

**Hudson River Valley Greenway  
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area  
Acting Executive Director's Report**

Mark Castiglione  
January 29, 2014

***Budget Updates:***

**Federal Budget Deal Extends Nat'l Heritage Area Funding through 2015:** The recent federal budget deal included a funding extension for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area program through 2015. The original funding sunset was Sept. 2012. We have continued to receive funding through continuing resolutions but according to sources, this new extension will provide the Greenway about \$900,000 over the next two federal fiscal years. <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/at-gillibrands-urging-congress-renews-hudson-river-valley-national-heritage-area->

**Proposed State Greenway Budget:** The proposed 2014-15 State Budget for the Greenway Conservancy and Greenway Council would continue funding for both organizations at 2013-14 levels. This would provide \$166,000 for the Conservancy and \$321,000 for the Greenway Council. The Council Budget includes \$136,000 for grants. The proposed budget will also reallocate \$673,000 in Council funds obligated to grants.

***Project and Program Updates:***

**Greenway Strategic Planning Process Update:** The Greenway is working with Fairweather Consulting to assist with organizational strategic planning. Kick-off meeting was held on 9-25 at the FDR Site in Hyde Park. The process has gathered input from the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, stakeholder organizations/individuals, and staff. A report of initial findings is forthcoming and will help frame topics for the Greenway Board's strategic planning retreat in March. The goals of this process include setting priorities and to create action steps to advance the organizational mission, and maximize impact within the current context, and govern future investments.

**Greenway Offers HRVNHA Heritage Development Grants:** This federally funded program will provide a total of \$50,000 in 1:1 matching grants for marketing, interpretation and promotion of heritage within the 10 county National Heritage Area region. Solicitation was sent on December 12 and applications are due on February 14. Anticipated grant awards will be made in March so that projects can impact the 2014 tourism season. [http://www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/GrantFunding/NHA\\_Grants.aspx](http://www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/GrantFunding/NHA_Grants.aspx)

**Greenway Completes Environmental Review and Adopts Dutchess Compact Amendments:** Dutchess County submitted updates to its Greenway Compact plan Greenway Connections. The Greenway Council authorized these amendments, completed a full EAF and adopted a negative declaration at its October 16 meeting. Local governments will have the option to accept or reject these amendments. The amendments include seven new Greenway Guides on the following topics: Centers and Greenspaces; Slower, Safer Streets; Rural Roads; Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps; Building Bicycle Networks; Green Infrastructure; Recycling and Waste Collection.

**Ulster County Finalizing Draft Greenway Compact Plan:** Ulster County Planning convened a technical advisory committee to guide the development of their Greenway Compact Plan, "Live. Work. Play." The committee is continuing to working closely with project consultants, the Regional Plan Association, in finalizing the draft. Following public and stakeholder input, the draft plan will be finalized and tentatively submitted to the

Greenway for approval in March 2014. The draft Compact called clearly identifies connections between Greenway principles and local values and identifies a framework for resource protection and economic development. In addition, design guidelines will accompany the plan making it a significant tool that communities can choose use to guide development.

**Town of Stuyvesant River Access Project:** The Greenway Conservancy has been holding GE environmental mitigation funds for river access improvements at the Newton (Nutton) Hook section of the town of Stuyvesant since 1995. Project originally proposed was unworkable due to site and environmental constraints but a number of recent developments/complementary projects have made it possible to complete an alternative access project at the site in partnership with DOT, DEC and the Town government. Since the improvements will occur on DEC land, Greenway is working to transfer the remaining 240K to a DEC cost center to fund construction. [http://www.registerstar.com/news/article\\_9a38f076-74fd-11e3-9f29-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.registerstar.com/news/article_9a38f076-74fd-11e3-9f29-0019bb2963f4.html)

**2014 Path Through History / HRVNHA Interpretive Training Project:** The Mid-Hudson Valley Path Through History regional workgroup, in partnership with the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and OPRHP has issued an RFP in order develop and conduct interpretive training for historic sites and museums that were identified through the region's Path Through History initiative. This is intended to be advanced training to help sites enhance existing offerings, imagine new opportunities and help great common narrative threads between them. The RFP is here <http://www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/Organization/RFP.aspx> and is due on February 14.

**Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT Interpretive Project:** The National Park Service along with project consultants Pannier Graphics and the Gecko Group have completed the draft plan of interpretive panels along the W3R trail in Orange, Rockland and Westchester Counties. The project team will once again consult with stakeholders in the development of the interpretive text. Installation has been delayed until 2014.

**Teaching the Hudson Valley:** The 2014 Summer Teachers Institute will explore sustainability topics including local agriculture and community and regional planning. For institute dates, see <http://www.teachingthehudsonvalley.org/>. Other updates include: **Explore Awards made for spring:** Todd MS, Wappingers CSD (Dutchess), 95 students to Albany Institute and Henry Hudson Planetarium and Averill Park HS, 50 to Historic Cherry Hill (Albany); **Lesson plans:** six more published, 13 pending (these came from Library of Congress, teaching about primary sources sessions and virtual book group); **Writing contest:** pending one more confirmation, we will be announcing four winners later this week or early next; **Summer institute:** theme selected, Teaching the Hudson Valley from the Ground Up, planning underway; **Refreshed website:** "soft" launch anticipated later this week or early next with "louder" launch soon; map and lesson plans continue to have security issues; funds needed to address apart from new look.

