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## Community Meetings Encourage Public to Share Info about Access to Hudson River for Recreation

**WHAT:** Scenic Hudson is partnering with three Hudson Riverfront communities—Castleton-on-Hudson, Germantown and Rhinebeck—to host forums for local residents and river users throughout the region to share information about where and how they currently enjoy recreation along the eastern shoreline of the river between Poughkeepsie and Rensselaer, and to specify additional sites where they would like to connect with the river in the future.

This input will be vital in completing the most comprehensive documentation of public access along the river's rail corridor in 30 years and drafting a **Hudson River Access Plan** ([www.hudsonriveraccess.org](http://www.hudsonriveraccess.org)) to identify gaps in public access, recommend places for safe new shoreline access and suggest ways to improve crossing the rail lines safely at existing locations.

**WHY:** Amtrak has proposed constructing new fencing in locations between Rensselaer and Poughkeepsie where it currently does not exist. Officials and residents in riverfront communities, along with Scenic Hudson, share deep concerns that these barriers will eliminate public access at many points where people have connected with the river for generations to fish, launch boats, birdwatch, hunt, take a walk or just sit and be inspired by the river's majesty.

**WHO:** Members of the Peter Melewski, LLC consultant team—engaged by Scenic Hudson to draft the Hudson River Access Plan—will lead the sessions

**WHERE/  
WHEN:** **Castleton-on-Hudson (Rensselaer County)**  
Friday, January 3; 7-8:30 p.m.  
Fire Department Community Room, 11 Green Avenue

**Germantown (Columbia County)**  
Saturday, January 4; 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Kellner Activity Center, 50 Palatine Park Road

**Rhinebeck (Dutchess County)**  
Saturday, January 4; 3-4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall, 80 East Market Street

### About Scenic Hudson

Scenic Hudson preserves land and farms and creates parks that connect people with the inspirational power of the Hudson River, while fighting threats to the river and the natural resources that are the foundation of prosperity in the Hudson Valley. [www.scenichudson.org](http://www.scenichudson.org)