

SCHEDULE 2

- 16:00 Welcome by Moderator
 - Welcome (Title Slide)
 - Put your words for leadership into Mentimeter
 - Introduce Panel (Slide Intro Panel)
- 16:05 Panel Discussion on the importance of civil society leadership in the water sector?
 - George Schuler, The Nature Conservancy (Moderator)
 - Eleanor Allen, Water for People
 - Sara Ahrari, Simavi
 - Tyler Farrow, Water Witness International
 - Elizabeth Moses, Water Resources Institute
- 16:30 Overview: Water for Tomorrow - An Open Source Curriculum and Game
 - George Schuler, The Nature Conservancy
- 16:40 Play & Learn: Water for Tomorrow Board Game
- 17:20 Full Group Discussion
- 17:30 Summary and wrap-up by moderator

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WATER LEADERS

Empowering stakeholders
with an open-source
curriculum and game

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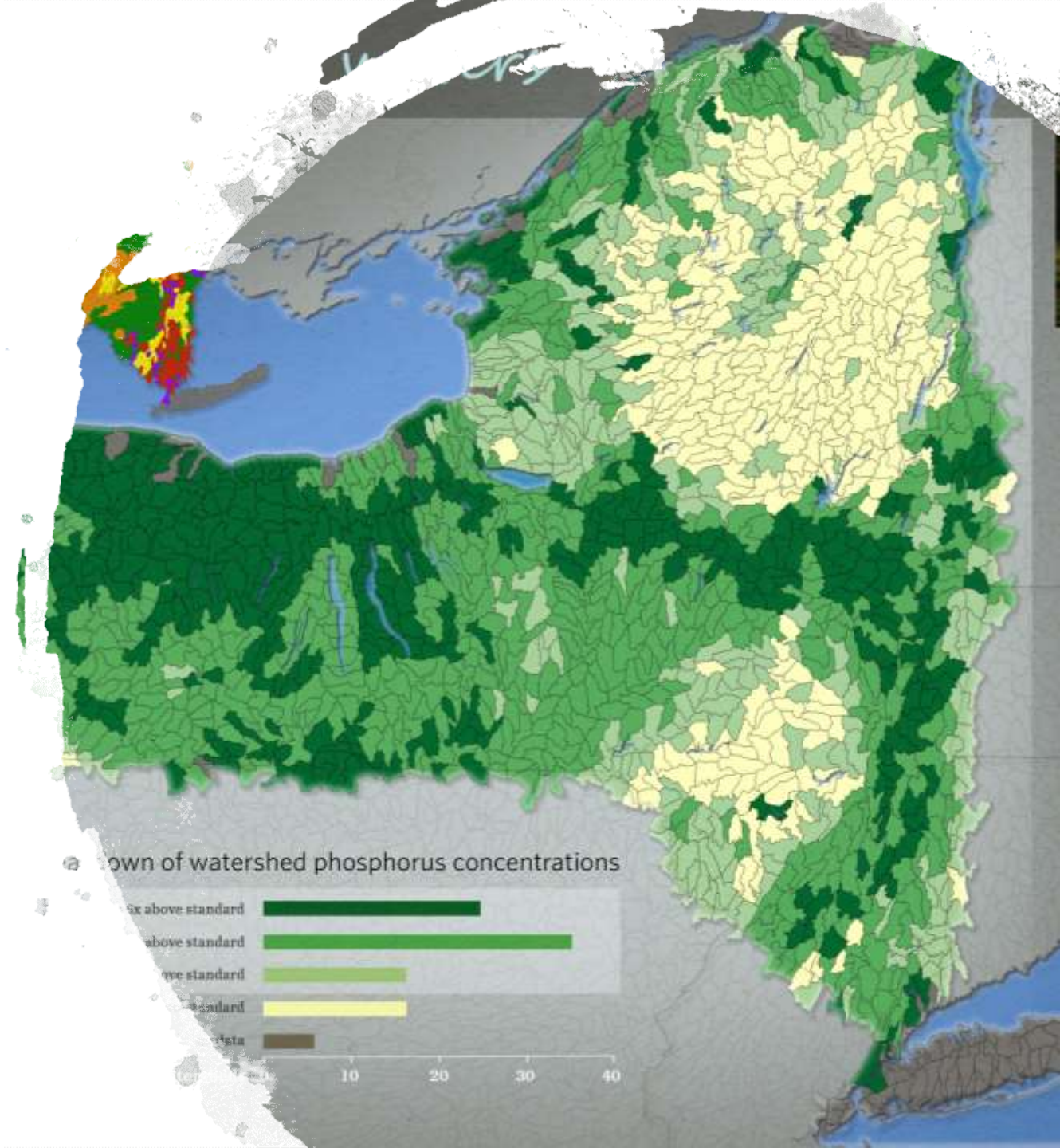
PANEL