## ***Trails:***

**Greenway Reviews Proposals for Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project:** Last year, Empire State Development awarded Greenway \$90,000 grant to promote use of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. The Water Trail, which spans 3 Regional Economic Development Council Regions, was recently designated a National Water Trail by the Department of the Interior. The project will include a series of maps, new smartphone optimized website, itineraries and GPS tools for kayakers. The Greenway has received proposals from a number of firms for the work and will be selecting a vendor shortly. We plan to have drafts of materials ready for summer 2014.

**New Trail Designations:** Nearly 26 miles of new Greenway Trail have been nominated for designation. They include:

- *Quiet Cove Riverfront Park Trails, Dutchess County (0.7 mile)*

- *Dutchess Rail Trail, Dutchess County (14 miles)*
- *Wilcox Memorial Park Trail System, Dutchess County (6 miles)*
- *Bowdoin Park Trail System, Dutchess County (3 miles)*
- *Gateway to Peck's Pond Connector Trail, Rockland County (1.83 miles)*

## ***Legislative Updates:***

**Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Program Bill:** While the HRVNHA's funding authorization was extended through federal fiscal year 2015, we will still aggressively pursue and longer-term solution through reintroduction of the National Heritage Areas Act. Previous versions of the National Heritage Area Act were co-sponsored by Members Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Charles Dent (R-PA). The Act would create a system of National Heritage Areas similar to the National Park system. Currently, the 49 National Heritage Areas are all independent partners with the National Parks Service. This bill will establish clear roles for the NPS and establish base funding for Heritage Areas within the NPS budget. We anticipate a 2014 version of this bill will be reintroduced shortly.

## ***Board Member Updates:***

### **Conservancy Executive Board Member Updates:**

**Ken Herman, Founding Conservancy Treasurer, Steps Down:** Ken Herman, who has served as the Greenway Conservancy's Treasurer since its founding has decided it is time to step aside from that role. He has managed to lead the organization and maintain a strong financial foundation through the good times and the not so good times. Fortunately, he will remain on the Conservancy Board.

**Kevin Burke Nominated for Greenway Conservancy Treasurer:** Board Member Kevin Burke, who is currently serving as Board Secretary, has agreed to be nominated to be the Conservancy's next Treasurer. Kevin will continue to serve on the Greenway's Grants Committee. This nomination will be submitted to the Conservancy's board for their consideration at their January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Jennifer Schwartz-Berky Nominated for Greenway Conservancy Secretary:** Board Member Jennifer Schwartz- Berky has agreed to accept the nomination as the Conservancy's Secretary. This nomination will be submitted to the Conservancy's board for their consideration at their January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **New Board Members:**

**Hon. Dini LoBue** was re- appointed to the Greenway Conservancy by Senator Dean Skelos, President Pro Tem, on January 15, 2014. She was previously appointed to serve the remainder of former member Richard Wager. Ms. LoBue is a Putnam County Legislator currently serving of the Economic Development and Energy Committee.

**Saveria (Sally) Mazzarella** was appointed to the Greenway Council by Senator Dean Skelos, President Pro Tem, on January 23, 2014. She was previously Senator Saland's delegate to the Greenway Council. Sally has been a civic leader in the Hudson River Valley for decades. She is the founder and President of Winnakee Land Trust and Chairperson of Walkway Over the Hudson.

## ***Staff Updates:***

**Performance Advances for Greenway Conservancy Employees:** After applying a process in line with state Management/ Confidential employment protocols, the Greenway Conservancy conveyed performance

advances or longevity payments to eligible employees consistent with advances granted to other M/C employees in May 2013.

**Grants Updates**

**Grants Completed since 10-16-2013**

County	Community	Project	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Completed Date
Columbia	County of Columbia	with Columbia Land Conservancy--GIS Training for Municipal Volunteers	Council Planning	\$4,390.00	\$8,790.00	10/21/2013
Orange	County of Orange	Compact: Orange county regional greenway plan	Council Compact	\$25,000.00	\$58,455.00	10/21/2013
Ulster	Mohonk Preserve, Inc.	Mohonk Preserve Foothills Trails Connectivity Planning Project	Conservancy	\$5,000.00	\$15,610.00	10/23/2013
Saratoga	Town of Stillwater	Stillwater Champlain Canal/Hudson River Historic Multi Use Trail	Conservancy	\$10,000.00	\$39,500.00	11/19/2013
			<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$44,390.00</b>	<b>\$122,355.00</b>	

**Grants Awarded since 10-16-2013**

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Dutchess	City of Poughkeepsie	Poughkeepsie Youth Enclave Survey Project	Council Compact	\$7,500	\$15,000	10/16/2013
Columbia	Town of Ancram	Natural Resource Conservation Plan	Council Planning	\$7,500	\$55,500	10/16/2013
Putnam	Village of Brewster	Comprehensive Plan Update	Council Planning	\$7,500	\$60,000	10/16/2013
Rensselaer	Town of Sand Lake	Glass Lake Public Fishing Access Area	Council Planning	\$7,500	\$31,020.50	10/16/2013
Dutchess	Winnakee Land Trust	Town of Red Hook Outreach for Multiple Greenway	Conservancy	\$1,000	\$8,735	10/16/2013

