

# The Piermont Newsletter

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## Piermont's Environmental Challenges

### The Marsh

As we near the end of 2014, the future of the Piermont Marsh is still in question. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIP), after an outcry from Piermont residents and officials, announced last August that they will develop a revised "Piermont Marsh Restoration Plan." It would amend the original plan that called for the eradication of 200 acres of existing Phragmites (common reed) habitat.

That plan came about because New York State had set aside over \$1 million to compensate for the environmental damage the new Tappan Zee Bridge construction would cause. The DEC proposed using the largest portion of that money to eradicate Phragmites in the Piermont Marsh.

After it heard the protests, Betsy Blair, the DEC's Hudson River Habitat Protection Manager, announced that it would give us a revised long-term Piermont Marsh plan after it held four meetings to present scientific data, listen to the public and address a range of questions and concerns about the Marsh. Two of those meetings have now taken place.

The first "Fact Finding" meeting focused on what is known about the Marsh's habitats and biodiversity. Seven speakers discussed the geologic record of the Marsh, its vegetation, intertidal plants, and fish and bird habitats. The data was very limited and much of it, such as Marsh maps from 2007, was out-of-date. Ed McGowan of the PIP, who, with Betsy Blair of the DEC, is a decision maker on this project, gave bird observations from 2005. However, studies of intertidal plants offered a rare, current view of the Marsh. The good news is that 10 of the 12 intertidal plants historically

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*A partial view of our marsh and waterfront from the air. Jeff Anzevino photo/ Scenic Hudson*

### The Waterfront

Our Village Board has no doubt – climate change is real. That's why it recently voted to accept its Waterfront Resilience Task Force recommendations. The Task Force had spent a year studying ways to protect the village. "Sea level rise is not an abstract notion for our village," Mayor Sanders said, "but an intimate challenge that is growing more evident every year."

Superstorm Sandy in 2012 was the wakeup call that the village needed. Sandy, and its devastating tidal surge damaged 150 homes, shut businesses down for months, ruined cars and tossed boats around our streets like poker chips. The final bill for all this topped \$20 million, or about \$8,000 per Piermonter. The Task Force warned that if nothing is done to protect the village, we could look back at the bill for Sandy as a bargain. Future storms, it said, are likely to destroy some

of our streets, our sewage system and many of our homes.

Mayor Sanders launched the Task Force in November 2013. Its members included Trustees Lisa Defeciani and Steve Silverberg, concerned citizens and leaders in business. Scenic Hudson and the Consensus Building Institute provided expert advice. Various grants paid their bills.

The Task Force came up with 24 recommendations. We need, it said, to be able to avoid and minimize risks, help residents and businesses recover quickly from floods and storms, maintain the village's relationship with the Hudson River, maintain a vibrant business district and local economy, foster and build community, be environmentally responsible, and be a model for other communities facing similar coastal hazards.

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# President's Corner



The end of the Piermont pier has always seemed like hallowed ground to me. During World War II the pier was "Last Stop USA" for 40,000 troops a month, some from Piermont. It was the last American soil they walked on until the war ended. They were going from Camp Shanks in Orangeburg, to the battlefields of Europe. Many of them never returned.

The pier also was the first US ground 533,869 GI's stepped on as they returned in triumph after defeating Hitler. And during the war, hundreds of prisoners of war landed on our pier on their way to detention camps. There are plaques near the statue of the waving soldier at Kennedy Memorial Park, and at the flagpole at the end of the pier, noting some of this history.

With the exception of the Tappan Zee Bridge, the view from the pier is much the same as it was then. To me, putting up a faux 19th century lighthouse there would be like placing a replica of an Apollo rocket on the Gettysburg battlefield. I'm not the only one who was relieved that the lighthouse will go up at the other end of the pier (see page ??). More Piermonters had phoned and e-mailed Mayor Sanders and the Trustees to voice their opposition than had for any issue in memory. Still, the Board had trouble saying no to the grieving families.

I thought the Coast Guard would never allow an aid to navigation where none had ever existed. Wouldn't it confuse boaters and the captains of commercial vessels? It turns out that in this age of global positions satellites, the Coast Guard didn't care.