- **Eleanor Allen**, Water for People
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- **Elizabeth Moses**, World Resources Institute

WATER CRISIS

Even in New York State, communities face water shortages and contaminated water supplies:

- **Climate change** is the first and perhaps most significant driver of water quality and quantity trends.
- Statewide, **aging and inadequate water infrastructure** is contributing to unsafe drinking water for people and aquatic life.
- Due to agriculture and urban land uses **80% of NY's watersheds do not meet proposed and existing water quality standards.**
- **83% of major water withdrawals** have a significant risk of **water scarcity.**



GOVERNANCE CRISIS

- The choices and consequences about how water is managed and used are intensely local (aka “**home rule**”).
- Water quality and quantity/use issues are managed by **different institutions**.
- **Lack of coordination, capacity, and participation** are common obstacles to successful water management.
- No mechanism for thinking and managing water resources in a proactive and integrated manner.
- Stakeholders and their **water needs are siloed/fragmented**.





PROBLEM

- **Unsustainable decisions** about water resources.
- **Insufficient capacity** to engage and lead constructive dialogue to resolve interconnected water challenges.
- “Training” is often **expensive, proprietary, and, as a result, inaccessible** for many (and is often one size fits all).

TEAM



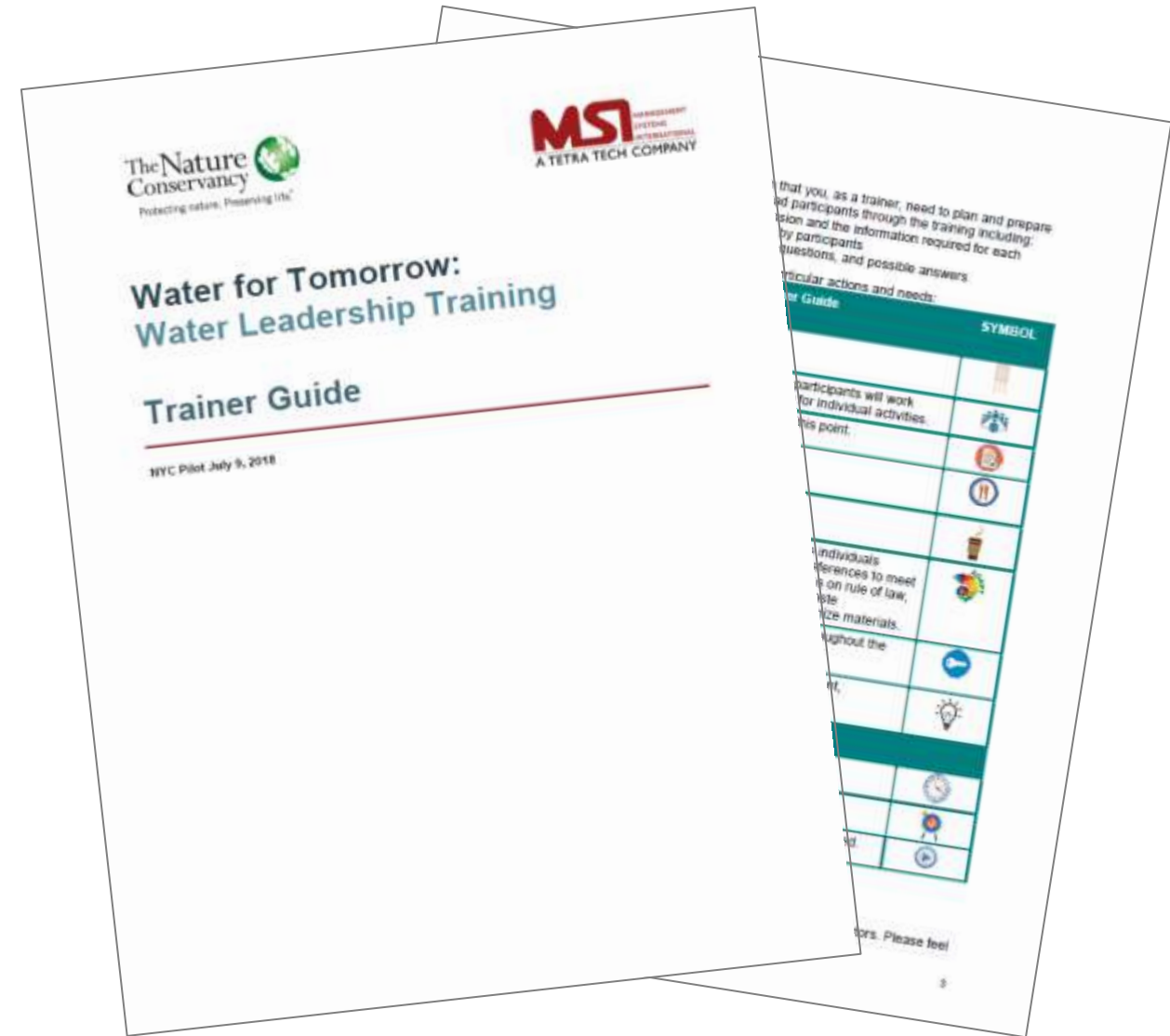
GOALS

- A **free, open-source curriculum for civil society leadership**, to bolster the skills of community members, non-profits, business, academia, and government to engage in and lead constructive dialogues to resolve social/environmental issues