		Trails Connections				
Greene	New Baltimore Conservancy	Interpretive Signs for New Riverside Park in New Baltimore	Conservancy	\$1,759	\$3,519	10/16/2013
Greene	Windham Area Recreation Foundation	The Windham Multi-Use Path - Route 296 to Batavia Kill Stream	Conservancy	\$10,000	\$62,100	10/16/2013
Orange	Town of Highlands	Scenic Hudson Mine Dock Park	Conservancy	\$8,700	\$17,892	10/16/2013
Rockland	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Tallman Mountain State Park Biodiversity Trail	Conservancy	\$3,000	\$12,750	10/16/2013
Ulster	Town of Esopus	Esopus Explorers Project	Conservancy	\$775	\$1,550	10/16/2013
Ulster	Kingston Land Trust	Kingston Point Rail Trail Signage	Conservancy	\$1,800	\$8,000	10/16/2013
Ulster	Town of New Paltz	New Paltz Flats Trail Project	Conservancy	\$8,500	\$20,050	10/16/2013
Ulster	Open Space Institute	Wallkill Valley Rail Trail - City of Kingston Connector Trail	Conservancy	\$14,400	\$40,000	10/16/2013
			<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$79,934</b>	<b>\$336,116.50</b>	

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**Heritage Weekend becomes Path Through History Weekends**

Heritage Weekend has been a great success, and we thank all of those who have participated in this phenomenal program. Heritage Weekend will not take place in May, but will become part of an even greater effort to promote the unique history of our State, Path Through History Weekends! The same heritage and cultural celebrations and special programming will now be held **June 1-2 and 8-9**. Please email us with questions about 2013 Path Through History Weekends at [hrgv@hudsongreenway.ny.gov](mailto:hrgv@hudsongreenway.ny.gov) or register an event at [www.paththroughhistoryweekends.com](http://www.paththroughhistoryweekends.com)

**Hudson River Days 2013 - July 20-21**

Hudson River Day 2012 was so successful--with more than 40 events that spanned the length of the Hudson River Estuary--that in 2013, the fifth-annual celebration of our

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The oldest church in upstate New York, the First Church in Albany was founded in 1642 and incorporated in 1720 as the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. Beginning in 1910, the sanctuary in the current building was redecorated with the assistance of the Tiffany Studios. This redecoration included the addition of windows, architectural elements, and mosaics.

The Sumner Memorial Window (1912) is installed near the main entrance of the parish house and depicts a forest scene with a mountain stream. In addition to birch and redbud trees, the scene includes water lilies and Tiffany's trademark iris.

The Tiffany Studios also provided ornamental windows in 1917. These green and beige windows are located throughout the sanctuary.

In addition to windows, Tiffany designed sanctuary architectural elements (1910) that include the railing and lectern in the chancel as well as the glass screen and swinging doors at the rear of the sanctuary. Tiffany also designed mosaics (1910) in the vestibule on the ground floors for each of the church's two towers.

Top: Ornamental window from 1917.  
Left: Sumner Memorial Window & detail.

estuary and watershed will take place over a full weekend, July 20-21, 2013. Activities will include the 2nd Annual Great Hudson River Fish Count, as well as festivals, swims, kayak outings, sails and more! More information at [www.hudsonriverdaysny.org](http://www.hudsonriverdaysny.org).

### **The 9th annual *Cycling the Hudson Valley*—July 3-August 4, 2013**

*Cycling the Hudson Valley* participants will pedal their way through one of the most picturesque river valleys in the world. The Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Olana State Historic Site, and West Point are just a few of the many interesting stops along the way. Rich in history, culture, wineries, and gourmet cuisine, the Hudson Valley offers fantastic bicycling. The 200 mile tour, which includes five panoramic bridge crossings, will ride along designated bike routes, scenic roads, and off-road trails, including the renowned Manhattan Waterfront Greenway along the west side of Manhattan.

### **Sponsorships being Accepted for the 2013 Hudson River Valley Ramble!**

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### **Erie Insurance Sponsors 2013 Hudson River Valley Ramble**

Erie Insurance provided the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area with a \$5000 sponsorship for the Ramble. With locations in Albany and Newburgh, Erie was very excited to be able to contribute to this outstanding regional event. We are so pleased to welcome Erie Insurance as a Gold Sponsor of the Ramble, as they help us to continue our mission of connecting people with the beautiful landscape and inspiring history of the Hudson River Valley.

### **Trails:**

#### **Greenway Water Trail Receives \$90,000 Regional Economic Development Grant**

The Regional Economic Development Councils recently announced their [2012 awardees](#), including the Greenway, which was awarded a \$90,000 grant to promote use of the [Hudson River Greenway Water Trail](#). The Water Trail, which spans 3 Regional Economic Development Council Regions, was recently designated a National Water Trail by the Department of the Interior. The Greenway is pleased to work with the Regional Councils on such an important economic development project.

