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**EDUCATION:**

M.A. - Geology, May 1983, State University of New York at New Paltz. Major fields of study: Hydrogeology, Water Quality and Pollution, Structural Geology, Photogeologic Interpretation. Thesis topic: *Hydrogeology and Structure of the Shawangunk Mountains, Ulster County, NY.*  
B.A. - Anthropology, minor Geology, May 1977. State University of New York at Albany.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**HYDROLOGIST/HYDROGEOLOGIST/GEOLOGIST/CARTOGRAPHER:**

*1993 - Present* Independent Geologic & Hydrologic Consultant. Consulting firm: *HydroQuest*. Provide hydrologic, geologic and land use technical consulting services to environmental groups, Towns, business associations, law firms, insurance companies, and individuals. Assist groups in identifying issues and developing strategies designed to protect groundwater and surface water resources, community character, and wildlife habitat. Conduct hydrologic assessments to support legal resolution of landowner disputes (e.g., flooding, drainage, livestock, contaminant dispersal, springs, water supply & quality protection).

*HydroQuest* work includes hydrogeologic and geotechnical assessments; review and analysis of consultant reports and environmental impact statements (EISs); aquifer analyses; well and water supply protection; contaminant characterization; geologic investigations; karst and cave investigations, evaluations & tracer tests; river flood assessments; mine impact analyses; technical coordination of scientific case development for environmental groups and attorneys; geotechnical assessments of proposed gas pipeline routes; pipeline-blast impact zone maps; stream and wetland evaluations; hydrologic and geologic mapping; water quality assessments; watershed delineations; watershed analyses; slope analyses; GIS map preparation; public presentations; technical presentations to judges; coordination work with attorneys; strategy development; panel member at Town meetings with legislators; report and affidavit preparation.

Recent project work examples include assessments of land use and community character. The Town of Mamakating commissioned the: *Hydrogeologic Study of the Town of Mamakating, Sullivan County, New York*. The report documents groundwater and surface water resources throughout the town. Analysis included extensive field work, watershed and sub-basin delineation using high resolution imagery and digital elevation data, and GIS-based map production. The report includes numerous land use recommendations and formed the foundation for the development of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Another project analyzed and mapped land use over 100 years to assess community character relative to a major development proposal. In addition, stream water quality, wastewater loading, continued health of a trout fishery and ecotourism were addressed.

**KARST HYDROLOGIST**

*2004 - April 2007* Howe Caverns, Inc. Cobleskill, New York. 2<sup>nd</sup> largest natural tourist attraction in NYS. Conducted hydrologic and geologic research, produced professional GIS maps and figures, developed educational programs and materials, developed new tourist route, trained guides, provided land use assessments and recommendations, advised the Board of Directors on land use concerns including potential water quality degradation and potential blast-related impacts to cave. Developed and proposed revenue generating strategies. Formerly worked in this position half-time prior to change in ownership.

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

**Jan. 2001-** SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, New York.  
**Dec. 2004** Taught ArcGIS, Environmental Geology, Geology, Hydrology, Geography, and Crime Analysis. Coordinator of a Geographic Information Systems certificate program. Developed, obtained, and completed a NYSDEC grant to assess assorted hydrologic and environmental aspects of the Black Creek watershed in Ulster County. Supervision and oversight of numerous professional adult “students”, directed GIS-based technical presentations, and coordinated and produced grant products.

College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Taught a two-week graduate level summer field hydrology and environmental science course for several years, including Rosgen stream assessment.

## **HYDROLOGIST:**

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), Division of Drinking Water Quality Control, Shokan, New York.

**April 1993-** Conducted research and field studies designed to assess the water quality of watersheds.  
**Jan. 2001** Responsible for directing geologic research designed to assess the sources, geomorphic context and best management practices (BMPs) related to sediments causing turbidity water pollution problems. Hydrologic and geologic work included geologic mapping of glacial sediments, field evaluation of stream channel armoring, morphologic characterization of stream channels (including Rosgen analyses), bedload transport studies, assessment of critical shear stresses, particle size analysis, stream gauging, water quality sampling and trend analysis, chemical and sediment loading calculations, graphic production, report preparation and technical presentations. Assisted other governmental divisions in evaluating lands for possible purchase, conducted geotechnical assessments of structurally unstable stream reaches, evaluated BMP designs. Supervised several Research Assistants.