- A specific application of the curriculum for **water resources** in New York.
- **Accommodate a range of audiences and learning styles to maximize the diversity and inclusion** of stakeholders able to take advantage of these materials.



PRODUCT(S)

- Facilitator guide + presentations + activities + handouts
- Action/Development Plan Tool
- 3 learning modules:
 - Leadership, Engagement,
 - Stakeholders & Communication,
 - Conflict Transformation
- Guidance for adaptation
- Live training examples
- Train-the-trainer materials*
- Examples of learning accessible “collateral” materials*



CURRICULUM

LEADERSHIP

- Introduction to Leadership
- Leadership Style Assessment
- Collective Leadership

CONFLICT

- Introduction to Conflict and Conflict Transformation
- Key Aspects of Conflict
- Leading and Engaging in Constructive Dialogues
- Inclusion

ENGAGEMENT

- Engagement & Stakeholders
- Communications
- Influence
- Collaboration

PRACTICE

- Action/Development Plan
- Water for Tomorrow Board Game

• Board
 • 4 sets of Access cards
 • 4 Player sheets
 • 36 Event cards
 • 4 Player decks
 • Influence tokens
 • Water cubes
 • Twenty-sided die

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GAME

- Designed to **raise awareness** of the complexity and interconnectedness of water resource issues.
- Establish a **low risk, collaborative atmosphere** for stakeholders to participate in the decision-making process.

WATER FOR TOMORROW



* Also found at: **YouTube:** <http://bit.ly/waterfortomorrowgameinstructions> or <https://youtu.be/PaRLrjL8UpI>



NEXT STEPS

Please let us know your ideas!

