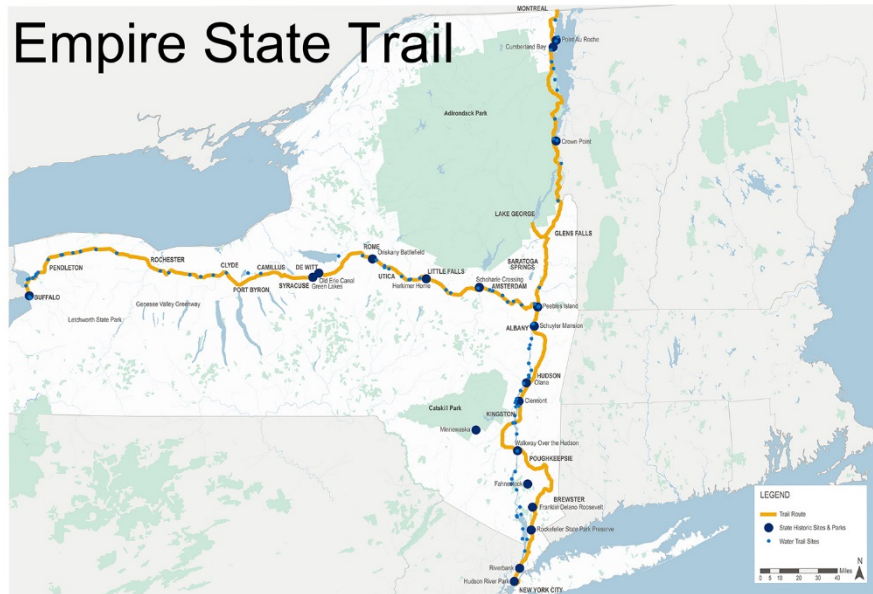


Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report
February 1, 2017
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Empire State Trail

At his State of the State address on January 10th, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proposed completing the Hudson River Valley Greenway and Erie Canalway trails by 2020 to create the Empire State Trail, the largest state multi-use trail in the nation. To achieve this, the state will develop 350 miles of new trail in three phases to create a 750-mile pathway for hiking and



biking along scenic vistas and through charming, historic communities. The Empire State Trail will span much of the state, from the New York Harbor up through the Adirondack Mountains to the Canadian border – and from the shores of Lake Erie along the historic Erie Canal to the heart of the Capital Region.

“The scenic natural beauty that spans every corner of this state is key to our prosperity, vital to our future and part of who we are as New Yorkers,” Governor Cuomo said. “The Empire State Trail, once completed, will be the nation’s largest state multi-use trail network, providing residents and visitors alike unprecedented access to New York’s outdoor treasures, driving tourism and economic activity to communities across the state and helping to protect our environmental resources for generations to come.”

Governor Cuomo’s 2017-18 proposed budget calls for an appropriation to the Greenway of \$123 million over the next three fiscal years for the purpose of completing the Greenway Trail component of the Empire State Trail. For more information click <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-presents-20th-proposal-2017-state-state-complete-empire-state-trail-2020>. It is important to note the extraordinary efforts of Commissioner Rose Harvey of NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Without her support and constant promotion we would not be where we are today. Thanks, Commissioner Harvey!

Thomas Cole National Historic Site Renovation and Upgrade

Thomas Cole National Historic Site recently announced the May 2017 re-opening of the artist’s home with a new immersive installation combining technology and meticulous

historic restoration. Visitors will be the first in almost 200 years to see Cole's newly uncovered interior designs with the earliest-known, interior decorative painting by an American artist. Through hidden audio and moving-graphics presentations, visitors will be able to hear the thoughts of Thomas Cole (1801-1848) and the historic conversations that took place in the parlors of his 1815 home, where America's first major art movement, the Hudson River School of painting, was founded. For more information see

http://thomascole.org/wp-content/uploads/2017_Parlors_Experience_1_25_17.pdf.

Staffing Update

With the departure of Mark Castiglione, the Greenway/NHA staff has been asked to step up and do even more, and I could not be happier with their response. I want to THANK them all and remind you of some of what they do for all of us.

Trails and Community Outreach Director **Beth Campochiaro** just celebrated her 14th anniversary with us and has been a stalwart presence since her arrival in 2003. During that time Beth has led the Greenway's efforts on Scenic Byways and trails; and also contributes to the grants program, writes press releases and other public communications, and is the go-to editor for the rest of the staff at the Greenway. Beth added numerous financial and administrative duties over the past few months, including preparing Board and Grants Committee meetings minutes.

Project Coordinator **Dan Jeanson** has been full time since mid-2015, but arrived here as an intern nearly three years ago and he has amply demonstrated his value to the Greenway. Dan is our point person for all things National Heritage Area, but also provides important contributions to our grants program. Given his greater familiarity, Dan has recently been asked to take more of a leadership role on some of our NHA projects. Dan is also the Greenway's planner on staff, and assists with not only the Greenway grants program but technical assistance to communities.

Administration and Grants Program Assistant **Shannon Day** has only been here a few months and has already earned the trust and respect of all of us. She has added a significant portion of grants management to the traditional duties of an Administrative Assistant. Shannon is also the point person for organizing all Greenway Board Meetings.

Our new Assistant Event Coordinator is **Steve Smollin**, who started here on January 23, and comes to us from the Master's in Regional Planning Program at SUNY Albany. Steve has already demonstrated an aptitude and calmness that will serve him well as the Ramble nears.

2017 Hudson River Valley Ramble

The dates are set for the 2017 Ramble over five weekends in September and October. They are September 2-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-October 1.

