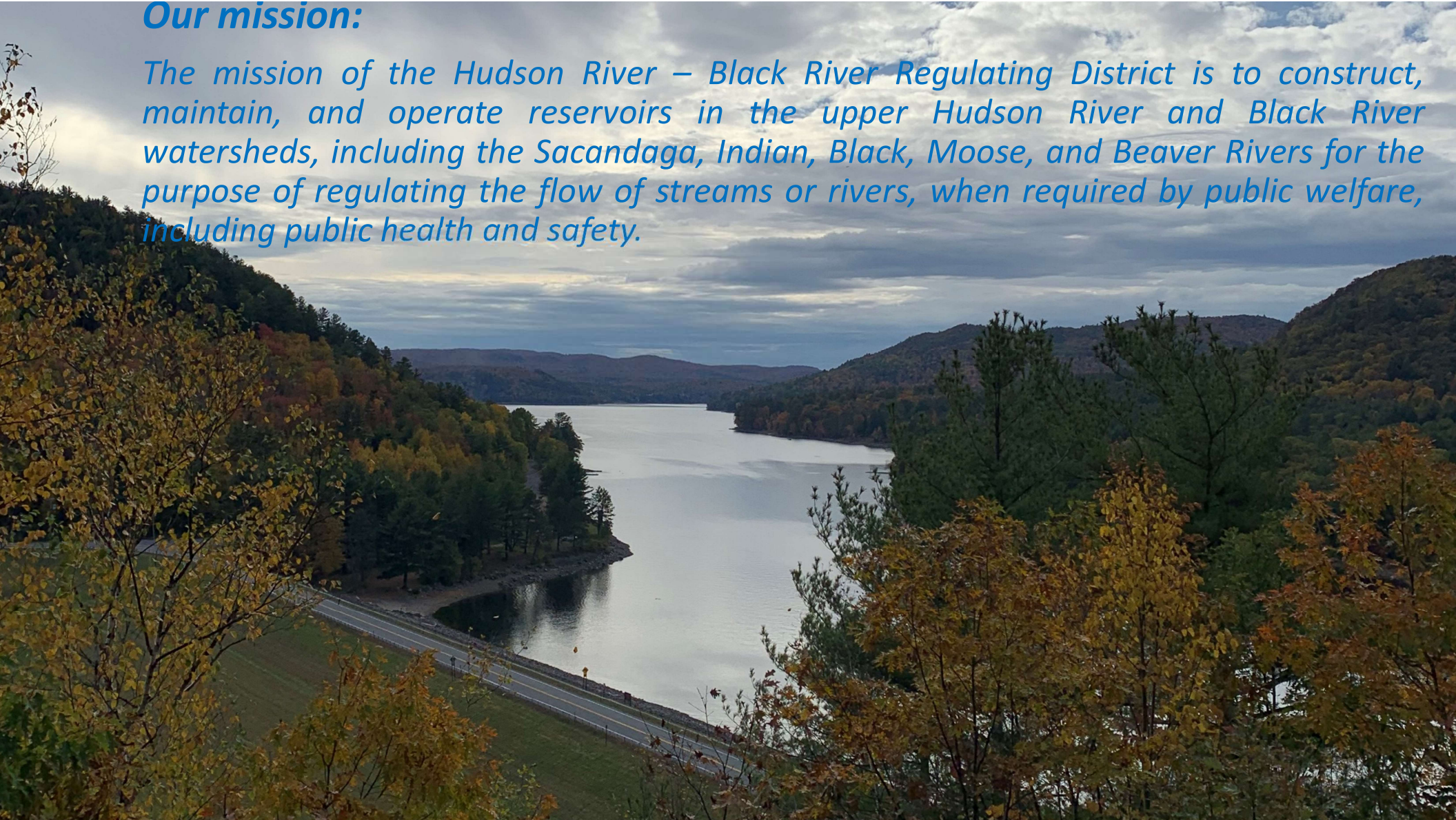


## ***Our mission:***

*The mission of the Hudson River – Black River Regulating District is to construct, maintain, and operate reservoirs in the upper Hudson River and Black River watersheds, including the Sacandaga, Indian, Black, Moose, and Beaver Rivers for the purpose of regulating the flow of streams or rivers, when required by public welfare, including public health and safety.*



**1895: The concept of flood protection in New York State through dams and reservoirs is first suggested.**

**March, 1913: Great Flood of 1913 – record flooding in and beyond New York State, impacts in Albany includes devastating typhoid outbreak.**

**1913: The New York State Legislature passes the Burd Amendment allowing the use of 3% of the New York State Forest Preserve for the purpose of creating reservoirs to regulate stream flow.**

