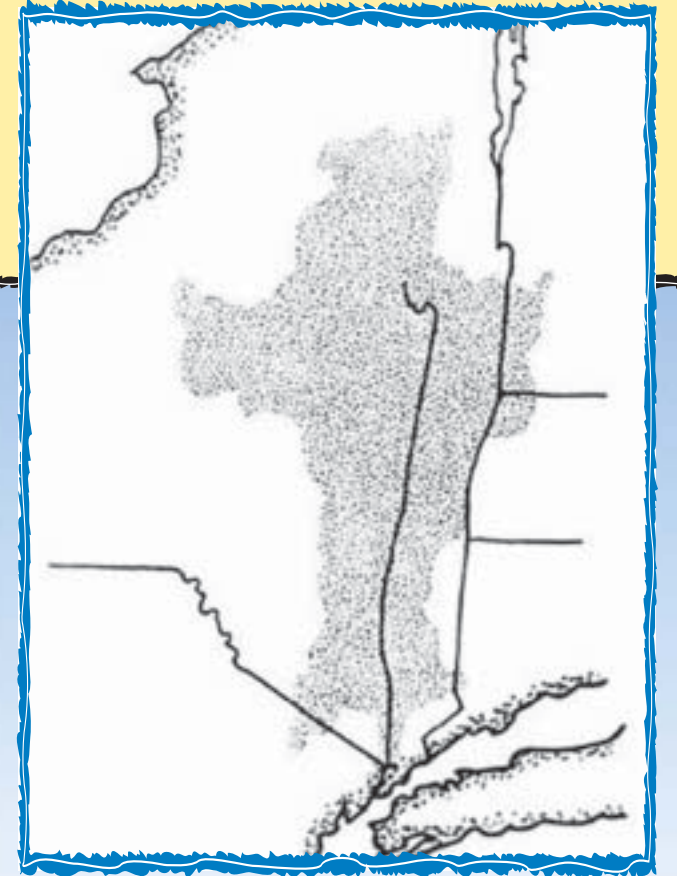


How Clean Is Our River?

Once severely impacted by pollution, the Hudson River has made amazing recovery. There are still challenges to overcome in order to further restore our river. You can play a role in preventing water pollution.

The Hudson River's 315 mile course stretches from Lake Tear of the Clouds high in the Adirondack Mountains all the way to the Battery at the tip of Manhattan. The watershed (the land draining into the river) covers over 13,000 square miles. The shaded area on the sketch to the right indicates the extent of the river's watershed.

The lower half of the Hudson is an estuary, where salty sea water is pushed up river by the ocean tides, mixing with freshwater runoff from the land. The estuary is a vital, integral part of the Atlantic Coast ecosystem, a rich ecological environment providing food and shelter to diverse plants and animals.



We Can Help!



Choose boat cleaning and maintenance methods that will prevent discharge of toxic substances into the water.



Don't splash your trash, pack it out. Please recycle whenever possible.



Refuel with care. Dispose of oils and other engine fluids properly. Clean excess with oil absorbent pads.



Use pumpouts.



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