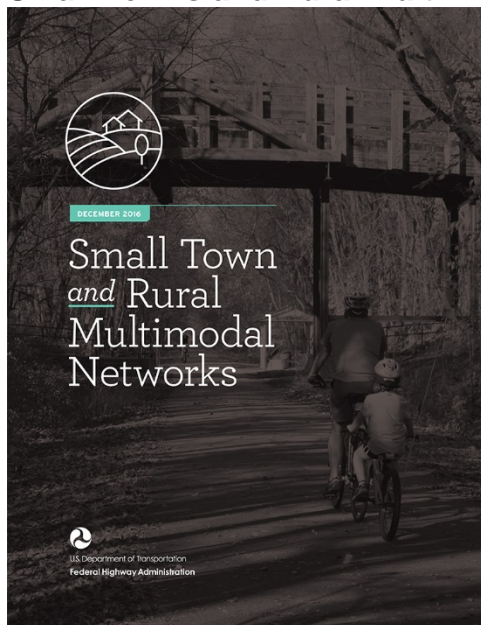
2016 Ramble Economic Impact:

- Economic data was provided by 82 organizations who hosted 96 events
- # of volunteers reported: 1,546
- # of volunteer hours reported: 11,527

- Total expenditures from organizations reported: \$276,880
- Average expenditures from organizations reported: \$3,376/org or \$2,884/event, showing an economy of scale for those doing multiple events
- 425 participants reported their spending which averaged \$16/person/event

Again, we would like to thank our sponsors, partners, event leaders, and all the Ramble participants who made the 2016 Hudson River Valley Ramble a fantastic success. Ramble sponsors include the New York State Division of Tourism “I Love NY”; The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program; The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; The National Park Service; the Appalachian Mountain Club; Upstater Magazine; The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference; Columbia County Tourism; Downing Film Center; Rose & Kiernan; and Central Hudson

Small Towns and Rural Multi-Modal Networks



Alta Planning and Design, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, has developed a Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks guide. The guide translates existing street design guidance and facility types for bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort for the smaller scale places not addressed in guides such as the NACTO Street Design Guide and ITE Walkable Urban Thoroughfares report. The guide provides clear examples of how to interpret and apply design flexibility to improve bicycling and walking conditions.

The document presents compelling photographs, visual illustrations and technical diagrams to communicate design issues and solutions in a smaller scale setting. Paired with the design guidance for each facility type is a representative case study, telling the story of a small community’s success at implementing multimodal facilities in a non-urban context.

The guide development was funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. Alta led the technical work for the design guidelines in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Small Urban and Rural Livability Center at Western Transportation Institute (WTI).

For more information see <http://altaplanning.com/resources/small-town-rural-multimodal-networks-guide/>.

Perfect Your Historic Site Experience with Greater Hudson Heritage Network

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is pleased to support the Greater Hudson Heritage Network's series of day-long workshops on maintaining historic properties and enhancing the visitor experience. To register"



Historic Housekeeping will be offered:

- March 22, 2017 - Lyndhurst
- April 4, 2017 - Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites
- July 18, 2017 - Historical Society of Rockland County
- November 1, 2017 - Staatsburgh State Historic Site

Creating Best Ever Visitor Experiences will be held:

- May 22, 2017 - Lyndhurst
- June 22, 2017 - Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites

<http://www.greaterhudson.org/workshops--webinars.html>

Hudson River Line Window Seat Tour

The Greenway was awarded an Empire State Development Market New York grant for \$100,000 to create a hybrid app that will provide passengers on Amtrak and Metro-North's Hudson River line trains a guided tour of the region's history, scenery and natural resources right outside their window. This GPS enabled app will provide on the fly and customizable interpretation about points of interest along the Hudson River Line between NYC and Albany. This app will also provide a complementary experience to the National Park Service's Trails and Rails Program, which provides interpretation given by volunteers on a limited number of trains on a weekly and seasonal basis. Travelers on any train would be given the same experience, at any time. The app will also include tourist information on surrounding parks, trails, historic sites, cultural designations and historic downtowns. The app will work on both northbound and southbound Hudson River trains. The app will be promoted through print, digital and social media marketing as well as brochures and signage located in stations and at logical tourism destinations within the corridor. The project would be scalable.



The NHA has engaged the Sound and Story Project and the Hudson River Maritime Museum to develop the content for the mobile responsive audio tour for Hudson Line trains. The tour will amplify the live interpretation already provided by the NPS Trails

and Rails program volunteers and make the story of the Hudson River and Hudson River Valley accessible at any time.

Hudson River Sojourn

The Greenway was also awarded an Empire State Development Market New York grant for \$100,000 to create a Hudson River Sojourn, a multi-day kayaking trip between Albany and Manhattan for kayakers of varied abilities. This event will promote the Hudson River and Hudson Valley as an eco-tourism destination, and highlight the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail and surrounding communities. The Sojourn is intended to mirror the success of the 2012 Spare Seat Kayak Tour, wherein two international kayakers paddled from Buffalo to the Statue of Liberty to raise awareness of tourism opportunities in New York State. Many state and local agencies and private sector partners collaborated on the tour including I Love NY and the Hudson River Valley Greenway; and the Sojourn will be developed and executed through similar partnerships.

The Hudson River Sojourn will feature paddlers participating in the entire eleven day journey, but will also include shorter multi-day experiences and day trips. In addition, participants will have the option of camping along the river or overnighting in a hotel or B&B. The trip will be promoted to local, regional, and national media and will be a vehicle to promote eco-tourism opportunities in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Previous events of this nature held between 2001 and 2010 have received coverage in local, national and international print; local radio; and local and national TV. This earned media resulted in increased inquiries about visiting the water trail and increased web traffic.

Museum Association of New York Conference

The Museum Association of New York will be holding a conference called Museums Trifecta: Inspire, Experiment, Transform on April 2-4, 2017 in Saratoga Springs. The conference anticipates some 350 attendees; professionals from across the state whose museums, historical societies, zoos, and botanical gardens and aquaria celebrate the historic, cultural, and natural resources of our state and share how institutions are changing trends, testing boundaries and altering viewpoints. The conference venue and hotel will be the historic Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Spa State Park. Other program venues include the National Museum of Dance, the Saratoga Historical Society, the Canfield Casino, and the National Racing Museum. All of the museums, historic sites and cultural organizations in Saratoga are participating in a "passport" program to encourage conference attendee visitation to these venues. A special conference discount is being extended to Capital Region employees to increase participation from the region. The National Heritage Area is sponsoring this conference. For more information and to register see <http://www.manyonline.org/events/annual-conference>.

GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATE

Teaching the Hudson Valley Explore Awards report excerpt from THV program manager Debi Duke

Part way through this quarter, ROVA suspended Bus on Us grants due to lack of funds. Potential applicants are now referred to Explore Awards and other funding sources.

During this quarter the Heritage Area took responsibility for Bus on Us grants previously awarded.