### **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area**

#### **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Economic Impact Study findings:**

A recent economic impact study of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area commissioned by the National Park Service yielded eye-opening results. Impact numbers both nationally and

regionally demonstrate the tremendous return on investment that National Heritage Areas offer. This timely data helps us make a strong case for renewed federal funding.

- *Annually, NHAs contribute \$12.9 billion to the US economy, supporting 148,000 jobs, and generate 1.2 billion dollars in Federal taxes.*
- *The Hudson River Valley NHA annually contributes \$584,986,026 million to NY's economy, supports 6,530 jobs, and generates over \$66.6 million in tax revenue.*
- *Our Hudson River Valley Ramble event annually generates an estimated \$21 million in economic impact*



### Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT

**Interpretive Project:** The National Park Service along with project consultants Pannier Graphics and the Gecko Group have identified 20 sites for interpretation along the W3R trail in Orange, Rockland and Westchester Counties. The project team will once again consult with stakeholders in the development of the interpretive text.

### Teaching the Hudson Valley

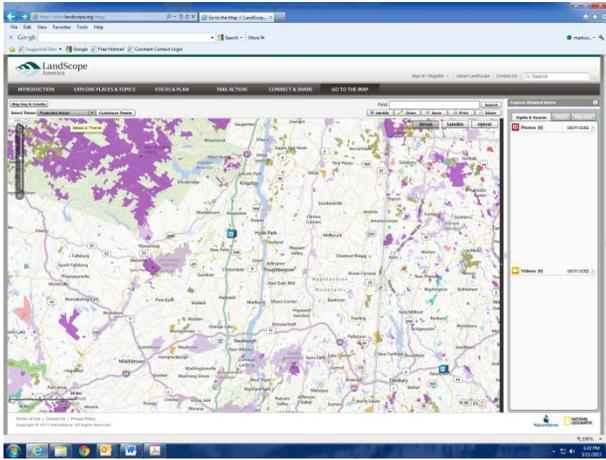
**THVIP program implemented:** Our evaluators suggested that THV expand its reach by creating an “ambassador” program. As a result, 10 educators representing all THV constituents and nine of our 11 counties have been “enrolled.” A first meeting was held and work is underway.

**2013 Summer Institute, “Place Based Learning & Common Core”:** July 30-August 1, in Hyde Park, with one day of field experiences. The deadline for workshop and field experience proposals is March 20.

**Field trip grants:** Three Explore Awards were made this quarter, benefitting about 250 elementary and middle school students. Students will visit Washington’s Headquarters and New Windsor Cantonment; Hilltop Hanover Farm; and Mohonk Preserve. THV also manages Bus on Us for the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites and the FDR Presidential Library. During this quarter we made three awards to bring 100+ elementary students to Hyde Park from Troy and Kingston.

**Professional Development:** *Using Primary Sources to Teach the Hudson Valley:* The first of two five-part courses began during this quarter with 16 participants from six counties; cosponsored with SE NY Library Resources Council with funds from the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Eastern Region, Waynesburg University. | *How’s the Hudson Doing?* The March 5 program attracted 80+ teachers and site educators. Co-sponsored with DEC’s Hudson River Estuary Program. Coming up in May: Program(s) with *The Tracing Center on Histories & Legacies of Slavery* cosponsored with Historic Huguenot Street and/or Putnam History Museum.

## GIS Mapping: Scenic Resources Project to use Nat. Geo “Landscapes” Platform



The Purpose of this project is to update existing GIS datasets including conserved open space including land protected by the state, federal, municipal, and not-for-profit entities; Greenway Trails including both land and water trails; significant water resources; significant fish and wildlife habitats; River access sites; designated scenic areas and scenic byways; to create a complete inventory of scenic views and viewpoints and create a system for their identification, categorization, and prioritization; and to create a searchable database

of these features that allows for sorting by category and attribute. Andrew Meyer from the DEC Estuary program continues to move the project forward.

### Dutchess County's New Greenway Guide

Dutchess County Planning has introduced a new Greenway Guide for public review, [Building Bicycle Networks](#). This is the latest in a new series of [Greenway Guides](#) developed by Dutchess County Planning, which include such topics as Centers and Greenspaces; Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps; Rural Roads; and Slower, Safer Streets. This guide offers design recommendations to encourage bicycling in a variety of contexts. Greenway Guides are part of the Dutchess County Greenway Compact, [Greenway Connections](#). Completed in 2000, Greenway Connections has been adopted as a voluntary program of land use policies and guidelines by the County and 29 of 30 Dutchess County communities. The Greenway Compact is entirely voluntary, respects local home rule, and relies on incentives and guidelines rather than requirements. *Greenway Connections* was created as a living document, to which additional guides could be added in response to changing circumstances and needs.

### Legislative Update

#### Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Reauthorization Bill(s)

The Senate Bill for extension is being advanced by Sens. Reed and Portman. A Counterpart Bill is being sponsored by Rep. McGovern (MA) and will be introduced shortly. Attention is also focused on the next continuing resolution and budget process. In addition, Sen. Gillibrand sponsored an individual extension bill for the HRVNHA program and hosted a hearing on the matter. The Governor's Washington office is apprized as is the Congressional Delegation.

**Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Program Bill (Unchanged):** Co-sponsored by Members Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Charles Dent (R-PA), the National Heritage Area Act of 2013 – HR 445 will create a system of National Heritage Areas similar to the National Park system. Currently, the 49 National Heritage Areas are all independent partners with the National Parks Service. This bill will establish clear roles for the NPS and establish base funding for Heritage Areas within the NPS budget. The bill was introduced on 2-1-13.

### Grants

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Rensselaer	Town of Pittstown	Historic Farmsteads Historic Sites nominations	Council_Planning	\$8,000.00	\$16,900.00	6/9/2011

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Columbia	Town of Greenport	Update of Comprehensive Plan	Council_Planning	\$7,500.00	\$20,000.00	1/25/2013
Dutchess	Town of Fishkill	Hudson Fjord Hike/Bike Trail Master Plan	Council_Planning	\$11,000.00	\$45,500.00	1/25/2013
Putnam	Village of Cold Spring	Strengthening the LWRP including Sea Level Rise/Climate Change	Council_Planning	\$6,000.00	\$74,000.00	1/25/2013
Westchester	Town of New Castle	Public Outreach & Education for the New Castle Comprehensive Plan Update	Council_Planning	\$6,000.00	\$20,000.00	1/25/2013
					\$159,500.00	

**Board Updates:**

**Welcome New Board Members:**

Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor –(AD- 105) has been appointed to the Board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council by Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb.

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***Legislative Updates***

**House and Senate Extend NHA Funding Authorization in CR:**

The Continuing Resolution approved by both the House and Senate included a funding authorization extension for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area program through FFY 2013. This means \$435,000 in 'unexpected' funding for the NHA program. Hudson Valley Delegation members played key roles in securing this authorization extension for the 12 NHAs that sunset in 2012.

**Senator Gillibrand and Reps Lowey and Maloney Sponsor HRVNHA Reauthorization Bills:**

Citing the recent Economic Impact Study, Senator Gillibrand announced her sponsorship of a bill which would extend our NHA funding authorization through 2022 at an event at Boscobel on June 7th. She was joined by Representatives Lowey and Maloney who announced their co-sponsorship of the companion bill in the House. The event also featured announcements related to an NPS Study bill to see if the Hudson Valley should be designated as a unit of the National Park Service and the continuation of the Highlands Conservation Act.



**Rep. Nita Lowey, flanked by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring, and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, discusses legislation June 7 at Boscobel.**

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### **Path Through History Weekends a Great Success**

This year, PTH Weekends featured 270 heritage and cultural celebrations and special programs on the weekends of **June 1-2 and 8-9**. Greenway staff worked closely with the Governor's office and I Love NY in the development and promotion of the event. The Greenway's Beth Campochiaro was the main event organizer and lead contact for partner organizations across the state.

[www.paththroughhistoryweekends.com](http://www.paththroughhistoryweekends.com)



**Broome County Executive Debbie Preston is joined by County Historian Gerry Smith to discuss Weekend Events**

### **Greenway to Begin Strategic Planning Process**

Greenway staff is evaluating proposal submissions from various strategic planning consultants and will narrow for consideration and selection by the steering committee. The Strategic Planning process will help identify ways the organization can accomplish its goals within the context of today. It will also help establish priorities for the program, establish a baseline from which we can measure success, and point to new ways we can work with our partners to advance shared goals and be positioned to respond to both federal and state level policy priorities.

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### **Scott Keller Receives Public Leadership Award from PTNY:**

The Greenway's Scott Keller received the Public Leadership Award from Parks & Trails NY for his work and leadership in the creation of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. The trail includes nearly 100 public access sites from the Battery to Whitehall and was designated a National Water Trail in 2012. The event was held in Albany on Tuesday 11 June.



**Scott Keller, happy on the Hudson near Poughkeepsie**

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### **Orange County Compact Plan Completed**

The Greenway has completed SEQR review of the draft Orange County Greenway Compact Plan and is set to adopt at its meeting on 12 June. Orange County will then adopt the plan and proceed with community outreach and buy in. With the compact in place, local governments in Orange can become participating communities in the regional Greenway Compact by incorporating it into their local zoning and subdivision regulations, and pledging to update local plans to be consistent with the Compact. Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and now Orange will have completed compact plans with Ulster County in process.

### **Spare Seat Tour Receives International Award**

At the Travel Marketing Awards in London, the New York State Division of Tourism (I Love NY) achieved 'Gold Standard' in the Best PR Strategic Campaign category for their unique Spare Seat Kayak Expedition across New York State. Adventurers Richard Harpham and Glenn Charles paddled an amazing 503 miles over 28 days, between Niagara Falls and The Statue of Liberty, and chronicled their adventures. The Hudson River Valley Greenway is proud to have been a major partner in this endeavor to celebrate the heritage, wildlife and iconic locations along this water route across New York State



