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**WATERSHEDS AND WATERBODIES**

* NWI Freshwater Wetlands: National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data were produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The NWI data consists of information on the location and characteristics of wetlands and deepwater habitats. Wetlands are classified using the method described in the Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States, published by the USFWS.

** NYS DEC Freshwater Wetlands: Under the Freshwater Wetlands Act, NYS DEC preserves, protects, and conserves freshwater wetlands and their benefits, consistent with the general welfare and beneficial economic, social, and aesthetic development of the State. The NYS DEC regulated wetlands are 12.4 acres or larger. Wetlands smaller than this may be protected if they are considered of unusual local importance. Around every NYS DEC wetland is an adjacent area of 100 feet that is also regulated to provide protection for the wetland.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) protects wetlands, irrespective of size, under the Clean Water Act. However, there are no regulatory maps identifying wetlands regulated by the ACOE.

Wetland class rank is according to their ability to perform wetland functions and provide wetland benefits. Class I wetlands have the highest rank.

*** Tidally-influenced Upper Hudson River Estuary Wetlands: the distribution of estuary wetlands in the tidal portion of the Hudson River from the Tappan Zee Bridge to the Claverack NY (NYS DEC’s Hudson River Estuary Program). These wetlands serve as a natural habitat for many species of plants and animals and absorb the forces of flood and tidal erosion to prevent loss of upland soil.

Data Sources:
NYS DEC
NYS Office of Information Technology Services, GIS Program Office

Legend
NWI Freshwater Wetlands *
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

NYS DEC Freshwater Wetlands **
- Class I
- Class II
- 100 foot Wetland Buffer

Tidal Wetlands Upper Hudson ***