Bus on Us Trips completed or reimbursed | 170 students from 2 counties to sites in Dutchess County

- Cohoes MS (Albany County) 150 eighth graders, Home of FDR and Vanderbilt NHS
- Team United for Success (Onteora CSD, Ulster) 20, grades 7-12, Home of FDR, Presidential Library & Museum, and Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

Grants made but not completed | 170 students from Orange County to sites in Dutchess County

- Berea ES (Valley CSD, Orange), 90 fifth graders to Home of FDR & Presidential Library
- Montgomery ES (Valley CSD, Orange), 80 fourth and fifth graders to Home of FDR & Presidential Library & Museum

The new Explore awards application is live

<http://www.teachingthehudsonvalley.org/grants/thv-explore-award/>. This new application is also the form used to submit a final report. This should make it easier for teachers and school administrators to complete. The website has been updated to once again allow sites to apply as well as teachers and youth group leaders.

Trips completed or reimbursed this quarter

- Bailey and Miller MS (Kingston CSD) 530 fifth graders to a Scenic Hudson property, Town of Ulster, for program with Wild Earth (all Ulster County)

Grants made but not completed | 245 students from 2 counties to sites in 3 counties

- Country Children's Center, 200 K-7 students to Hudson River Museum (all Westchester)
- CultureConnect (Dutchess) 15 students, grades 6-9 to ArtOMI (Columbia)
- St. Denis-St. Columba (Dutchess) 30 seventh graders to Boscobel (Putnam)

Explore awards outstanding

- Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, 120, grades 1-4, Greenburgh Nature Center (Westchester County)
- Hudson Valley Writing Project, 12 students aged 10-14 to Washington's Headquarters (Orange)
- Ossining UFSD Saturday Academy, 30, grades 6-12, Sunnyside & Old Dutch Church (all Westchester County)
- Vails Gate STEAM Academy (Newburgh CSD) 150, grades 3-5, to Black Rock Forest and Kowawese Park for NYS DEC's Day in the Life of the Hudson River (all Orange)

Grants Completed Since October 26, 2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Conservancy Trails	Columbia Land Conservancy	Greenport Conservation Area Trailhead Connection	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 7,247.68	10/8/2014	11/16/2016
Conservancy Trails	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Improving the Silver Stream Trail at Knox's Headquarters State Historic Site	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 5,650.57	10/14/2015	11/16/2016
Council Compact	Village of Irvington	Irvington Hudson River Access Improvements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,507.00	6/8/2016	12/20/2016
Council Compact	Village of Tarrytown	Tarrytown Station and Waterfront Transit Oriented Development	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 62,246.86	6/10/2015	12/21/2016
Council Planning	Town of Claverack	zoning revisions	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,731.01	6/9/2011	12/20/2016
Council Planning	Town of Clifton Park	Ferry Drive Gateway Site Design	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,725.98	10/17/2012	11/21/2016
Council Planning	Town of North Greenbush	Zoning Ordinance Revision	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,053.77	8/20/2010	1/5/2017
Council Planning	Town of Poestenkill	Poestenkill public space	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,940.00	3/15/2011	11/30/2016
Council Planning	Town of Rensselaerville OBO Helderberg Farm Brewery	Helderberg Brewshed Farm Brewery Incubator Business Plan Development	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,884.00	4/17/2014	1/12/2017
Council Planning	Town of Washington	Updates to master plan	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	4/1/2008	12/15/2016
Council Planning	Village of Hoosick Falls	Village of Hoosick Falls Zoning Code Update Project	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 24,937.85	6/3/2014	11/8/2016
Heritage Development	Dutchess Tourism, Inc.	Distinctly Dutchess Great Estates Pass	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,025.07	3/23/2016	12/6/2016
Heritage Development	Historic Huguenot Street	Reinventing the Visitor Experience	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,502.41	3/23/2016	1/13/2017
Heritage Development	Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Hudson Highlands Land Trust 2016 Take a Hike Program	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,176.64	3/23/2016	12/23/2016
Heritage Development	North East Historical Society	Millerton Main Street Historic District Walking Tour Brochure	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,505.00	3/23/2016	12/6/2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Heritage Development	Putnam History Museum	The World of Anna and Susan Warner: A Putnam History Museum/Constitution Island Association Collaborative Exhibition	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,926.27	3/23/2016	1/13/2017
Heritage Development	Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc.	Youth Experience the Underground Railroad and its Relevance for Today	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,132.49	3/23/2016	11/16/2016
Totals			\$102,500.00	\$203,192.60		

Grants Awarded Since October 26, 2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Conservancy Trails	City of Kingston	Hasbrouck at Delaware Node on the Kingston Point Rail Trail	\$30,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Ossining	Planning for Open Space/Bike Lane/Commerce Connectivity Corridor	\$30,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	A Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Action Plan for the Rensselaer Plateau	\$25,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Red Hook	Village to Village Connector Trail: Village of Tivoli-Bard College-Town of Red Hook-Village of Red Hook	\$20,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Village of Nassau	Albany-Hudson Electric Trail in the Village of Nassau	\$18,300	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Saugerties	Eve's Point to Bristol Beach Connecting Trail	\$15,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck Trails Project	\$14,800	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	City of Troy	Uncle Sam Bike Improvement Action Plan	\$12,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Yorktown Trail Committee	Mohansic Trailway Construction	\$12,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Rosendale	Wallkill Valley Rail Trail-Rosendale Wayfinding Project	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Arts and Rec Commission of Whitehall, Inc.	Fort Ann to Whitehall Canalway Trail	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Columbia Land Conservancy	Interpretive Signage at Greenport Conservation Area	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Hyde Park	Hyde Park Trails-Map, Web and Kiosk User Guide	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Poughkeepsie Alliance	Waterfront Connectivity Project: Phase 1.5	\$7,000	10/26/2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Conservancy Trails	Walkway Over the Hudson	Greater Walkway Experience Map Enhancement	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Mohonk Preserve	Mohonk Preserve Foothills Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Improving the Ice Caves Trail	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	NY-NJ Trail Conference	Westchester Trail Maps	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Scenic Hudson	Fabricating and Installing Interpretive Signs in Esopus Meadows Preserve and Black Creek Preserve	\$4,900	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Kinderhook	Kinderhook Trail Connection to Town Park	\$3,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Marbletown	O&W Rail Trail Map and Brochure	\$2,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Rhinebeck	Trailhead Pavilion for the Town of Rhinebeck Community Park	\$4,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Ghent	Ghent Zoning and Code Revisions	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Guilderland	Pedestrian Trail Plan	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of New Paltz	Route 299 Gateway Planning and Zoning Project	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Red Hook	Development of Town of Red Hook Complete Streets Standards	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Village of Altamont	Museum in the Streets	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Village of Ardsley	Update Comprehensive Plan/ Develop Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan	\$10,000	10/26/2016
TOTAL			\$311,500	

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

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Mark Castiglione

Legislative and Budget Update:

Governor's Budget includes \$250,000 for Greenway Trails

In addition to operations and grants funding equal to that of prior years, the Governor Cuomo's executive budget includes an unprecedented \$250,000 for Greenway Trails. The proposed funds are included in the Environmental Protection Fund budget. The proposed 2016-17 State Budget breakdown includes \$166,000 for Greenway Conservancy operations and \$321,000 for the Greenway Council including \$136,000 for local government grants. The proposed budget also re-appropriates \$828,000 in Council funds obligated to local government grants.