Spare Seat Tour on the Hudson River - Photo by Glenn Charles

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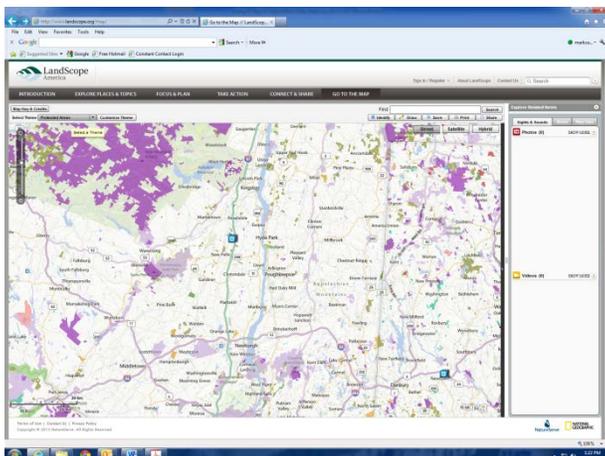
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**2013 Summer Institute, “Place Based Learning & Common Core”:** July 30-August 1, in Hyde Park, with one day of field experiences. This year’s institute is designed to show how place-based learning can help you negotiate Common Core without sacrificing your focus on students and community. Whether you work in a school or a less formal setting such as a park, historic site, or museum this institute will [give you something to think about, talk about, and DO!](#)

As always, there will be two days of [workshops](#), and the middle day will feature more extended field experiences. THV will provide certificates of attendance for up to 22 hours.

### **GIS Mapping: Scenic Resources Project to use Nat. Geo “Landscapes” Platform**

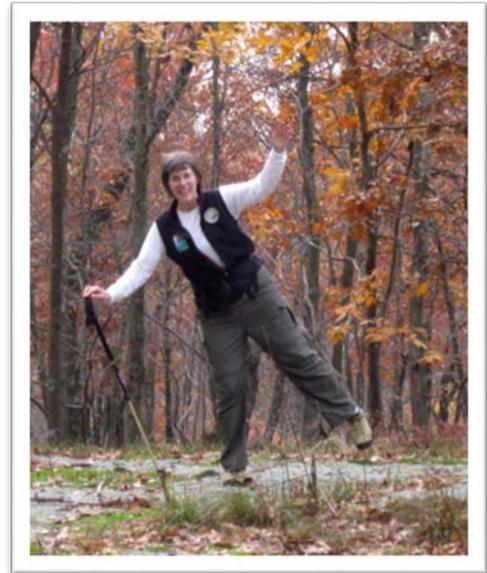


The purpose of this project is to update existing GIS datasets including conserved open space including land protected by the state, federal, municipal, and not-for-profit entities; Greenway Trails including both land and water trails; significant water resources; significant fish and wildlife habitats; River access sites; designated scenic areas and scenic byways; to create a complete inventory of

scenic views and viewpoints and create a system for their identification, categorization, and prioritization; and to create a searchable database of these features that allows for sorting by category and attribute. Andrew Meyer from the DEC Estuary program continues to move the project forward.

**Board Member Updates:**

**Jane Daniels Honored as State Trail Worker of the Year**  
Greenway Conservancy Board Member and longtime New York-New Jersey Trail Conference volunteer has been honored as State Trail Worker of the Year in New York by American Trails, the national organization for advocacy and support of trails. Jane's tireless work on the part of trails and trail development is renowned throughout the Hudson Valley. Congratulations, Jane, the honor is well deserved!



**Grants**

**Grants Completed since 3-13-2013**

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Albany	City of Albany	Assessment of Heritage/Cultural Resources in Planning Projects	Quad	\$8,900.00	\$31,840.00	10/12/2011
Columbia	Columbia County S & WCD	Greenway Snowshoe Hikes	Conservancy	\$996.40	\$3,005.00	10/12/2011
				\$9,896.40	\$34,845.00	

**Grants Awarded since 3-13-2013**

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Albany	City of Albany OBO Historic Albany Foundation	Historic Structure Inventory	Council Planning	\$4,900.00	\$20,800.00	3/13/2013
Columbia	Town of Copake	Design and Development Plan for the Hamlet of Copake	Council Planning	\$9,000.00	\$52,000.00	3/13/2013
Albany	City of Watervliet	Watervliet Bicycle Master Plan - Mohawk-Hudson Bike Trail Improvements	Council Planning	\$9,100.00	\$50,000.00	3/13/2013
Dutchess	Village of Tivoli	Updating Village Zoning to comply with the Village Plan and Greenway Guides	Council Planning	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	3/13/2013
				\$30,500.00	\$137,800.00	

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Mark Castiglione  
October 16, 2013

***Project and Program Updates:***

**14th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble A Great Success!**

The 14th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble was an amazing success! Four beautiful weekends this September were filled with activities from hiking to kayaking to kite flying and more! This year's Ramble had more than 200 events and more than 160 partner organizations. We are especially grateful to all of our wonderful Ramble Event Leaders and organizations who have dedicated their time and effort to making this an exceptional event. Thank you to our partners and 'ramblers' for making the Ramble such a success! Check out our [Facebook page](#) to see more photos of the events. (Prickly Porcupines Ramble at Albany Pine Bush Preserve)