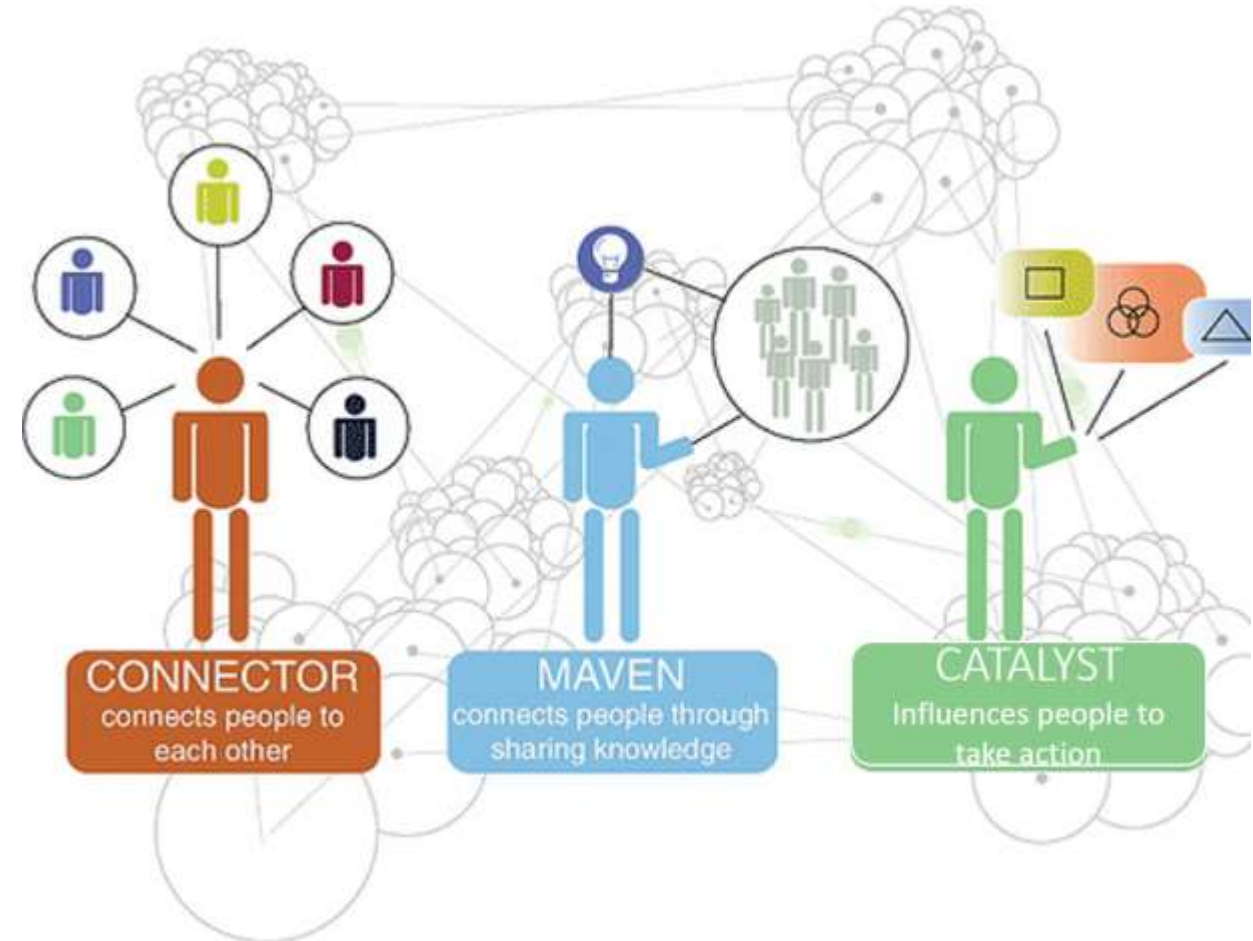
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If you are interested in:

- Using the water leaders curriculum
- Adapting it to your context
- Building on it to create your own
- We are interested in collaborating.

INNOVATIONS

- **Modularize content** for easier accessibility
- Create **online access/repository**
- A **learning network/community of practice** comprised in New York (*What about beyond New York?*).
- Collaborate with others to **establish their own networks and continuously improve and adapt** the water leaders framework (*How? Who? Where?*).





THANK YOU

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