National Heritage Areas Convene in Washington, D.C.

Representatives from National Heritage Areas from across the country convened in Washington D.C. in early February and participated in planning sessions, professional development, and visits with members of Congress to update them on various National Heritage Area activities. Congressman Paul Tonko, co-chair of the National Heritage Area congressional caucus, gave the keynote address at the February 10th National Heritage Area Congressional Reception. The Congressman communicated his support for robust funding for National Heritage Areas and their importance, not only in terms of economic impact, but also in cultivating pride of place and connecting people with the story of America.



Congressman Paul Tonko at the National Heritage Area Congressional reception.

NHAs Cut 50%- Congressional Delegation Rallies to Support

The President's Budget once again proposes a 50% cut to the National Heritage Areas budget line. In response, 55 members of Congress signed a letter to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior requesting not only restoration of prior year funding levels, but robust funding moving forward. The effort

was led by Congressman Paul Tonko and includes support from Hudson Valley members Maloney, Gibson, and Engel. Congresswoman Lowey is the ranking member on the Appropriations Committee. Senators Gillibrand and Schumer have issued similar letters to Senate Appropriations. 2016 funding for all 49 NHAs was \$19.8 million. HRVNHA received \$491,000 in FFY2016.

HR 581: The National Heritage Area Act of 2015, a bi-partisan bill sponsored by Congressmen Tonko and Dent, is still in committee.

Hudson River Valley Greenway

Greenway Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project:

Final designs for the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail map guides are complete. And we're planning to launch the effort in **Kingston on May 25th**. Smartphone optimized website is also in beta testing. This project was funded through a \$90,000 grant from Empire State Development to promote use of the [Hudson River Greenway Water Trail](#). Sample map on right.

Greenway Trail Gap Analysis

The Hudson River Valley Greenway gap analysis steering committee and consultants Alta Planning + Design and Behan Planning and Design held their first of several monthly meetings. The group examined existing conditions, including available GIS data, and discussed potential emerging trail projects that would complement the effort.

The gap analysis will identify likely connections that would complete the trunk line north/south Greenway Trail route from New York City to the Capital region and beyond. Future stakeholder engagement underpins the planning process.



Seven New Greenway Guides Distributed to Dutchess Communities

Dutchess County has added seven new Greenway guides to its Greenway Compact, [Greenway Connections](#). *Connections* is a highly-illustrated, easy-to-use sourcebook of inspiring ideas, how-to guidelines, and case study examples designed to help local officials and citizen groups make better decisions on improving our surroundings.

The [Guides](#) offer detailed recommendations on a variety of current planning topics, from retrofitting commercial strips, saving farmland, designing conservation subdivisions, and creating walkable centers, to site specifics on signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping. The seven new guides ready for adoption by Greenway Compact communities include: Centers and Greenspaces, Slower, Safer Streets, Rural Roads, Building Bicycle Networks, Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps, Recycling and Waste Collection, and Green Infrastructure.



Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

17th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble

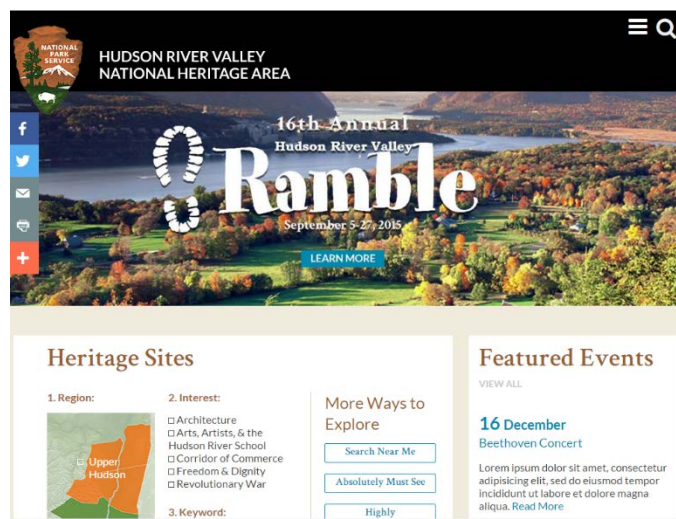
Four beautiful weekends this September were filled with activities from hiking to kayaking to kite flying and more. This year's Ramble featured more than 200 events hosted by more than 160 partner organizations. We are especially grateful to all of our wonderful Ramble event leaders and organizations who have dedicated their time and effort to making this an exceptional event. Check out our [Facebook](#) to see more photos of the events.

National Heritage Area Guidebook Re-print

The HRVNH first published its "Heritage Site Guidebook" in 2010. The current update also includes a complete redesign of the guidebook. The newly designed layout is currently being edited and new guidebooks will be ready for purchase in spring 2016.

National Heritage Area Website Update

Over the last six years, the HRVNH website has received nearly 250,000 visitors and over a million page views. Since its launch, technologies and media practices have changed



dramatically and the website requires a complete overhaul in order to keep pace with ever-evolving technology. Greenway staff and our website consultants have been working steadily on updates to www.hudsonrivervalley.com. Several drafts of the layout have been reviewed and the consultants are in the process of building and coding the new site. The website will be mobile responsive and benefit from many new tools that will enhance the user experience. New website anticipated spring 2016.

