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Up River now on display in Beacon Institute Main St. gallery

New exhibit showcases man-made sites of interest on the Hudson from the Battery to Troy

Beacon, NY – Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries today announced it is hosting a new exhibit, *Up River: Man-made Sites of Interest on the Hudson from the Battery to Troy*, in its gallery at 199 Main Street in Beacon, New York from May 9 – October 4, 2009.

The exhibit, presented courtesy of The Center for Land Use Interpretation, is a portrait of the Hudson's shores, focusing on man-made sites rarely seen by those who travel along the river's banks. Aerial photography brings to view the shore area's landmarks both plain and remarkable: factories, prisons, power plants, quarries, parks, current industries and planned redevelopments – in many cases, overlooked places that can only be seen from above.

"The vitality and mystery of the Hudson River are equally embodied in the natural and the built environment," said John Cronin, Beacon Institute Director and Chief Executive Officer. "*Up River* shows us that the hand of the human has had as profound an impact on our lives as the hand of nature." Speaking about the book by the same name, upon which the exhibit is based, he added, "It is as indispensable and overdue addition to the literature and lore of one of the nation's most important waterways."

The photographs in this exhibit were taken by photographers working for The Center for Land Use Interpretation between 2004 and 2008. The map is a mosaic of the most recent USGS topographic maps for the Hudson Valley region.

Beacon Institute gallery hours: Weekdays 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (second Saturdays until 8 p.m.); and Sundays 12 p.m.–5 p.m. For more information call (845) 838-1600 ext 16 or visit www.bire.org.

About The Center for Land Use Interpretation: A nonprofit organization with offices in Los Angeles and Troy, New York, The Center for Land Use Interpretation is dedicated to the increase and diffusion of knowledge about how the nation's lands are apportioned, utilized, and

perceived. *Up River* is the first book in The Center for Land Use Interpretation's American Regional Landscape Series. The Center for Land Use Interpretation thanks the PARC Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation, Blast Books, and the J.M. Kaplan Fund for their support of this project. www.clui.org

About Beacon Institute: Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, with offices in Beacon and Troy, New York, is a not-for-profit environmental research organization engaging scientists, engineers, educators and policy experts in collaborative work focusing on real-time monitoring of river ecosystems. It aims to make the Hudson Valley a global center for scientific and technological innovation that advances research, education and public policy regarding rivers and estuaries. www.bire.org

Editors: Please contact Kathleen Hickey for a hi-res image from the *Up River* collection.

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