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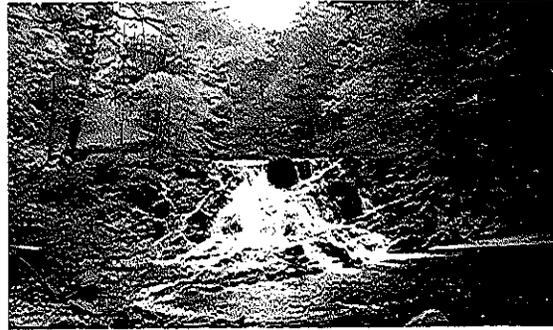


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Saw Kill Watershed Community

Experience the Saw Kill!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Keep yard waste, including grass clippings, out of wetlands and streams
2. Plant trees and shrubs along the edges of ponds and streams
3. Avoid using antibacterial cleaning products or soaps
4. Keep septic systems in good working order
5. Support local, state, and federal programs and initiatives that protect water quality
6. Protect floodplains, small wetlands and streams
7. Avoid mowing to the edge of streams, wetlands, and ponds
8. Use native vegetation for landscaping, and plant water efficient gardens
9. Properly dispose of trash; remove trash from wetlands and streams
10. Avoid using chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides near streams, ponds, wetlands.

Get involved and join the Saw Kill Watershed Community!

JOIN US

Make a difference for the Saw Kill. Join our working teams and choose a project. Check out our monthly community meetings. We depend on you to support projects that protect the Saw Kill, its watershed, and the health of our communities.

Visit our website at sawkillwatershed.wordpress.com and Facebook page at facebook.com/SawKillWatershed.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tom O'Dowd at SawKillWatershedCommunity@gmail.com.

SUPPORT

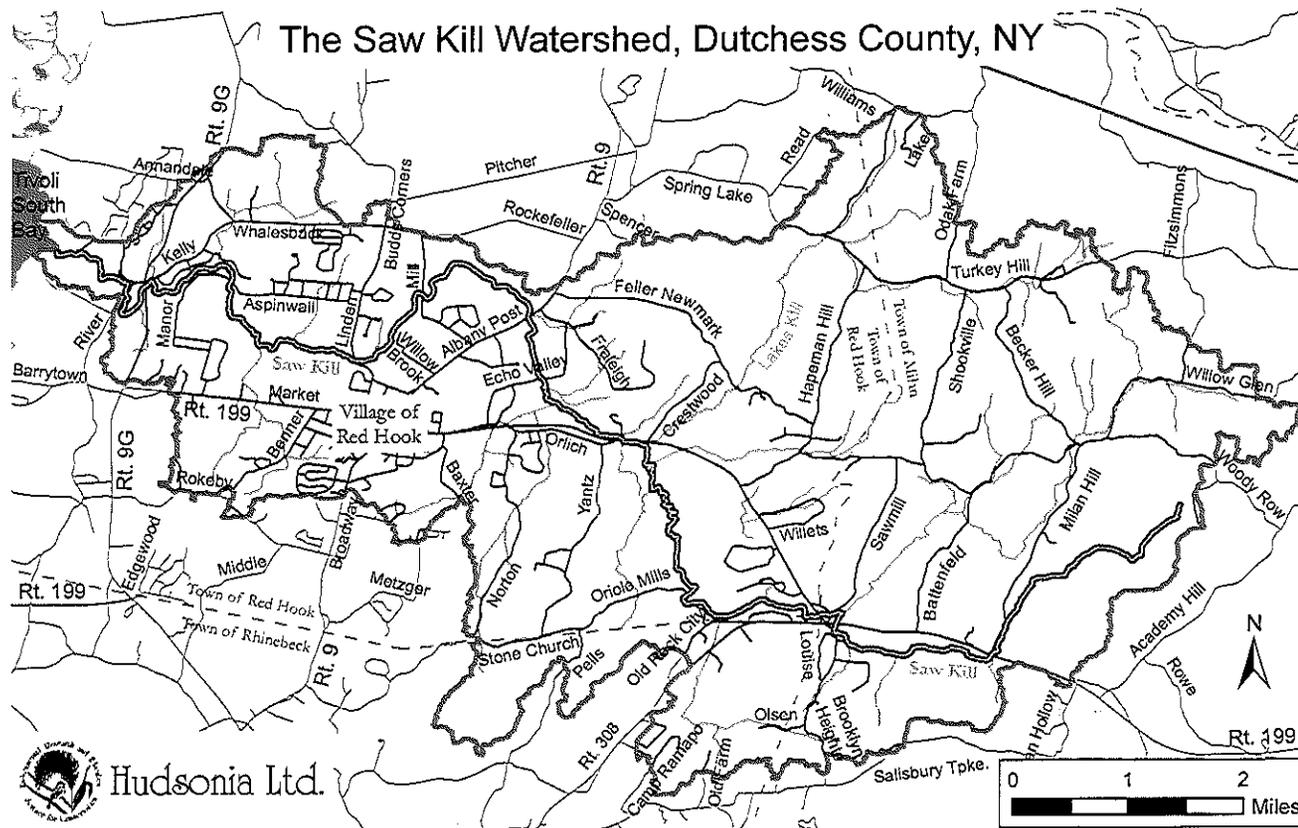
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OUR MISSION

The Saw Kill Watershed Community protects the Saw Kill watershed and its ecological, recreational, and historic resources through hands-on science, education, and advocacy.



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SAW KILL WATERSHED

The Saw Kill is part of the larger Hudson River Watershed. Covering an area of 22 square miles, it drains directly into the Hudson River via the South Tivoli Bay. The watershed includes land in the towns of Red Hook, Milan, and Rhinebeck, as well as the villages of Red Hook and Tivoli.

Archaeological sites have revealed that the earliest people arrived in the watershed thousands of years ago.

Mansions and mills were constructed by people who arrived in the 18th and 19th centuries. Protection of the Saw Kill has been a continuing theme of its history.

Today the Saw Kill is in relatively good environmental condition, but the stream faces continuing challenges from developmental pressures, sewage and chemical pollution, stream bank erosion, runoff, and the effects of climate change. Saw Kill Watershed Community formed to tackle these challenges and protect the watershed.

WHO WE ARE

The Saw Kill Watershed Community unites area residents who are interested in protecting their water by maintaining the health of the Saw Kill and its watershed. This includes clean water for drinking and recreation, flood protection, and ecological resources.

WHAT WE DO

Our activities are science-focused, emphasizing water quality throughout the watershed. Projects include:

- Teaching community members how to assess watershed health;
- Screening educational films;
- Hosting speakers on watershed issues;
- Monitoring the Saw Kill's water quality;
- Studying the effects of road salt application;
- Assessing land use patterns and influences on watershed services;
- Planting trees to prevent stream bank erosion; and
- Monitoring local American Eel and salamander populations.