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Wallkill River Summit will take place March 28 at SUNY New Paltz

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NEW PALTZ, N.Y. >> A Wallkill River Summit will take place March 28, bringing together scientists, agencies, elected officials and the public to learn about the river and how to contribute to its restoration.

The summit will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union Building at SUNY New Paltz. It will cover topics including flooding, fishing and the proposed Pilgrim Pipelines project, along with a focus on water quality.

A Hudson River tributary, the Wallkill River is impaired for recreation due to elevated levels of pathogens associated with sewage or other fecal contamination, according to data from Riverkeeper's community science monitoring program. Riverkeeper and the Wallkill River Watershed Alliance have also documented algal blooms on the river, including a bloom in 2016 that produced toxins and covered as much as 30 miles of the river with bright green algae for 60 days, a press release said.

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