

A group of people in canoes on a lake under a cloudy sky. The text "Water Leadership Training" is overlaid in large white font on the left side of the image.

# Water Leadership Training

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## **The Challenge**

Global water use by consumers, industry, and agriculture is growing. Increasing demands, coupled with the impacts of a changing climate, make the need to better manage our water resources greater than ever before. Effective management of New York's water resources requires stakeholders from all sectors to have greater capacity to engage in, and lead, constructive dialogue and decision-making processes.

## **A Civil Society Leadership Training Program**

Designed to resolve water issues for New York, this first-of-its-kind civil society training program will bring together a range of people who have interest in the fields of water quality, access and conservation.

Anyone involved in - or affected by – water resource decisions can attend. This includes community members, individuals working in not-for-profit organizations, businesses, academia, and government. Attendees will range from those with some experience in water issues, but no formal training in related science fields to those who have more substantial training in water management issues.

*\* Civil Society refers to the aggregate of non-governmental organizations and institutions working in the interest of citizens, but operating outside of government and the for-profit sector. We have expanded the traditional definition to include the full range of stakeholders that have a stake in water resource decisions.*





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## The Water Leadership Training Program

The aim of this free, two-day workshop is to increase the skills of select individuals within civil society organizations, business, and government to be able to lead and engage in constructive dialogue to advance shared water interests and resolve water issues.

The course focuses on three interwoven modules:

- **Leadership:** Delve into the concept of leadership and learn how individuals' skills -- communication skills, influence and collaboration -- and leadership styles fit into their work.
- **Conflict Transformation:** Learn how to apply techniques that can transform potential conflict and facilitate constructive dialogue.
- **Community Engagement:** Explore varying levels of community engagement; uncover how to use forums to engage and convene people.

Through a combination of lectures, individual and small group activities, participants gain knowledge of key topics and develop practical skills applicable to their work in individual communities. Participants leave the workshop with an action plan of how they can incorporate the skills learned into their work over the next three to nine months.

**Questions?** Contact The Nature Conservancy at [WaterforTomorrow@tnc.org](mailto:WaterforTomorrow@tnc.org).