Heritage Area Sponsors Second Annual Hudson Valley Heritage Fair

The first-ever Hudson Valley Heritage Fair in 2015 was a great success. In 2016, the fair will continue to include hands-on table displays of artifacts and living history presentations from a variety of organizations. Exhibitors included 27 Hudson Valley cultural organizations, including historical societies, historic sites, and tourism agencies. The Hudson Valley Heritage Fair is spearheaded by Dutchess County historian Will Tatum and is a joint project of the Mid-Hudson Valley Path Through History Workgroup, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Greater Hudson Heritage Network, and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



Teaching the Hudson Valley – Report from THV Coordinator Debi Duke

Student Writers Win Trips to Places They Love



Students who entered [Teaching the Hudson Valley's](#) writing contest delighted readers with their impressions of-and feelings about-places in the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. The top-scoring ["Writing about Place"](#) authors enjoy the opportunity to introduce their classmates to the places they wrote about with expenses paid by THV.

"Connecting young people with parks, historic sites, and other significant places is important to the future well-being of our region," added Mark Castiglione, acting director of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and Greenway Conservancy. See the [Click here for the full story](#).

Explore Awards

Trips Complete and Reimbursed

- Lakeland Copper Beech MS (Westchester), 50 7th graders to Glynwood Farm (Putnam)

Grants made this quarter / 576 students from six counties to sites in five counties

- Bulkeley MS, Rhinebeck CSD (Dutchess County) 90 seventh graders to Phillis Bridge Farm and John Burroughs' Slabsides (both Ulster County)
- Catskill Academy/Questar III (Greene) 30 MS/HS special needs students to a performance of Freedom Train at the Palace Theater (Albany County)
- M. C. Smith IS, Hudson CSD (Columbia), 140 fourth graders to Henry Hudson Planetarium and 160 third graders to Albany Institute (both sites in Albany County)
- Pine Bush High School, Pine Bush CSD (Orange and Ulster counties), 16 HS science students to Norrie Point (Dutchess County)
- St. Denis-St. Columba School, Hopewell Junction, 48 K-1 to Staatsburgh State Historic Site and 44 seventh graders to Walkway Over the Hudson State Park (all Dutchess)
- Vails Gate Science Club, Newburgh CSD 18, grade 5, Black Rock Forest (both Orange)
- Walden Learning Center, Putnam-No. Westchester BOCES, 30 students, grades 3-8, special needs, to the Center for the Urban River @ Bezcak (Westchester)



Trips or reimbursements pending / 665 students from three counties to sites in three counties

- Cerebral Palsy of Westchester County Special Education Program, 65 high needs students aged 5-21 to Westmoreland Sanctuary (Westchester County)
- Community YMCA, 300 students to Teatown Lake Reservation (both Westchester)
- Country Children's Center, 200 K-7 students to Teatown Lake (both Westchester)
- Roy C. Ketchum HS, Wappingers CSD (Dutchess County) 20 HS science students to Tivoli Bays Wildlife Management Area (Dutchess County)
- Vails Gate ES, Newburgh CSD (Orange), 50 students to Mohonk Preserve (Ulster)
- Young Rhinebeck (Dutchess County) 30 7th and 8th graders to Samuel Dorsky Museum (Ulster) and Walkway Over the Hudson + Lehman Loeb Art Center (both Dutchess).

Bus on Us Awards

Trips completed or reimbursed / 150 students from one county

- Mariapolis Youth Camp (Dutchess), 60 girls aged 9-17, FDR Library & Farm Lane hike
- Poughkeepsie MS (Dutchess County), 90 8th graders, Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

Grants made this quarter | 374 students from one county

- Holy Angels of the HV, Highland Falls (Orange), 24 students, grades 1-7, multiple sites
- Washingtonville CSD (Orange County) 350 fifth graders, FDR Home & Library

Trips or reimbursements pending | 470 students from two counties

- Heritage MS, Newburgh ECSD (Orange County), 270 8th graders, FDR Home & Library
- St. Denis-Columba (Dutchess County), 90 7th and 8th graders, FDR Home & Library
- Walden ES, Valley Central CSD (Orange County), 75 5th graders, Home of FDR
- Warwick Valley HS, Valley Central CSD (Orange), 35 students, FDR Home & Library

THV Institute, July 26-28 In honor of the National Park Service centennial the theme is ***Find Your Park . . . Museum . . . Historic Site: Gain a Classroom***. Deadlines for workshop and field experience proposals are March 21 and 25, respectively. We've received quite a few inquiries from sites interested in presenting, some of them new to THV. Jose Gonzalez, teacher and founder of Latino Outdoors, has been invited to keynote.

History Happy Hour- Ten Broeck Mansion

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area sponsored and History Happy Hour at Ten Broeck Mansion on Feb. 18th. History Happy Hour targets history enthusiasts to socialize and experience history in a new and fun way. The sold out event was a resounding success. History Happy Hour is an outgrowth of the city of Albany's volunteer heritage tourism initiative, convened by Mayor Kathy Sheehan. Community leaders and a variety of stakeholder organizations, historians and tourism professionals are represented on the initiative's committees, which work to cultivate a community to support heritage tourism in the city and introduce Albany's historic resources to new audiences.



More Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Exhibits Unveiled



Secretary Jeff Canning, Van Cortlandtville Historical Society leads dedication of exhibits at Steamboat Riverfront Dock, Verplanck's Point.

The mid-November ceremony commemorated the crossing by General Rochambeau's French Expédition Particulière of the Hudson River at King's Ferry from

Verplanck's Point to Stony Point in August 1781 and the return in 1782. Photos from the events were provided by Marlene Gillis.

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route is a new National Historic Trail that tells how French statesmen, armies, and fleets helped the United States win independence in 1775-1783. The W3R collaborates with the [National Park Service](#) and many other partners including the [Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area](#) to initiate, coordinate, and promote programs that engage, inspire, and educate the public in the history of how France and the French people provided crucial aid to the United States during the American Revolution. Find out more about the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route [here](#).

