NEW YORK LANDSCAPE REGIONS IN GOOGLE EARTH: 
A COMPREHENSIVE TEACHING TOOL

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New York State's Core Curriculum in Earth Science includes the study of the physiographic 
landscape regions of the state. In response to a solicitation by the Digital Library for Earth System 
Education (DLESE) and the Digital Water Education Library (DWEL) to expand the recently 
developed NY Instructional Collection, Dr. James R. Ebert (SUNY Oneonta) and Steve Kluge (Fox 
Lane HS and Purchase College, SUNY) assembled a select group of NY Earth Science teachers to 
develop a set of comprehensive Google Earth tours of New York's 12 landscape regions.

Over the course of the spring of 2006, participants gathered information and took photos of various 
aspects of each of NY's landscape regions, and developed Google Earth tours incorporating 
geologic and environmental features, topographic and geologic map overlays, photos, notes, and 
classroom activities specific to each region. In early July of 2006, the developers met at SUNY 
Oneonta to develop and finalize the format of individual projects, and to collate them into a final 
project.

“NY Landscape Regions in Google Earth” is accessible/downloadable from a single web page 
cataloged at www.dlese.org NY Instructional Collection, and at 
http://stevekluge.com/geoscience/projects/dlese/nylandscapegeusermanual.html . It is the group's 
hope that others will expand this project to other areas of the country and world using our 
organization model and methods as a starting point.