## **RESEARCH SCIENTIST:**

Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc. April 1993 under contract with the U.S. Dept. of Energy; Oak Ridge National Lab; Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge, TN.

**Aug. 1991-** Responsible for hydrogeologic evaluation of groundwater issues (e.g., characterization,  
**April 1993** monitoring network setup, data analysis, remedial design evaluation) at multiple Oak Ridge Reservation hazardous waste sites. Developed and documented conceptual model of carbonate and shallow storm flow systems comprising pathways of rapid contaminant transport. Work also involved characterization of hydrologic and geochemical trends and thermal infrared photo analysis. Presented results of research at conferences, as well as to DOE management and State and Federal officials. *Served in a Resource Management Organization as the hydrologic lead for the Environmental Sciences Division.*

### HYDROGEOLOGIST:

New York State Attorney General's Office; Environmental Protection Bureau, Albany, New York.

*Feb. 1983-  
Aug. 1991* Responsible for the design, protocols, coordination, implementation, evaluation, characterization and remediation of many major water and soil contamination sites throughout New York State (e.g., Love Canal, Superfund sites). Designed, performed and supervised chemical field sampling at hazardous waste sites. Evaluated geotechnical and chemical data sets.

Primary responsibilities included coordination of multiple companies along with their respective legal and scientific consultants. Worked with all parties involved to produce test plans and consent decrees to facilitate site remediation. Responsible for the management of the testing, site characterization and technical assessment. Worked with attorneys on summary judgment motions, complaints, trial preparation and depositions. Attorney General's spokesperson at public meetings. Expert witness at SEQRA hearings. Testimony given before the Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation and Grand Jury. Worked with DOL staff and attorneys to develop office initiatives (e.g., Racketeering; bottled water contaminants). Initiation, development and drafting of legislation.

Supervision of personnel: expert witnesses, consultants, research assistants, interns. Responsible for selection, job descriptions, work schedules, and products.

### HYDROGEOLOGIST:

Stone & Webster Engineering Corp., Geotechnical Division, Boston, Massachusetts.

*Oct. 1981-  
Feb. 1983* Directly responsible for the planning, preparation, execution, and analysis of pumping tests and a fluid sampling program designed to investigate deep basin groundwater characteristics for the siting of a nuclear waste repository within the Permian Basin of the Texas panhandle. Planned, managed, coordinated, directed, and provided oversight of field operations of a multi-million dollar project, inclusive of acidizing geologic formations. Sub-contractors included Halliburton, Schlumberger, and others.

### ACTIVITIES:

Hiking, kayaking, geologic and hydrologic research, and exploration. Former Captain: Albany-Schoharie County Cave Rescue Team. Made a Fellow of the National Speleological Society in recognition of karst research and water resource protection.

### PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Over 50 technical publications and over 200 reports and affidavits, many for private clients, environmental groups, towns, and law firms. Projects include land, wetland, water quality, and species protection; aquifer and watershed characterization; mine proposals; development proposals; contaminant assessments; stream hydrology grant work; and flood risk. Some reports are confidential. Leader of geology conference field trips for groups including the New York State Geological Association, the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the Hudson-Mohawk Professional Geologists' Association, the National Ground Water Association, the National Speleological Society, GSA, and the International Association of Geochemists and Cosmochemists.