Grant Programs

Grants Completed

Grant Type	Community /Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Total Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Conservancy	Town of Philipstown	Hudson/Fjord Alternative C Analysis	\$5,000.00	\$53,052.47	10/21/2008	2/24/2016
Compact	Town of Fishkill	Hudson Valley Urban Action Agenda Community engagement tools	\$12,500.00	\$12,637.50	10/8/2014	3/4/2016
Compact	Village of Fishkill	Compact Grant Development and implementation of gateway signage.	\$3,156.40	\$3,216.38	4/2/2010	2/4/2016
Community	Town of Red Hook	Town-wide Historic and Scenic Resource Protection Survey	\$7,500.00	\$27,445.00	6/12/2013	3/14/2016
Community	Town of Copake	Design and Development Plan for the Hamlet of Copake	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	3/13/2013	2/2/2016
NHA	Friends of Clermont	Harvesting History and the Community Garden at Clermont	\$5,000.00	\$16,566.97	3/11/2015	2/29/2016
NHA	Natural Heritage Trust OBO Friends of Fort Crailo	Exhibit: Understanding the Afro-Dutch Experience in New Netherland	\$4,682.90	\$7,676.00	3/28/2014	2/29/2016
NHA	Friends of Schuyler Mansion	Meet the Characters of Schuyler Mansion Video Visitor Center Component	\$4,500.00	\$30,687.00	3/28/2014	2/29/2016

			\$51,339.30	\$151,281.32		
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Grants Awarded

Grant Type	Community/ Organization	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Community	City of Troy	Uncle Sam Trail Improvement	\$5,000.00	1/14/2016
Community	Town of Saugerties	Bristol Beach State Park/Access Improvements Feasibility Study	\$10,000.00	1/14/2016
Community	Town of Wawayanda	Update Comprehensive Plan	\$7,500.00	1/14/2016
Community	City of Albany	Washington Avenue Intensive Level Cultural Survey	\$ 4,900.00	3/23/2016
Community	City of Kingston	Kingston Midtown Cultural Asset Mapping Project	\$ 7,500.00	3/23/2016
Community	Town of Philipstown	Philipstown Depot Theatre's Looking Swell	\$ 5,000.00	3/23/2016
Community	Town of Red Hook	Red Hook Community Preservation Project Plan Update	\$ 10,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Albany Institute	Capital Region in 50 Objects Book	\$ 4,900.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Dorsky Museum	Hudson Valley Visual Art Collections Consortium Online Exhibition Pilot Project	\$ 3,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Dutchess Tourism	Distinctly Dutchess Great Estates Pass	\$ 5,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Friends of Clermont	Harvesting History: The Teaching Garden at Clermont	\$ 5,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Friends of FDR SP	FDR State Park History Trail	\$ 3,115.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Friends of Fort Crailo	African Culture in the Dutch Atlantic World Program Series	\$ 2,500.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Friends of Philipse Manor Hall	Immigration in Yonkers, Phase 1: 1945 - Present	\$ 4,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Friends of Schuyler Mansion	Schuyler Mansion Visitor Curator Experience	\$ 4,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Friends of Old Croton Aqueduct	Keeper's House Visitor + Education, 5 Graphic Panels	\$ 3,000.00	3/23/2016

NHA	Historic Cherry Hill	A Growing Community: Albany's Farming & Gardening History	\$ 3,500.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Historic Huguenot Street	Reinventing the Visitor Experience	\$ 5,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Hudson Highlands Land Trust	2016 Take-A-Hike! Program	\$ 2,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	North East Historical Society	Millerton Main Street Historic District Walking Tour Brochure	\$ 1,400.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Putnam History Museum	The World of Anna and Susan Warner: A Putman History Museum/Constitution Island Association Collaborative Exhibition	\$ 4,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Thomas Cole NHS	Marketing & Promotion of Thomas Cole's New Studio	\$ 2,500.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc.	Youth Experience the Underground Railroad and its Relevance for Today	\$ 5,000.00	3/23/2016
NHA	Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy	Interpretive Signage	\$ 4,000.00	3/23/2016
		Total	\$ 111,815.00	

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

6-8-16

Mark Castiglione

Budget Update:

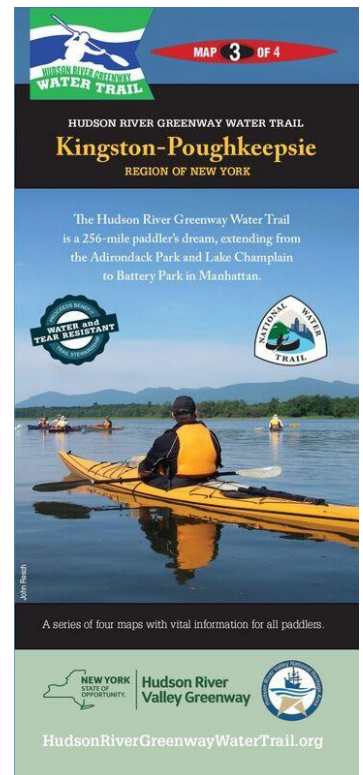
Governor's Budget includes \$250,000 for Greenway Trails

In addition to operations and grants funding equal to that of prior years, Governor Cuomo's executive budget included an unprecedented \$250,000 for Greenway Trails. Greenway staff have proposed several changes to the Conservancy Grant program to reflect this enhanced funding, including increasing the limits that organizations can apply for and the types of projects eligible. The funds were included in the Environmental Protection Fund budget and were passed by the state legislature in March. The adopted 2016-17 State Budget breakdown includes \$166,000 for Greenway Conservancy operations and \$321,000 for the Greenway Council including \$136,000 for local government grants. The adopted budget also re-appropriates \$828,000 in Council funds obligated to local government grants.

Hudson River Valley Greenway

Greenway Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project:

Water Trail enthusiasts were joined at Kingston Point Beach by Kingston Mayor Steve Noble and other dignitaries on May 25 to announce a suite of tools that will make it easier for residents and tourists to explore the Hudson River from the Adirondack Park to New York City. They include a new [Hudson River Greenway Water Trail Four-Map/Guide Set](#), a new mobile responsive [website](#), and the latest edition of [The Hudson River Greenway Water Trail Guide](#). The announcement was followed by a paddle led by Mayor Noble on the Hudson River and Rondout Creek. This project was funded through a \$90,000 grant from [Empire State Development](#) to promote use of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. Individual maps are \$9.95 and map sets are \$36.95. <http://www.hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org>



Greenway Trail Connections Study

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Connections Study continues. The steering committee met in April (pictured right) to outline preliminary connections ideas. Greenway staff and consultants Alta Planning + Design and Behan Planning and Design will hold two [Trail Connections Workshops](#) to solicit public input on the project. The meetings will be held June 8 from 2-4pm at [Scenic Hudson's River Center at Long Dock Park in Beacon](#) and on June 9 from 2-4pm at the [Albany Public Library's Washington Ave Branch](#). Information collected will help the Greenway and partners identify a trail route that exists today, and potential future segments and connections that would complete the Greenway trail, stretching from New York City to the Adirondacks. A new "[wikimap](#)" is now live and allows members of the public to add segments and points of access that are either unknown to the project partners or are desired by the user. Please see the project website for more information <http://hrvgconnectionplan.weebly.com/>