**Greenway Board Receives Hero of the Hudson Award during Inaugural W3R Regatta:**

On September 22, the National Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc.; The National Park Service were joined by and various dignitaries including former Congressman Maurice Hinchey for the inaugural Washington-Rochambeau Regatta and The Hinchey Cup. The event celebrates French aid to America during the Revolution and commemorating the Crossing Of The Hudson by over 6,000 French and American troops on their 700 mile march to victory at Yorktown, Virginia -- the decisive battle of the Revolution. Hero of the Hudson Awards honor individuals and organizations for accomplishments in the spirit of Congressman Hinchey's visionary leadership for the Hudson River Valley. The Greenway joined Col. Jim Johnson and Ned Sullivan as 2013 Hero of the Hudson Award Recipients. The Washington-Rochambeau Regatta was a NYS Greenway Hudson River Ramble Event. (Photo: Mark Castiglione accepts the Hero of the Hudson Medal on behalf of the Greenway from W3R National President Ursula Reed)



**Greenway Kicks off Strategic Planning Process:**

The Greenway has engaged a consultant to assist with organizational strategic planning. Kick-off meeting was held on 9-25 at the FDR Site in Hyde Park and the process will continue through the spring. Both board members and regional partners will be engaged in this stakeholder driven process. The goals include setting priorities and to create action steps to advance the organizational mission, and maximize impact within the current context, and govern future investments. Additional outreach to stakeholders is being conducted now. All board members will be engaged during a day-long retreat being scheduled for spring.

**Hudson River School Art Trail Unveiling:** On August 12th, a new feature was unveiled that helps to interpret the Hudson River School Art Trail. Hudson's Promenade Park (Parade Hill) is now host to a rubbing medallion that calls attention to a view of the Hudson River painted in 1864 by Sanford Robinson Gifford. U.S. Rep. Chris Gibson, NY-19, Thomas Cole Historic Site Director Elizabeth Jacks, Hudson River Valley Greenway Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, D-106, and Olana Partnership President Sara Griffen were all in attendance at the unveiling.

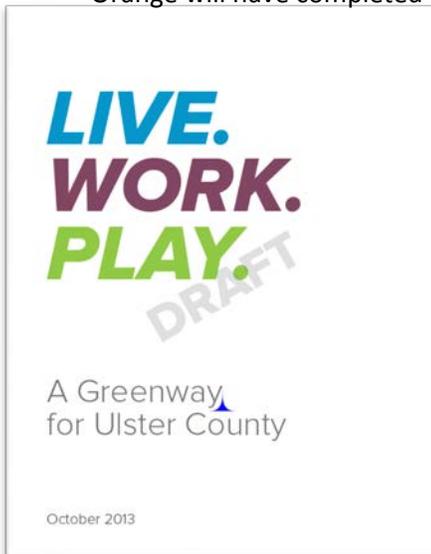


**Greenway Completes Environmental Review and set to Approve Dutchess Compact Amendments:**

Dutchess County has submitted updates to its Greenway Compact plan *Greenway Connections*. The Greenway Council must authorize these amendments, complete a full EAF and make a determination of significance. Local governments will have the option to accept or reject these amendments. The amendments include seven new *Greenway Guides* on the following topics: Centers and Greenspaces; Slower, Safer Streets; Rural Roads; Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps; Building Bicycle Networks; Green Infrastructure; Recycling and Waste Collection. Links:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0lcpftoz1778r44/XcKSI49X9D>

**Orange County Adopts Greenway Compact Plan:** The Orange County Legislature adopted their Greenway Compact at their September 18 meeting by a vote of 16-3. The Greenway previously adopted the Compact at its meeting on 12 June. With the compact in place, local governments in Orange can become participating communities in the regional Greenway Compact by incorporating it into their local zoning and subdivision regulations, and pledging to update local plans to be consistent with the Compact. Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and now Orange will have completed compact plans with Ulster County in process.



**Ulster County Develops Draft Greenway Compact Plan:**

Ulster County Planning convened a technical advisory committee to guide the development of their Compact Plan. The committee is working closely with project consultants, the Regional Plan Association, in refining the draft. Following public and stakeholder input, the draft plan will be finalized and tentatively submitted to the Greenway for approval in March 2014. The draft Compact called "Live. Work. Play" clearly identifies connections between Greenway principles and local values and identifies a framework for resource protection and economic development. In addition, design guidelines will accompany the plan making it a significant tool that communities can choose use to guide development.

### **Hudson Rising: Stories of Revival from the Hudson**

**Valley:** After three years, production of Hudson Rising is nearly complete and the premiere is scheduled for October 26th 2013, and will begin with a 6:00 PM reception at the Basilica in Hudson. Hudson Rising is a collection of stories celebrating citizens who are making a difference in the Valley: kids rebuilding downtowns, farmers reinventing farming, the scientist who dreamed that the Hudson Valley could become the next Silicon Valley, and many more. To attend the premiere, RSVP to [rsvp@ourhudson.org](mailto:rsvp@ourhudson.org). To read more about the film,



<http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/hudson-rising-stories-of-revival-from-the-hudson-valley--2>

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### **Ulster County Trails Summit**

On Saturday, July, 20th, the Kingston Land Trust and the City of Kingston hosted a Trails Summit at the Kingston City Hall. The Greenway was featured on a panel about the regional vision for trails in the Hudson Valley. The summit also included speakers from the Kingston Rail Trail Committee, the National Park Service, the Ulster County Planning Department, and Parks and Trails New York. The summit was a great way for trail advocates to connect and share ideas. There are many great trail projects in Ulster County, and we thank the Kingston Land Trust and the City of Kingston for this wonderful event.

