



# **Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses**

**Download now**

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# **Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses**

## **Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses**

*Biologists, historians, and social scientists explore the reciprocal relationships between humans and the Hudson River.*

The diverse contributions to Environmental History of the Hudson River examine how the natural and physical attributes of the river have influenced human settlement and uses, and how human occupation has, in turn, affected the ecology and environmental health of the river. The Hudson River Valley may be America's premier river environmental laboratory, and by bringing historians and social scientists together with biologists and other physical scientists, this book hopes to foster new ways of looking at and talking about this historically, commercially, and aesthetically important ecosystem.

Native people's influences on the ecological integrity of aquatic and shoreline communities were generally local and minor, and for the first 12,000 years or so of human use, the Hudson River was valued mainly as a source of water, food, and transportation. Since the arrival of European colonists, however, commerce has been the engine that has driven development and use of the river, from the harvesting of beaver pelts and timber to the siting of manufacturing industries and power plants, and all of these uses have had pervasive effects on the river's aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. In the meantime, aesthetic movements such as the Hudson River School of painting have sought to recover and preserve the earlier pastoral landscape, anticipating the more recent efforts by environmentalists that have led to dramatic improvements in water quality, shoreline habitats, and fish populations.

Despite the pervasive forces of commerce, the Hudson River has retained its world-class scenic qualities. The Upper Hudson remains today a free-flowing, tumbling mountain stream, and the Lower Hudson a fjord penetrated and dominated by the Hudson Highlands. The Hudson's unique history continues to affect current uses and will surely influence the future in remarkable ways.

“...the book offers several valuable contributions to our understanding of the Hudson and its environmental history ... it brings to public attention the importance and complexity of one of America's great rivers.” — H-Net Reviews (H-Environment)

“Section introductions by the editor, Robert E. Henshaw, successfully weave the disparate topics into a cohesive chronicle ... The book eloquently concludes that ‘the Hudson River has been uniquely important to New York's culture, history, commerce, and tourism.’ It also has forged a link between the interrelated aspects of city and country, technology and nature, industry and leisure, and business and art.” — Kaatskill Life

“...captures the Hudson's complex identity and defines the importance of the river both as its own entity and to the region it supports.” — Hudson River Valley Review

“Overall, the book makes a strong case for the important roles that the Hudson Valley's citizenry played in US transportation systems (first steamship and railroad), art (Hudson River School), law (litigation leading to

landmark environmental legislation), conservation (Theodore Roosevelt while New York governor), and environmental and ecological investigations. This extensive account provides an optimistic picture of the region's current situation and future prospects despite some lingering problems (including urban sprawl) ... Highly recommended." — CHOICE

Robert E. Henshaw received his Ph.D. in environmental physiology at the University of Iowa and worked for twenty years as an environmental analyst at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. He has taught in the Department of Geography and Planning at the University at Albany—SUNY, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hudson River Environmental Society. He lives in West Sand Lake, New York.



[\*\*Download\*\* Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human U ...pdf](#)



[\*\*Read Online\*\* Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Tameika Ahmed:**

What do you regarding book? It is not important to you? Or just adding material when you require something to explain what you problem? How about your extra time? Or are you busy person? If you don't have spare time to try and do others business, it is gives you the sense of being bored faster. And you have spare time? What did you do? All people has many questions above. They should answer that question simply because just their can do which. It said that about e-book. Book is familiar on every person. Yes, it is suitable. Because start from on kindergarten until university need this Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses to read.

#### **Susan Martinez:**

Reading can called imagination hangout, why? Because if you find yourself reading a book specially book entitled Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses your mind will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in each aspect that maybe unknown for but surely might be your mind friends. Imaging just about every word written in a guide then become one contact form conclusion and explanation which maybe you never get prior to. The Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses giving you a different experience more than blown away your mind but also giving you useful facts for your better life on this era. So now let us explain to you the relaxing pattern the following is your body and mind are going to be pleased when you are finished examining it, like winning a sport. Do you want to try this extraordinary shelling out spare time activity?

#### **Patrick Stokes:**

In this era which is the greater person or who has ability in doing something more are more important than other. Do you want to become considered one of it? It is just simple strategy to have that. What you should do is just spending your time very little but quite enough to enjoy a look at some books. Among the books in the top checklist in your reading list will be Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses. This book which can be qualified as The Hungry Mountains can get you closer in turning into precious person. By looking upwards and review this guide you can get many advantages.

#### **Kevin Masterson:**

Reading a publication make you to get more knowledge from that. You can take knowledge and information coming from a book. Book is created or printed or created from each source that filled update of news. In this modern era like now, many ways to get information are available for anyone. From media social similar to newspaper, magazines, science e-book, encyclopedia, reference book, book and comic. You can add your knowledge by that book. Isn't it time to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just seeking the

Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses when you needed it?

**Download and Read Online Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses #YOIS02E934F**

# **Read Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses for online ebook**

Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses books to read online.

## **Online Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses ebook PDF download**

### **Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses Doc**

**Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses MobiPocket**

**Environmental History of the Hudson River: Human Uses that Changed the Ecology, Ecology that Changed Human Uses EPub**