Greenway to Announce \$250,000 Trail Grant Round

The Greenway will make available \$250,000 in matching grants under the 2016 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant program. The funds were included in this year's historic \$300 million dollar EPF budget. Grants. The program funds trail construction, planning and designs, rehabilitation, amenities, and interpretation. The upper limit for grant awards has been doubled to \$40,000. Priority is given to projects that contribute to a connected north/south Greenway Trail between New York City and the Adirondacks. The Greenway Trail system includes more than 770 miles of land and water trails. The grant round will be announced mid June and due in early September.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

17 Organizations Awarded \$60,000 in Grants for Heritage Tourism and Education

On May 6th, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area representatives and partner organizations were joined by Congressman Paul Tonko at an event to [announce 17 Heritage Development Grant awards](#) to regional historic



and cultural institutions. More than \$60,000 was awarded to organizations in support of educational and interpretive programs.

17th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble

[Event registration closes on June 15](#) for events to appear in the printed guidebook. Four beautiful weekends this September will be filled with activities from hiking to kayaking to kite flying and more. Last year's Ramble featured more than 200 events hosted by 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. Check out our [Facebook](#) to see more photos of the events.



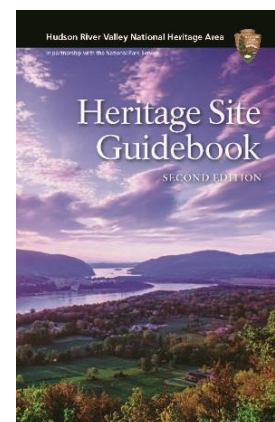
Hudson River Line Window Seat Tour

The effort to create a mobile audio tour of the Hudson River line continues to progress. In April, the National Heritage Area hosted a meeting in Hyde Park with partners to frame out the project elements. Partners included, Scenic Hudson, Amtrak, NPS Trail and Rails program, Hudson River Maritime Museum, the Sound and Story Project, Orange County Historian Johanna Yaun and others with a keen perspective on interstation and technology. Subsequent meetings were held with NPS of New York Harbor and the NPS Harper's Ferry Center. The NHA has engaged the Story Project to develop the mobile responsive audio tour for Hudson Line Trains. The tour will amplify the live interpretation already provided by the NPS Trails and Rails program volunteers and make the story of the Hudson River and Hudson River Valley accessible at any time.



National Heritage Area Guidebook Re-print

The HRVNHA first published its "Heritage Site Guidebook" in 2010. The current update also includes a complete redesign of the guidebook. The newly designed layout is currently in production and new guidebooks will be ready for purchase in July.



Great Estates Pass

Dutchess Tourism's kick off meeting for the Great Estates Pass with and six partner heritage sites was held in early June. The pass will allow access to all six partner sites at an aggregate 20% discount. Passes will be available through TripAdvisor, Dutchess County Tourism and at partner sites. The

project is funded through grants from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

National Heritage Area Website Update Over the last six years, the HRVNHA website has received nearly 250,000 visitors and over a million page views. Since its launch, technologies and media practices have changed dramatically and the website requires a complete overhaul in order to keep pace with ever-evolving technology. Greenway staff and our website consultants have been working steadily on updates to www.hudsonrivervalley.com. Several drafts of the layout have been reviewed and the consultants are in the process of building and coding the new site. The website will be mobile responsive and benefit from many new tools that will enhance the user experience. New website anticipated summer 2016.



Heritage Area Sponsors Second Annual Hudson Valley Heritage Fair

The second annual Hudson Valley Heritage Fair occurred on May 1st was a great success. The fair included hands-on table displays of artifacts and living history presentations from a variety of organizations. Exhibitors included Hudson Valley cultural organizations, historical societies, historic sites, and tourism agencies. The Hudson Valley Heritage Fair was spearheaded by Dutchess County historian Will Tatum and was a joint project of the Mid-Hudson Valley Path Through History Workgroup, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Greater Hudson Heritage Network, and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



Albany Pine Bush Celebrates Heritage Site Designation at 10th Lupine Fest

In March the Albany Pine Bush became a designated heritage site. The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission chose the 10th annual Lupine Fest to celebrate the high honor by unveiling a new National Park Service Passport Cancellation Station in the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center.



Grant Programs Update

Grants Completed

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Total Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Communities	City of Albany OBO Buckingham Pond Conservancy	Buckingham Pond Targeted Natural Resource Inventory	\$8,275	\$13,225	4/16/2014	5/20/2016
Communities	Town of Lloyd	Black Creek Access for Canoes and Kayaks	\$7,500	\$13,000	10/17/2012	4/5/2016
Conservancy	Town of Philipstown	Hudson/Fjord Alternative C Analysis	\$5,000	\$45,000	10/21/2008	3/28/2016
NHA	The Research Foundation OBO the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz	Hudson Valley Visual Art Collections Consortium Planning Project	\$2,425	\$77,575	3/28/2014	3/28/2016
NHA	Albany Institute of History & Art	Top 50: The Story of the Capital Region	\$4,000	\$196,179	9/1/2015	3/28/2016
NHA	Thomas Cole Historic House	Reinventing the Interpretation of Thomas Cole's Home	\$5,000	\$405,000	3/11/2015	3/28/2016
TOTAL			\$32,200			

Grants Awarded

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Communities	Village of Highland Falls	Waterfront Redevelopment Feasibility Study	\$10,000	6/8/2016
Communities	Village of New Paltz	Update Village/Town Master Plan	\$7,000	6/8/2016
Communities	Village of Warwick	Update Village Comprehensive Plan	\$10,000	6/8/2016
Compact	Village of Irvington	Hudson River Access Improvements and Main Street Enhancements	\$10,000	6/8/2016
Compact	Village of Mount Kisco	Historical/Educational Hiking Trails	\$6,500	6/8/2016
TOTAL			\$43,500	