**1915: The New York State Legislature passes the Machold Storage Law, enabling the creation of river regulating districts.**

**1919: Black River Regulating District formed.**

**1922: Hudson River Regulating District formed.**

**1959: Regulating Districts combined by NYS Legislature into Hudson River – Black River Regulating District.**







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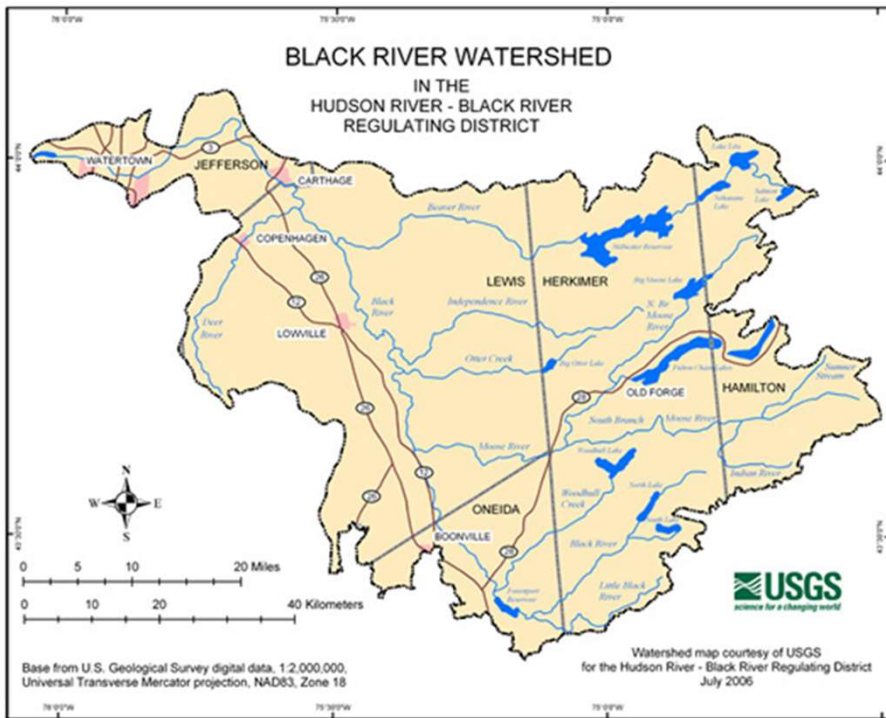