## **ADDENDUM - SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS FROM PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL RESEARCH**

- Rubin, P.A., 2019, *Subglacial Karst Development in East-Central New York State*. Geological Society of America 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Northeastern Section)
- Rubin, P. A., 2019, *Structural Control on Cave Development in a Fold-Thrust Belt*. Geological Society of America 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Northeastern Section)
- Rubin, P.A., 2018, *Interpretation of ice-marginal hydrologic conditions based on sediment preservation in Clarksville Cave; East-Central New York State*. Geological Society of America 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting (Northeastern Section).
- Rubin, P.A., Burmeister, K.C. and Bartholomew, A., 2020, *Karst Hydrogeology of the Kingston-Rosendale Karst Aquifer Region within the Hudson Valley Fold-Thrust Belt*. Fieldtrip Guidebook paper for the Geological Society of America NE Section 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. In preparation.
- Rubin, P.A., 2009, *Geological Evolution of the Cobleskill Plateau; New York State, USA*, in Veni et al. (eds), Proceedings of the Speleogenesis Symposium of the 15th International Congress of Speleology (joint National Speleological Society & Union Internationale de Speleologie); Symposium: Speleogenesis in Regional Geological Evolution and its Role in Karst Hydrogeology and Geomorphology, Kerrville, Texas. Proceedings, Volume 2, Symposia Part 2, pages 972-978 (published July 2009).
- Palmer, A.N. and Rubin, P.A., 2007, *Karst of the Silurian-Devonian Carbonates in Eastern New York State, with emphasis on the Cobleskill Plateau*. Guidebook for the Hudson-Mohawk Professional Geologists' Association Spring 2007 Field Trip, "Carbonate Geology of the Howes Cave Area, Schoharie County, New York", p. 17-35, Trip coleader with Arthur Palmer (April 28, 2007).
- Rubin, P.A., Burmeister, K.C. and Folsom, M., 2006, *Karst Resource Management: groundwater protection and developmental considerations in the Kingston-Rosendale aquifer system*; Ulster County, N.Y., Poster Presentation at the 2005 National Cave and Karst Management Symposium. Report prepared for Scenic Hudson.
- Stokowski, S., Rubin, P.A. and Guenther, B., 2006, *History of resource management: conflict and resolution, Howes Cave, N.Y.*, in Rea, G.T., (ed), Proceedings of the 2005 National Cave and Karst Management Symposium.
- Rubin, P.A and Stokowski, S., 2004, *Karst, Caves, and Quarries*. Guidebook paper for the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), Annual Meeting. Field trip co-leader.
- Rubin, P.A. and Washington, G., 2004, *Water quantity and quality considerations specific to development on the flank of the Shawangunk Mountain Ridge, Southeastern NYS*. Abstracts Northeast Natural History Conference VIII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 66: p. 53.
- Rubin, P.A., Adickes, D.M., Cunningham, T., Davidson, D., Hurld, J. Kiyan, J.R., Preuss, P., Ramsay, W., Schultz, B. and Washington, George, 2004, *Application of GIS technology to assess visual impacts of development: Shawangunk Ridge case study, southeastern NYS*. Abstracts Northeast Natural History Conference VIII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 66: p. 52-53.

Adickes, D.M., Preuss, P., Rubin, P.A., and Thompson, J., 2004, *GIS assessment and study of rare and threatened avian species living in the Shawangunk Mountains in Southeastern NYS*. Abstracts Northeast Natural History Conference VIII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 66: p. 38.

Kiyan, J.R., Washington, G., and Rubin, P.A., 2004, *GIS visual impact analysis of a proposed housing development below Minnewaska State Park Preserve in the Shawangunk Mountains of the Mid-Hudson Valley in New York State*. Abstracts Northeast Natural History Conference VIII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 66: p. 47.

Cunningham, T., Davidson, D., Hurld, Rubin, P.A., and Ehrensaft, P., 2004, *Using GIS technology to project various land-use and economic scenarios for the northern Shawangunk Ridge area; Southeastern NYS*. Abstracts Northeast Natural History Conference VIII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 66: p. 41-42.

Palmer, A.N., Rubin, P.A., Palmer, M.V., Engel, T.D., and Morgan, B., 2003, *Karst of the Schoharie Valley, New York*. Guidebook for the New York State Geological Association Diamond Jubilee Field Conference (75th Annual Meeting), p. 141-176, Trip coleader.