Piermonters have contrary attitudes about protecting their heritage. We turned down a proposal to make the village an historic district, but we strongly support the Piermont Historic Society and its successful preservation of our train station. There was much debate in past issues of this Newsletter, and in other publications, about preserving the crumbling Onderdonk house, the village's most historic

home, historically correctly.

"Enough already about the Onderdonk house!" wrote Piermonter Scott Rosenberg in a letter we somehow failed to publish. "The new owners painstakingly restored what had been a dangerous eyesore and a tax loss for Piermont. They are lovely people. I think for their efforts they deserve our thanks, even a parade and the keys to the village."

I agree!

~Bob Samuels

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# Piermont Community Garden

When I started in the community garden I was a novice. I asked a lot of questions, read garden books like Square Foot Gardening, which gardener Sandy Sheridan recommended, and I experimented and experimented. I am still learning and still refining my gardening "voice." Where I garden, when I have time to garden and who I garden with may influence how I garden, but I always bring my own gardening personality with me.

In the Piermont Community Garden you can find many different gardening personalities. For example, some of the gardeners are like me and they love to experiment, while others plant the same things every year in exactly the same way. Yet, despite our differences, which can be numerous, we often share gardening tips and techniques

Recently, I interviewed Piermont resident and community gardener Mary Weitzman. Mary is the Director of Marketing and Communications at Wave Hill Gardens in the Bronx, and she has been able to bring professional gardeners in from Wave Hill to teach us how to prune our fruit trees and shrubs.

*Q: Did you have gardening experience before joining the garden? Before working at Wave Hill? What are some of the most useful things you have learned in the Community Garden and at Wave Hill?*

A: I didn't have any gardening experience at all. The Wave Hill gardeners are so inspirational and talented and they design the Wave Hill gardens in a way that is accessible. They want people to leave with inspirations for



Gardner Sandy Sheridan. Susan Freiman photo

their own home gardens. Their design approach has really helped me transform my home perennial beds.

Most of my learning in my plot at the community garden has come from my own trial and error. The first couple of years I was so afraid and intimidated, and felt guilty that I couldn't find the time to keep up with everything. I've listened to some great advice from some of the other members, and I try to find methods that work for me and my lifestyle. I've learned that it's ok not to try to plant everything, it's ok to make mistakes, and I understand that

it might take a few seasons before you find what works for you.

*Q: You love to experiment in the garden. What are some of the most interesting things you've discovered in your gardening experiments?*

As a full time working mom, I never have the time I would like to spend in the garden. Therefore, I am always looking for solutions to my time constraints. I look for plants that I can grow easily and don't need a lot of attention. I look for methods that will cut down on the need to weed and water. I also don't have much space to start seedlings at home. Therefore, if I can't either sow a plant from seed directly into my garden plot, or find a good seedling from a reliable source, then I don't grow that plant. And I look for plant varieties that are resistant to blight, wilt and other diseases we see in the garden.

This year, I grew some companion plants which I read are a good diversion for the cucumber beetles. I grew dill, borage and cornflowers. Borage is also a good companion for tomatoes. I harvested some great cukes! I did get some wilt, but not a total decimation as I have in past years.

*Q: Tell me about the paper row cover you used.*

A: I found it on sale last year, gave it a try, and it has become indispensable for me. It is organic, biodegradable landscape paper. Once I can work the soil in the spring, I add the organic fertilizer or compost, and cover the entire plot with the paper. As I plant, I simply bust through the paper, stick in the seedling or seeds, then cover with mulch. You



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have to cover the paper with mulch, or else it breaks down very quickly. It has dramatically cut down on my weeding time. I suppose you could also simply use newspaper, but I find the roll of paper, which retails for about \$8, to be quick and easy.