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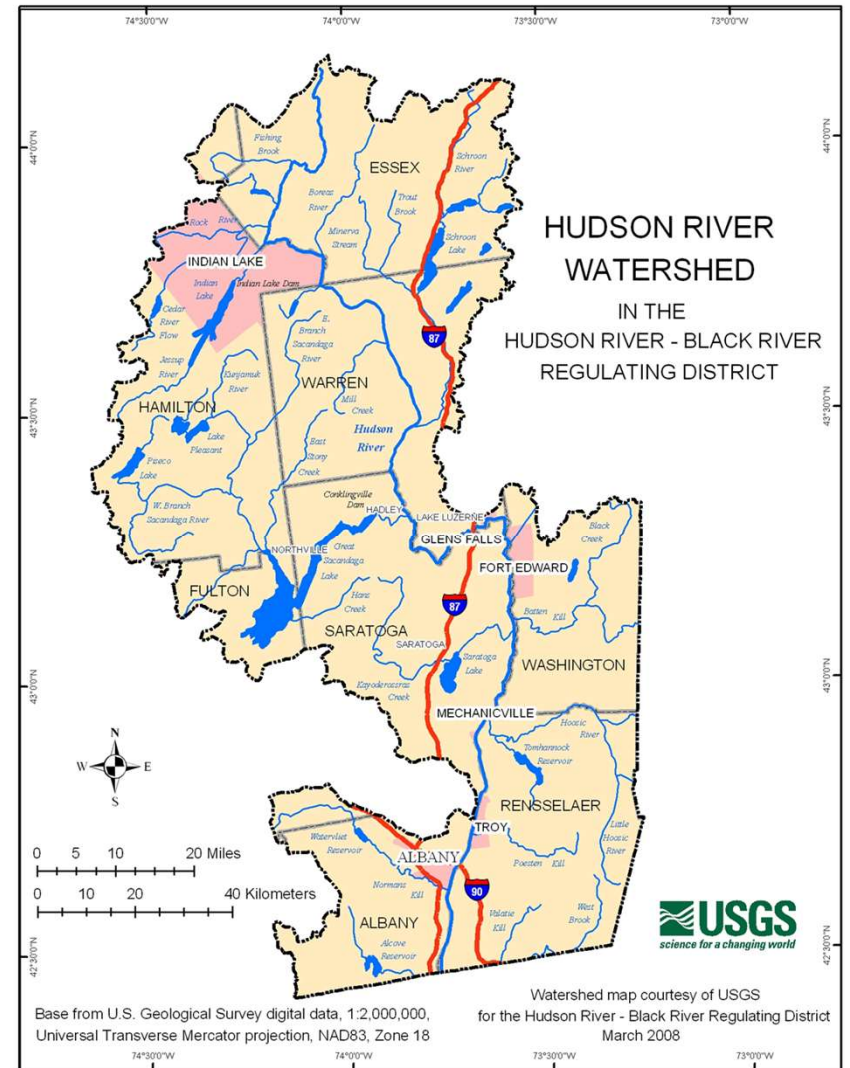
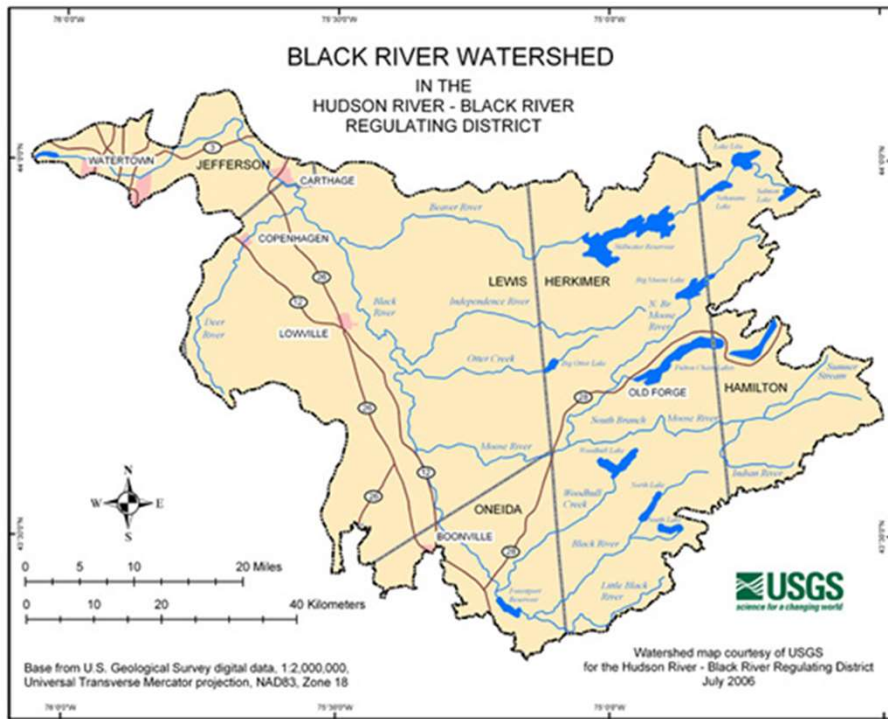


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# Regulating District facilities in the Adirondack Park:

- Indian Lake Dam
- Conklingville Dam
- Sixth Lake Dam
- Old Forge Dam
- Stillwater Dam



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# Stillwater Dam & Reservoir



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In 1888, the **Beaver River** dam was completed, creating **Stillwater Reservoir** in Lewis County, with a capacity of 328 million cubic feet of water. In 1903, a masonry dam was added, and in 1922, the dam was greatly enlarged. (Courtesy of George Davis.)





# FULTON CHAIN – HRBRRD Jurisdiction

- 1879-1882 – New dams constructed by State at Old Forge (old dam raised two feet) & Sixth Lake, respectively
- 1919 – Black River Regulating District formed
- September 20, 1919 – First Meeting
- 1920 – dams transferred to jurisdiction of Black River Regulating District
- March 22, 2020 – *General Plan for the Regulation of the Flow of the Black River and Certain of its Tributaries* was adopted by the BRRD Board
- Approximately 3% of Black River volume via middle branch of Moose River











# Indian Lake Dam





# Conklingville Dam & Great Sacandaga Lake



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# Great Sacandaga Lake by the Numbers

- 42 square miles
- 29 miles long
- 37.75 billion cubic feet of capacity
- 33 billion cubic feet available for flood control & stream regulation
- 29,000 acres of NYS State Land
- Between 2,280 – 19,950 “dry” acres depending on elevation
- 4700 residential access permits
- 52 commercial access permits

# Conklingville Dam by the Numbers

- 95 feet high
- Constructed between 1927 - 1930
- Original construction cost: \$12 million
- Projected rehabilitation cost: \$40-\$50 million
- 2-3 year construction duration
- 2025 letting





**TWO CANOEIST** paddle along Third Street during the 1913 Flood. The view is looking south. The Knights of Columbus building is visible at left.

Questions?

