

HUDSON RIVER RISING

HUDSON RIVER RISING IS THE NEWEST DOCUMENTARY FROM OCEANS 8 FILMS. IT TAKES A HARD LOOK AT HOW RISING SEA LEVELS ARE ALREADY IMPACTING EVERY CITY ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER, FROM ALBANY TO MANHATTAN.

This is not some futuristic threat: It's happening now, we see evidence of it in flooding streets and subways, shorelines and offices with every major rain and wind event. By 2100, the Hudson River will have risen by six feet above today's mark.

The communities that are preparing may survive.
Those that are not, will be lost.



The Rondout in Kingston, New York,
post-Superstorm Sandy, October 2012.



SHOT IN THE HUDSON VALLEY, WITH INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

For the past half-dozen years my teams and I have been documenting both the Risks to and Hopes for the Hudson River and the beautiful valley it dissects. The result is more than twenty short films, which we've shared with tens of thousands of viewers at in-person screenings and streaming via Amazon Prime and others. Now we are tackling the biggest story of them all, rising sea levels.

The smartest climate scientists in the region are already envisioning the impacts of a Hudson six feet higher, which will render homes, businesses, marinas, railroads, airports and everything that borders the river at constant risk of inundation. Trains and subways that don't run because tracks are flooded will become the new norm; long-time residents of beachfront communities will be forced to relocate. The same will be true of every of the four billion people around the globe who live at or near sea level. Only the most-resilient will survive.

OVER 25 INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL EXPERTS, including climate scientists, engineers, city planners, citizen activists, artists, politicians, resiliency task force members and impacted residents will detail what is already being done to plan for the inevitable. From the Mayor's Office in NYC to the Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany, the Army Corps of Engineers and climatologists at Columbia University's Water and Center and Lamont-Doherty Observatory people are already working 24/7 in an attempt to out-guess the future. Task forces in small cities including Ossining, Kingston, Piermont, Stony Point, Catskill and more are worried, and at work. The film offers a first-look for many at how their neighbors are preparing. Or not.

FUNDING GOALS

Jon and his educational non-profit, the One Ocean Media Foundation (a New York State 501c3), are currently raising funds to make the film and have had great response to-date. Filming began in 2021, slowly thanks to the pandemic, and will continue and finish in 2022.



A FEATURE-LENGTH FILM BY JON BOWERMASTER

Emmy-nominated, award-winning documentary filmmaker Jon Bowermaster is a six-time grantee of the National Geographic Expeditions Council, author of eleven books and producer/director of more than thirty documentary films. Based in the Hudson Valley for more than three decades, Jon's "Hudson River Stories" series of short films highlights both the ongoing risks to and hopes for our shared backyard. Visit oceans8films.com and hudsonriverstories.com for more.