



Drinking Source Water Protection Scorecard

Source water protection refers to actions to protect water quality in rivers, reservoirs and other waters used as sources of public drinking water. Source water protection focuses on the quality of water before it reaches drinking water treatment plants.

Riverkeeper's Scorecard is a self-assessment tool to "audit" drinking water protection programs. The Scorecard helps communities understand the degree to which they are making use of rules, regulations and best practices related to these and other areas:

- Source Water Assessments
- Source Water Protection Programs
- Watershed Management Programs
- Land Use Rules and Regulations
- Stream and Wetlands Protections
- Forests and Open Space Protections

On the Web

The Scorecard, instructions for completing it, and a related white paper, titled "Contamination of the Drinking Water Reservoir and Watershed of the City of Newburgh: A Case Study and a Call for Comprehensive Source Water Protection," can be found at:

<https://www.riverkeeper.org/water-quality/drinking-source-water-protection/>