*Q: You are a full time professional, a wife and a mother as well as a gardener. What additional tips do you have for people who only have short bursts of time in which to get all of their gardening done.*

*A: I find that the more time I take in the beginning of the season, the less time I need to tend to everything later. So the first thing I do is make a game plan as to what I will plant and when, for the entire growing season. I order all my seeds in February, based on my plan. I like to do succession planting, plus I try to rotate the location of my tomatoes each season, so I find that I really need to figure everything out in advance. I have also found that investing time in the beginning of the season on amending the soil and weed*

prevention saves me from needing to address these issues later. For example, laying the biodegradable paper on my plot before any weeds have started to grow, helps prevent these weeds from spreading the remainder of the season.

*Q: What are a few of your favorite plants and why?*

*A. Sungold tomatoes are favorites, all different kinds of kale (my daughter's favorites) and green beans – Provider variety. They are very easy to grow from seed, and great tasting green beans. I get them from Hudson Valley Seed, a nonprofit seed library upstate. I find anything I get from Hudson Valley Seed grows very well in our garden. Green zebra tomatoes – I get the seedlings from Stokes in Old Tappan. They have won awards for these tomatoes, and no wonder.*

~Susan Freiman

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## Piermont Police: It Was A Very Good Year

The relatively good news is that at press time our police department was well on the way to having dealt with fewer vehicle crashes this year than it did last year—a statistic more impressive than it sounds, since the TZ bridge construction has pushed more traffic than usual into our area. “People are jumping onto 9W, and heading for the city on the Palisades,” says Piermont police Chief Michael O’Shea. “They want to avoid the lane closures on the Tappan Zee.” The result? Auto and truck traffic on 9W has leapt from 10,000 to 15,000 a day. So if you feel crowded driving that narrow road, you are—and probably will be for some years to come until the bridge work is completed.

As Chief O’Shea says, 9W is an inherently dangerous road, two-lane, narrow, with few spots where a violator can be safely pulled over. And if the problem is an apparently drunk driver, the officer pursuing cannot wait too long to move in for fear of getting someone killed by the impaired driver. Which makes enforcement dangerous for the police, said O’Shea, who himself suffered two accidents when he was on 9W patrol. It helps that the village has an agreement with the state DOT; their regular checks for trucks over the 10 ton weight limit has helped get unsafe vehicles off the road.

At this time of year, the village is in what might be called our private period, between October and May. In the other half of the year, between May and October, our normal population of around 3000 is overwhelmed by an added 10,000 or more visitors, and if even a small percentage of these are rude or careless, the consequences are notable.

Where speeding cars are concerned, Chief O’Shea is pleased that the Department has some added state money specifically for traffic safety enforcement which has allowed for overtime pay when needed. He feels that the Department has made some progress on cutting down speeding on Ferdon and on upper Piermont Avenue where drivers enter the Village. Orangetown can, if asked, do traffic analysis—in a requested recent study of Paradise Avenue, average speed was clocked over the 4-days of the study at 29 miles per hour.

As for what many Piermonters think of as the plague of cyclists with which the village contends, the Chief says that he works on two fronts, education and enforcement. He has been in touch with the bike clubs in New York and the fact that Piermont strictly enforces its single-file, stop-at-lights rules is posted on cycling blogs and well-known to the biking community. We are known, he says, for having the best enforcement in the county.

The fact that we now have, on weekends, one officer dedicated solely to cycle enforcement also helps to account for the fact that we write more cyclist tickets than any other Rockland County location. And most cyclists, O’Shea comments, are law abiding. The problem is that we have 3 to 5 thousand cyclists coming through on weekends. If even 3% of them are problematic, they can cause a lot of bad feeling.

He does get positive feedback, the Chief remarked, lots of thumbs-up when passersby see a cyclist pulled over. And you can now communicate with the Department on its Facebook page where information about road closures, holiday alerts and the like will be regularly posted and your concerns can be responded to. So keep the communication open.

~Joan Gussow

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The developer who was interested in turning Piermont's castle property into a swanky boutique hotel with a high-end restaurant and luxury condos, has drifted away like the steam from his proposed spa. The castle is owned by the Stern family, and is still on the market. It is across 9W from the Tappan Zee Elementary School.

