

A Hudsonia Workshop for Professionals: 21 August 2007

## **Wetland Habitat Creation and Turtle Conservation Science**

...at an award-winning habitat project for the NYS threatened Blanding's turtle

In 1996 Hudsonia designed wetland and upland habitat for Blanding's turtles, and we are now in our 12<sup>th</sup> year of monitoring the turtle population and habitats. We would like to share our findings with you.

*You should take this workshop* if you are a land manager, regulator involved with review of wetland permits, environmental policy-maker, ecological restorationist, or researcher studying rare wetland animals.

**LEARN ABOUT** Blanding's turtle ecology and habitat assessment in southeastern New York, and see a Blanding's turtle up close.

**VIEW** wetland and upland habitats created for Blanding's turtles, including a one-way turtle barrier fence, and natural reference wetlands used by the turtles.

**STUDY** results from our long-term monitoring project.

**ANALYZE** the factors that allow created wetlands to provide habitat functions and ecosystem services.

**REVIEW** what Hudsonia has learned about habitat creation and post-mitigation monitoring for a rare species.

The workshop will take place in central Dutchess County, New York (location to be announced) on 21 August 2007 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. It will include indoor sessions, lunch, and a field trip to a Blanding's turtle habitat creation and long-term research site.

Instructors: Erik Kiviat, PhD, is a wetland ecologist and co-founder and Executive Director of Hudsonia Ltd. Erik has studied Blanding's turtle in Dutchess County for 30 years. Erik is a principal in Hudsonia's award-winning habitat restoration project for the Blanding's turtle, author or coauthor of papers on Blanding's turtle and four other northeastern turtle species, coauthor of the *Biodiversity Assessment Manual for the Hudson River Estuary Corridor*, and author of many other scientific papers, nontechnical articles, and technical assistance reports on biodiversity, wetlands, rare species, and ecological restoration. Gretchen Stevens, who was instrumental in the design of the created wetlands, and Tanessa Hartwig, M.S., who has been managing the monitoring project for 7 years, will be co-leading the workshop.

Participation is limited and by application only, to ensure that the workshop is offered to conservationists, managers, regulators, policy-makers, and other professionals who can make the best use of the information. See application form on next page.

Fee: \$250 per person, payable in full by check or credit card by 27 July; inquire about a discount if you truly need one. Fee includes lunch, course materials (reprints and handouts), and a certificate of participation.

**Application for Hudsonia's Wetland Habitat Creation and Turtle  
Conservation Science Workshop  
21 August 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: day \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation(s)/Employer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary interest(s) in workshop as a: Land Manager Restorationist Regulatory Agency  
Policy-maker Natural or Social Science Researcher Engineer Contractor Developer  
Road Construction/Maintenance Student Educator Other \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Activities: Field Office Other \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic area of professional activity \_\_\_\_\_

Environment(s) working in: Wildland Rural Suburban/Urban

Experience with turtle conservation, habitat restoration, and wetland mitigation:

Professional workshops or conferences attended recently:

Why I want to take this workshop and how I will apply what I learn:

How I found out about this workshop: Web *News from Hudsonia* Email from Hudsonia  
Mailing from Hudsonia Professional Society Friend or Colleague

I would like to be on the mailing list to receive *News from Hudsonia*.

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Submit completed application to: Tanessa Hartwig,  
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