

- DEC's Region 3 includes seven counties (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan) and 2.6 million residents. The region is home to large metropolitan cities such as Yonkers plus other urban, suburban and rural communities.
- The Hudson River Estuary flows through the region. Region 3 includes the majority of the New York City watershed system, whose reservoirs supply 9 million New Yorkers with their drinking water, a portion of Long Island Sound, the Upper Delaware River and many protected streams and wetlands.
- Sixty percent of development inquiries screened by Natural Heritage for the region identify likely rare, endangered or threatened species or significant natural communities. This is the highest rate among all regions of the state.
- Region 3 shares the Catskill Forest Preserve with DEC's Region 4, has four Catskill campgrounds plus the Belleayre Ski Center, the Stony Kill Farm and Education Center, the DeBruce Education Camp, and the Mongaup Fish Hatchery.
- DEC manages 250,000 acres of state land in the region. The region also has more than 100,000 acres of non-profit or local government open space or park land, including a network of lands owned and managed by Scenic Hudson and the Mohonk Preserve.
- DEC also manages public access to 25,000 acres owned by NYC DEP, hundreds of public fishing access locations, multiple boat launches, unique areas, and the 7,000 acre Stewart State Forest.