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### **Hudson River Days 2013 - July 20-21**

Hudson River Day 2013 featured 41 events throughout the River Valley that connected people of all ages to the river. Due to resource constraints the event will not continue next year unless a new lead partner is identified. [www.hudsonriverdaysny.org](http://www.hudsonriverdaysny.org)

### **Teaching the Hudson Valley**

**2013 Summer Institute, "Place Based Learning & Common Core":** All reports indicate that last summer's THV Institute was a huge success. You'll have to believe us as actual figures are unavailable during the federal Government shutdown.

### ***Legislative Updates***

**Senator Gillibrand and Reps Lowey and Maloney Sponsor HRVNH Reauthorization Bills:**

Citing the recent Economic Impact Study, Senator Gillibrand announced her sponsorship of a bill which would extend our NHA funding authorization through 2022 at an event at Boscobel on June 7th. She was joined by Representatives Lowey and Maloney who announced their co-sponsorship of the companion bill in the House. The event also featured announcements related to an NPS Study bill to see if the Hudson Valley should be designated as a unit of the National Park Service and the continuation of the Highlands Conservation Act.

#### **Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Reauthorization Bill(s)**

The Senate Bill for extension of all 12 expired NHAs is being advanced by Sens. Reed and Portman. A counterpart Bill is being sponsored by Rep. McGovern (MA) and will be introduced shortly. Attention is also focused on the next continuing resolution and budget process.

**Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Program Bill:** Co-sponsored by Members Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Charles Dent (R-PA), the National Heritage Area Act of 2013 – HR 445 will create a system of National Heritage Areas similar to the National Park system. Currently, the 49 National Heritage Areas are all independent partners with the National Parks Service. This bill will establish clear roles for the NPS and establish base funding for Heritage Areas within the NPS budget. The bill was introduced on 2-1-13.

#### **Board Member Updates:**

**Mary Crabb-** In July we lost long time Greenway Board member Mary Crabb. She died suddenly at her home in Newburgh. Mary was a former Newburgh Mayor and remained very active in her community throughout the years and was a candidate for Orange County Legislature at the time of her death. Mary served on the Greenway board for 13 years.



**Grants**

**Grants Completed since 6-12-2013**

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Dutchess	Town of Hyde Park with North Dutch Alliance	Compact - Cost of Community Service Study with the Town of Hyde Park for the Northern Dutchess Alliance	Council Compact	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	8/1/2003
Westchester	City of White Plains	City of White Plains Greenway Entrance Improvement	Conservancy	\$1,500.00	\$22,353.00	10/12/2011
Ulster	Mohonk Preserve, Inc.	Mohonk Preserve Foothills Trails Connectivity Planning Project	Conservancy	\$5,000.00	\$15,610.00	10/17/2012
Westchester	NY-NJ Trail Conference	Yorktown Trails	Conservancy	\$4,500.00	\$12,650.00	10/20/2010
Ulster	Village of Saugerties	Comprehensive Plan update with the Town of Saugerties	Council Planning	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	6/9/2011
Dutchess	Village of Red Hook	Pattern book and agricultural guide of housing types and commercial infill development buildings.	Council Planning	\$10,000.00	\$29,500.00	3/15/2011
Putnam	Village of Brewster	Brewster Main Street Study with Patterns for Progress	Council Planning	\$7,500.00	\$20,000.00	10/17/2012
Dutchess	City of Beacon/Beacon Arts	Beacon Loop Trail	Conservancy	\$2,616.00	\$9,022.00	10/17/2012
Ulster	Kingston Land Trust	Kingston Rail Trail Project	Conservancy	\$10,000.00	\$21,000.00	10/12/2011
Albany	Historic Cherry Hill	Historic Cherry Hill Challenge Grant	Conservancy	\$10,000.00	\$80,934.00	7/31/2013
Westchester	City of New Rochelle	City of New Rochelle Comprehensive Plan Update	Council Planning	\$4,997.50	\$21,500.00	10/12/2011
				\$91,113.50	\$262,569.00	

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Orange	County of Orange	Hudson Valley Online Community Design Manual	Council Compact	\$12,500.00	\$40,000.00	6/12/2013
Dutchess	Village of Wappingers Falls	LWRP Strategy	Council Planning	\$7,500.00	\$16,910.00	6/12/2013
Dutchess	Town of Pine Plains	Trails and Bikeway Concept Plan	Council Planning	\$7,500.00	\$20,000.00	6/12/2013
Dutchess	Town of Red Hook	Town-wide Historic and Scenic Resource Protection Survey	Council Planning	\$7,500.00	\$20,000.00	6/12/2013
Albany	Historic Cherry Hill	Historic Cherry Hill Challenge Grant	Conservancy	\$10,000.00	\$80,934.00	6/12/2013
				\$45,000.00	\$177,844.00	