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Speaking of the Tappan Zee Elementary, because of declining enrollment they'll be closing it as a public school this spring, reports Annmarie Uhl, school board president. The Board is looking for an educational tenant to lease the building. In the fall of 2015, TZE's kindergarten, first and second graders will be in the William O. Shaefer School in Orangeburg. Third, fourth and fifth graders are heading for the Collage Lane School in Blauvelt. The consolidation will allow for a two-tier (now three-tier) bussing schedule with elementary school pick-up at 9 am, middle school at 8:15, and high school

at 7:30. It gives those upper grade kids 45 minutes of extra sleep!

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Plans to build a lighthouse as a memorial to the two young people killed in a July 2013 boating accident are going ahead but the structure will not be built at the end of the pier, reports Piermont Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist.

The committee that raised the funds for the 19th century style lighthouse agreed to put it between Parelli Park and the boat storage racks. It will replace Piermont's aged, 35-foot-high erector set of a fire tower. The steel lighthouse replica will contain the fire siren and an antenna belonging to T-Mobile, the cell phone carrier. It is there on a lucrative long-term lease to the village. "We're working on putting some other wireless providers in there as well," said Bloomquist.

The lighthouse will memorialize Carol Stewart and Mark Lennon. They were killed after leaving a Piermont

marina when the speedboat they were in slammed into a construction barge near the Tappan Zee Bridge. The boat's driver, Jojo John, pleaded guilty to operating the boat while drunk.

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Piermont neighbors and St. John the Baptist (St. John's) Parish members held their breath this summer until the Archdiocese of New York announced that their parish would not be among those being closed or consolidated. A number of things figured into the decision to maintain the parish, commented Piermonter Bill Gorman, who heads the Parish Council at St. John's Church.


St. John's has a strong, active congregation, and it has the priests, led by Father George Torok, to serve the congregation. Also, the parish is financially sound.

480 local families are registered as members of St. John's, with that number growing by about 100 if you include other regular churchgoers. On Sunday afternoons, worshipers come from as far away north Rockland and New Jersey for the Spanish-speaking services.

The parish members participate in almost twenty volunteer "ministries". These range from attending to the Church buildings and grounds to recently preparing 68 baskets of donated food for distribution to the needy. 50 children were baptized there this year, and 167 attend religious classes at St. John's. Parishioners and numerous secular organizations put the church's Connelly Hall to good use - if you voted in November, you were there.

The Archdiocese will re-visit parish consolidation in the coming years but for now a thriving St. John's Church community celebrated their parish's future good fortune with a festive potluck dinner at Connelly Hall.

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children in grades 4 thru 8 entitled Artists-in-Residence at the Piermont Library and Piermont Marsh.

The students have become Artists-in-Residence, exploring the Piermont Marsh, Sparkill Creek, and Hudson River, taking photographs and sketching along the way during the fall months. Now they are using their photographs and sketches as references for a number of printmaking projects. The class will culminate with an exhibit of the students' work in the Library Gallery in January.

Are you interested in checking out a book while the Library is closed? Do you own a computer, smart phone, iPad, Kindle or Nook? If you've answered 'yes' to both of these questions, the Piermont Library's Digital Download Center is an excellent resource for accessing books in the comfort of your own home or while on the go. The Digital Download Center not only has digital books but also has audiobooks available for checkout 24 hours a day.

If you've never used the Digital Download Center and would like to learn how to use this service, stop by the Piermont Library on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm for our program, Digital Downloads Demystified. During the course of this one hour training session, you will learn how to access the Library's Digital Download Center, how to search for digital books and how to manage your digital account. You will also learn how to navigate the Digital



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With Valentine's Day fast approaching, we are happy to announce that local author Dr. Debra D. Castaldo will lead a Book Talk of her recent publication, *Relationship Reboot: How to Get Your Love Back Online*, at the Library on Sunday, February 8th at 2 pm. Dr. Deb has appeared as a relationship expert on Fox's *Good Day New York* as well as in *Ladies' Home Journal*. This event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

For the month of February, the Library will be showing recent oil paintings by local artist Terry Straus. Straus's paintings examine her suburban surroundings, combining landscape and pop art. She explains, "I interrupt atmospheric skyscapes with pure color and hard edged graphics. I dissect the modern landscape's deep space with black glossy lines. My paintings use familiar objects such as road signs, street lights and wires to express the menacing, subversive, and dissolute vibe in today's suburbs." Straus cites both Turner and Robert Indiana as inspirations.

