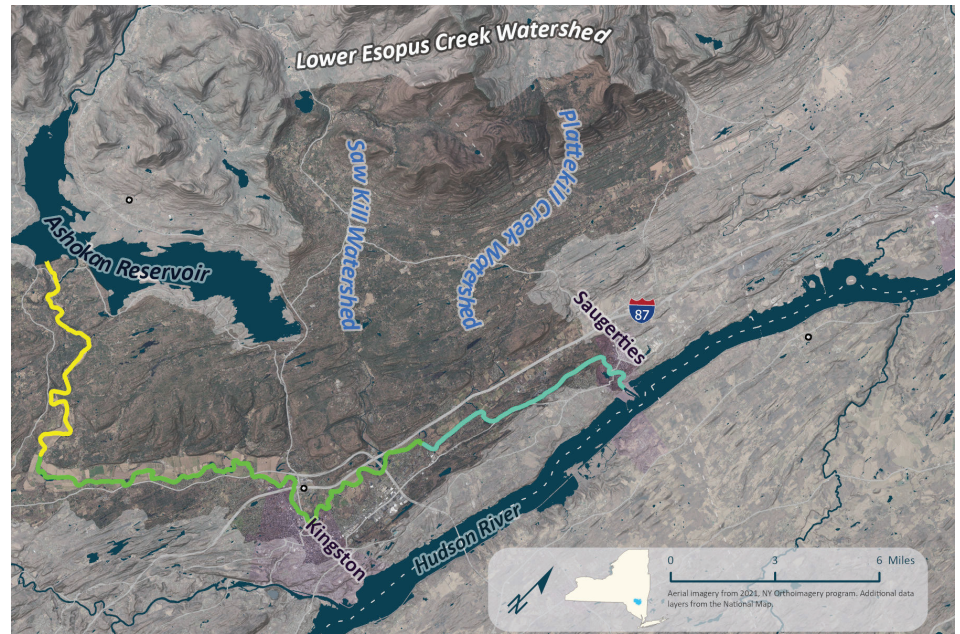
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## ABOUT THE STREAM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ulster County, with the support of the Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council (LECAC) and a team of consulting engineers and scientists, is developing the Lower Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan. The project began in Fall 2022 and will be completed by Spring 2024.

The Lower Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan will describe goals and objectives for improving the health of Lower Esopus Creek based on community input and a scientific survey of the Creek.



The Stream Management Plan will be followed by an Implementation Plan that identifies specific actions that can be taken to achieve those goals. By identifying a wide range of projects at various scales, the Implementation Plan will guide Ulster County in prioritizing current and future funding to benefit Lower Esopus Creek and its community.

Ulster County seeks community input, through engagement activities like the public survey and this walkshop, to refine the Plan and its goals.

## ABOUT TODAY'S WALKSHOP

Ulster County and LECAC have developed today's walkshop ("walking workshop") to share updates about the Plan's development and to hear from interested Lower Esopus Creek community members about your experiences with the Lower Esopus Creek and questions about the Plan.

The project team scheduled today's walkshop during the Plan's on-site data collection phase. This week, the project team will collect data from sites across the Lower Esopus Creek's three valley segments. During today's walkshop, the project team will explain the geological and ecological factors they are evaluating in this project phase.

**VALLEY SEGMENT:** The project team has divided the Lower Esopus Creek into three areas. Each valley segment has distinct characteristics, challenges, and opportunities.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Today's community walkshop has been designed so that you can provide your input on the current conditions of the Creek and describe your hopes for what the Plan addresses moving forward.

There will be notetakers from the project team to document your concerns, considerations, and thoughts. You may also use the provided comment cards to write down any thoughts that you have and submit them into the comment box or use the provided sticky notes to leave a comment on the project illustrations. The project team will review and reflect on these comments after the walkshop concludes.

### AGENDA

**10:30 AM:** Opening remarks about the project and its purpose.

**10:35 AM:** Overview of the key takeaways from the June-July 2023 public survey.

**10:40 AM:** Overview of the Lower Esopus Creek's geology and ecology.

**11:05 AM:** Share your thoughts about the current conditions of the Creek with the project team—project team members can answer your questions and explain more detailed project information around the printed illustrations.



## WE WANT TO KEEP HEARING FROM YOU!

- If you have additional or future feedback or questions about the walkshop today, or to share any other thoughts on the project moving forward, please email the project team at [environment@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:environment@co.ulster.ny.us).
- After today, a summary of the walkshop will be available online at <https://bit.ly/LowerEsopusCreekStreamManagementPlan>, as well as information about next steps for the project and opportunities for future community engagement.