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As winter begins, we are grateful for your generous support that has helped sustain Hudsonia through challenging economic and political times. This has been a terrific year for project work, research, and outreach. Hudsonia has provided professional education, training, and technical assistance to hundreds of planners, conservationists, and researchers via reports, publications, consultations, workshops, and presentations.

This year our biologists have made many important discoveries: previously undocumented localities for rare plants and animals, new findings concerning turtle behavior and response to habitat restoration, discoveries about the ecology of environmental weeds, and better ways to communicate conservation needs and methods to local government and NGOs. We have begun several efforts to complete research projects that have languished due to insufficient capacity.

In the next few years we hope to compile and synthesize many years of study of rare species such as Blanding's turtle and goldenclub, and the nonnative weeds common reed, knotweed, and purple loosestrife. If you are interested in particular species, habitats, or practices, feel free to inquire about Hudsonia reports and publications on those subjects.

Hudsonia depends on your assistance via cash donations, gifts of goods and services, and referrals for grants and projects. Scientific leadership and conservation action at the local and regional levels are more important now than ever. Please help us continue to bring sound science to questions of conservation ecology, land management, regulatory policy, and protections for the special places and the rare plants and animals that set this region apart!

With warm regards,

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Cover photo: A juniper hairstreak visiting Virginia mountain-mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*) in a Dover fen. The caterpillars (larvae) of this butterfly feed on the foliage of eastern red cedar, a native tree species that is especially abundant on calcium-rich soils of oldfields, shrublands, and wetlands of the Harlem Valley and elsewhere in the Hudson Valley. Chris Graham © 2017

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