Straus studied art at The Cooper Union High School Scholarship Program, FIT, Queens College and Brooklyn College. She is a life member and recipient of an Artist in Residence Scholarship of the Art Students League. She worked for the advertising house Della Femina, Travisano and Partners and was assistant art director of Forum Magazine. Straus taught art in New York City public schools, helping inner city children pass the NYS Art Regents, exhibit their work and gain

admission to college programs. She lives in the Hudson Valley and has a studio at Garner Arts. Please join us for an opening reception for Straus's show on Sunday, February 1st from 2 pm to 4 pm.

For more information on any of the events at the Piermont Public Library, please feel free to contact us at (845) 359-4595 or check us out on our website [www.piermontlibrary.org](http://www.piermontlibrary.org), where you can join our mailing list to receive notifications of upcoming Library programs.

~Piermont library staff

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# The Front Line

## With Holidays Approaching, Keep Streets Clear

With winter snows and the holiday season approaching Piermont Police Chief Michael O'Shea reminds residents to keep our streets clear for the plows during and after snowstorms, and not to leave presents and other valuables in plain sight in cars.

"Most auto larcenies occur because people do not lock their cars," Chief O'Shea pointed out. "Crooks will walk up and down the streets and try to open car doors. If the car is locked, they move on. Most robberies occur through open doors."

Chief O'Shea had these words for anyone having a car accident in the village: "If you are hurt, call 911; if you are off the road and not hurt, call us at 359-0240. We will get to you, make sure you are safe. We will post flares on the road to make sure no one else runs into you and call a tow truck."

The Chief suggested getting your car winterized. Check antifreeze, belts and tire pressure. He said that at Home Depot he purchased portable shovels, cans of de-icer and small bags of sand for his family and for the police cars.

As a final reminder, he said that to keep the village as safe as possible, "if you see something, say something. If you see something that looks suspicious, it probably is. Call the police and we will check it out."

## Be Careful Where You Put Snow

Tom Temple, Supervisor of the Piermont Department

of Public Works, said "Please refrain from throwing snow back into the roadways where the DPW has already cleared. Snow thrown back into the street can refreeze and cause accidents. Also, if you have a fire hydrant on your property, you can help the Fire Department by clearing away any snow around the hydrant."

The DPW crew will be collecting Christmas trees for mulching on Tuesday, January 6 and Wednesday January 21. Please remove all ornaments and lighting from the trees before placing them curbside.

## Keep Christmas Trees Watered

Fire Chief Bill Cavanaugh warns residents to keep their Christmas trees well watered and to be careful when using candles. "If you haven't already replaced the batteries in your smoke detectors, you should to do it before the end of the year.

The Fire Department's ambulance, free to residents and ready to help in an emergency, will transport you to your hospital of choice. "If your hospital is in New York City," Chief Cavanaugh said, "we will take you there. If we are responding to an accident in the area and it is someone passing through, we take them to Nyack Hospital.

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~Ron Derven

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recorded at Piermont were still there. In addressing the issue of how little is known about the Piermont Marsh, Erik Kivat of Hudsonia, cautioned against the risks of taking action without a better understanding of the Marsh.

The second meeting dealt with water quality and its relation to the Marsh. This topic was on the agenda in response to Piermonters' demand that the polluted water of the Sparkill Creek should be considered a primary focus of "Marsh Remediation."

The report on water quality in the Sparkill Creek was dire. The Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources stream biomonitoring project reported that the Sparkill Creek, at the Piermont Marsh, falls into the "moderately impacted" category (second worst category in terms of severity of pollution).

The Creek has chronic severe fecal contamination, according to Jennifer Epstein of Riverkeeper. In fact, the data showed that it is the most contaminated tributary in the entire Hudson River Watershed with respect to Enterococcus, a bacteria found in the intestines of warm blooded creatures and usually associated with sewer and septic malfunctions.