Rubin, P.A., Morgan, B., and Palmer, A.N., 2003, *Howe Caverns resource protection: hydrology and land-use analysis; Schoharie County*, New York State. Abs. Northeastern Science Foundation Silver Jubilee Anniversary Symposium, Proceedings volume, p. 25-26.

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Hubsch, R., Morgan, B., Black, G., Folsom, France, N., Keller, J., Ortega, A., Post, J., and Rubin, P.A., 2003, *Development of a GIS-based land-use coverage: Black Creek and Swarte Kill watersheds, southeastern New York State*. Abs. Northeastern Science Foundation Silver Jubilee Anniversary Symposium, Proceedings volume, p. 9-10.

Rubin, P.A., Waines, R., Washington, G., Ortega, A., Albrechtsen, C.A., Hubsch, R., Folsom, M., Keller, J., Morgan, B., and Schultz, B., 2003, *Hydrology and geology of the Swarte Kill and Black Creek basins, eastern New York State*. Abs. Northeastern Science Foundation Silver Jubilee Anniversary Symposium, Proceedings volume, p. 12.

Rubin, P.A., Engel, T., Nardacci, M. and Morgan, B.E., 2002, *Geology and paleogeography of Mount Desert Island and surrounding area, Maine*. Guidebook paper National Speleological Society annual meeting, Camden, Maine, p. 47-91, Trip leader.

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Sheeley, D.A. and Rubin, P.A., 2002, *Land-use preservation scenarios in the Black Creek Watershed using GIS; NYS*. Abs. Northeast Natural History Conference VII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 64: p. 51.

Schultz, B., Rubin, P.A. and Haberland, P., 2002, *GIS-based historic inventory of early cement district industrial artifacts: Southeastern NYS*. Abs. Northeast Natural History Conference VII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 64: p. 40.

Rubin, P.A. and Morgan, B., 2002, *Geomorphic reconstruction of emerged and submerged coastlines using GIS technology, Mount Desert Island, ME*. Abs. Northeast Natural History Conference VII. N.Y. State Museum Circular 64: p. 39.

Rubin, P.A. and Privitera, J.J., 1997, *Engineered and unregulated degradation of karst aquifers: Two case studies in New York State, USA*. In The Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology of Karst Terranes, Beck & Stephenson (eds), Proceedings of The Sixth Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst; Balkema, Rotterdam; p. 467-476.

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- Davies, G.J., Rubin, P.A., and Quinlan, J.F., 1993, *Indirect observation of the rapid-flow and slow-flow components of recharge to the Knox aquifer, Oak Ridge, Tennessee*. Abs. Fourth Annual Walker Branch Watershed Research Symposium, Oak Ridge, TN, p. 17.
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- Rubin, P.A., Ayers, J.C., and Grady, K.A., 1992, *Solution mining and resultant evaporite karst development in Tully Valley, New York*. Hydrogeology, Ecology, Monitoring, and Management of Ground Water in Karst Terranes Conference (3rd, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1991), Proceedings. National Ground Water Association, Dublin, Ohio, p. 313-328.
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- Palmer, A.N., Palmer, M.V., Porter, C.O., Rubin, P.A., and Mylroie, J.E., 1991, *A geological guide to the karst and caves of the Helderberg Mountains, Schoharie and Albany counties, New York*. Guidebook paper for National Speleological Society annual meeting, Cobleskill, New York, p. 105-167.
- Rubin, P.A., 1991, *Modification of preglacial caves by glacial meltwater invasion in East-Central New York*. Appalachian Karst Symposium, Proceedings. National Speleological Society, Radford, Virginia, p. 91-100.
- Rubin, P.A., 1991, *Flow characteristics and scallop forming hydraulics within the Mill Pond Karst Basin, East-Central New York*. Appalachian Karst Symposium, Proceedings. National Speleological Society, Radford, VA., p. 101-108.

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