

The Helderberg Escarpment is a unique natural area in Albany County, New York, rising 1000 feet above suburbs of the nation's 55th largest metropolitan area. The Escarpment is home to John Boyd Thacher State Park, visited by over one quarter million people annually.



Indian Ladder, 1927

The Helderberg Escarpment Planning Guide provides for the first time a comprehensive study of the environment in a 60 square mile area on and near the Escarpment.



Developed over a ten-year period by an award-winning intermunicipal planning committee, the Guide examines the geology, soils, hydrology, flora and fauna, agriculture, aesthetics, recreation, history, present land use and zoning, noise and electromagnetic radiation of this unique area. Planners, municipal officials, developers residents, and anyone else wishing to better understand the special character of the Helderberg Escarpment region will find the Guide an invaluable resource.

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