Sarah Fernald of Hudson River Nature Estuary Resource Reserve (who works for Betsy Blair at DEC) attempted to address the question of nutrient enrichment in the water (i.e., nitrates from fertilizer) and whether it is related to changes in the marsh. Many in the audience were angered, arguing that her data did not support her conclusions.

Stuart Findlay of the Cary Institute said there is a two-way interaction between the Marsh and Water Quality. His organization's testing was done deeper in the marsh, and he referred to studies that Phragmites was good at removing nitrates and sequestering heavy metals.

Betsy Blair presented various NY State activities in support of clean water. Laurie Seeman of the Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance discussed her organization's partnership with Riverkeeper and other citizen science activity in the Sparkill Creek Watershed.

Piermonter Dan Spitzer held up his photograph of another "Restoration" by the DEC, Iona Marsh. It showed it still barren 6 months after being treated with Rodeo, a herbicide. What would happen, he questioned, if a storm came through while the Piermont Marsh is stripped of its Phragmites and other vegetation? The Phragmites is credited with protecting the village's south from many of Sandy's ravages.

The audience raised a number of questions: Can the DEC use the money to clear out the Phragmites to improve the water quality in the creek, river and marsh? Betsy Blair's answer was no, those are projects far too costly to be covered by this funding.

"Eradicating Phragmites is also costly. What happens to the Marsh when the money runs out?" another resident asked. "There are grants and other funding available out there", said the PIP's Ed McGowan

"So fix the Tallman pool!" someone called out.

Now, half-way through the "fact-finding" presentations, Village Hall attendees expressed frustration with studies that didn't represent the complexity of the Marsh and did not provide support for DEC's push to kill the Phragmites in Piermont Marsh.

Two more meetings are scheduled. In January, the topic will be the role the Piermont Marsh plays in storm protection. The final meeting planned for spring will focus on marsh management. Then, we are told, a plan will be devised for "Piermont Marsh Restoration."

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Here's what it said to tackle first:

◆ Establish a permanent Flooding and Storm Resilience Committee to follow up on implementing the task force recommendations. (Mayor Sanders is doing that. Trustee Defeciani is slated to chair it.)

◆ Improve emergency communications.

◆ Incorporate task force findings/recommendations into the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

◆ Develop a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

◆ Work with local utilities to improve resilient infrastructure.

◆ Identify financing options, including grants, for supporting flood adaptation, mitigation and protection measures.

The Piermont report won high praise: "Communities along the Hudson River Estuary are facing the challenge of sea level rise, storm surge and extreme weather," said DEC Commissioner Joe Martens. "DEC's partnership

with Piermont and Scenic Hudson on this project was extremely productive, resulting in solid recommendations that will help Piermont in the future."

Scenic Hudson Senior Vice President Steve Rosenberg added: "Piermont's officials, business and community leaders and dedicated citizens have shown great vision and leadership in generating these recommendations and so quickly moving to action. The Task Force recommendations can be used as an action plan for waterfront policy and planning updates, infrastructure investments and municipal operations that together will enable Piermont to be a safer, more vibrant and more resilient riverfront community."

Consensus Building Institute Senior Mediator Bennett Brooks said "It was impressive the way the task force took on the challenge of understanding the complexities and likely impacts of sea level rise, brainstormed potential solutions and then worked collaboratively to pull together a comprehensive suite

of recommendations,"

Mayor Sanders added, "One may debate the root cause, but it is undeniable that rising sea levels will impact the future of our village as more areas are covered by tidal water, and storms bring more flood damage to public and private property. Piermonters have learned to live with the Hudson River," he continued, "and the recommendations of the Task Force outline tools that will enable our community to continue to thrive."

He thanked members of the Task Force, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and its Hudson River Estuary Program, Scenic Hudson and the Consensus Building Institute—"the success of the Task Force would not have been possible without their facilitation."

For more on the Task Force, including its full report go to: <http://www.scenichudson.org/ourwork/riverfrontcommunities/waterfrontresiliencetaskforces/piermont> .



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