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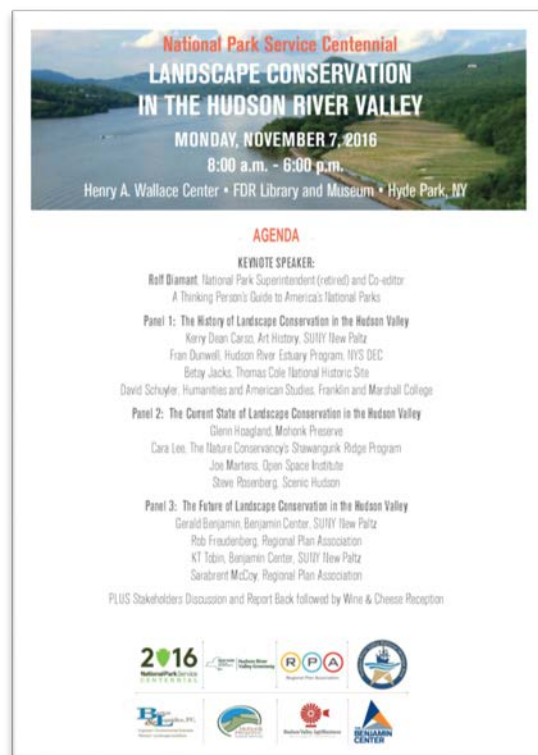
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Nov. 7 NPS Centennial Landscape Conference

The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz will join Hudson River Valley Greenway and the Regional Plan Association to present the inaugural [Landscape Conservation in the Hudson River Valley Conference](#), on Monday, Nov. 7 at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, N.Y.

The morning plenary session and keynote will touch on the history of conservation efforts in the Hudson Valley and beyond. The afternoon plenary will examine contemporary strategies for landscape conservation in the valley and foreshadow future possibilities and techniques for conservation.

The afternoon will include a stakeholder engagement discussion of shared values related to regional land preservation. [For additional information about the conference and to register, please follow this link.](#)



New NHA Guidebook and Website Launched

The Hudson River Valley Greenway and National Heritage Area launch the revamped www.hudsonrivervalley.com and updated *Heritage Site Guidebook* at an event held at Albany's historic City Hall on October 13th. In addition to a variety of Heritage Area partners, Congressman Paul Tonko, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymember Pat Fahy, and NYS Parks Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation Ruth Pierpont joined in on the celebration. To order a copy of the guidebook visit: <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com/order-brochures-guidebooks>



Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Tours Heritage Area

On August 22nd, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area was proud to join the United States Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, and New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Commissioner Rose Harvey to two events in the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area to kick off National Park Service Centennial Week. The tour began at FDR State Park,



where two new interpretive signs were unveiled along the Washington Rochambeau National Historic Trail, followed by a visit to the Bear Mountain Inn at Bear Mountain State



Park,

U.S. Secretary Jewell, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, and New York State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey host a roundtable discussion with leaders in the historic preservation of New York State and the Hudson River Valley.

where a roundtable discussion was held on the importance of historic preservation in the Hudson River Valley. Read more about the events [here](#). Take a look at photos from the event [here](#).

Hudson River Valley Ramble

This September four beautiful weekends were filled with activities from hiking to kayaking to kite flying and more! This year's Ramble had more than 225 events and more than 150 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. Check out our Facebook page to see more photos of the events.

Ramble Stats:

- 22,509 website hits in August and September
- 76% of website visitors were new users
- Facebook “likes” up 23% from August to October
- Facebook ads reached nearly 300,000 people
- Event satisfaction 4.85 out of 5



Again, we would like to thank our sponsors, partners, event leaders, and all the Ramble

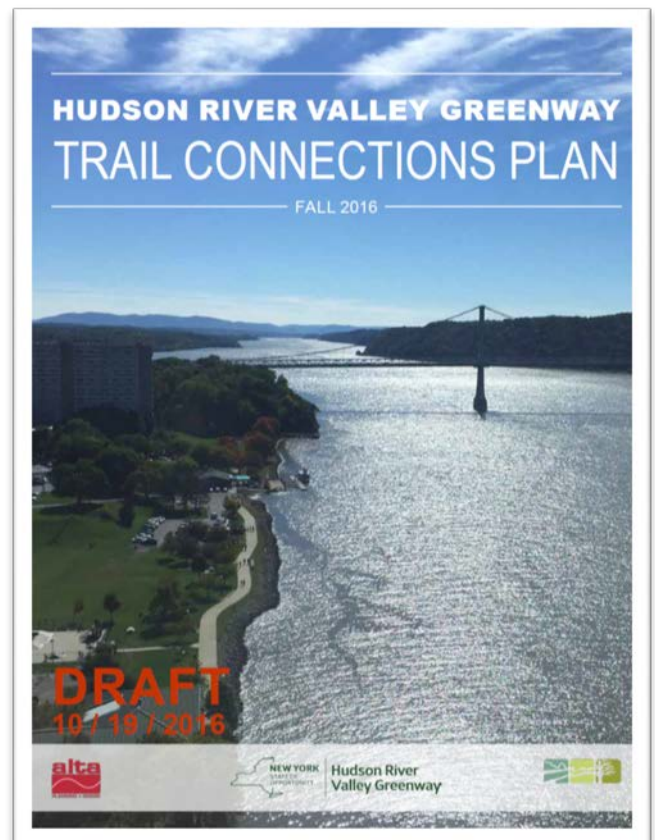
participants who made the 2016 Hudson River Valley Ramble a fantastic success. Ramble sponsors include the New York State Division of Tourism “I Love NY”; The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program; The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; The National Park Service; the Appalachian Mountain Club; Upstater Magazine; The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference; Columbia County Tourism; Downing Film Center; Rose & Kiernan; and Central Hudson

Greenway Trail Connections Study

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Connections Study now has a draft plan, which will be reviewed and commented on by the steering committee at its October 31st meeting. The plan outlines the vision of a contiguous Greenway Trail system, and depicts the current status of the trail with detailed maps. The plan also shows the locations of planned and proposed shared-use paths. The main feature of the plan is the proposed Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail “Trunk Line” shared use path which combines the existing, planned and proposed sections of trail into a continuous route from New York City to the Adirondack Park, which has several river crossings and shows a vision for a trail that could become a reality.

Share- use path proposal

- Existing miles: 143.4
- Planned miles: 13.6



- Proposed miles: 167.8
- Pure gap miles: 9.5
- Total miles: 334.3

Please see the project website for more information

<http://hrvgconnectionplan.weebly.com/>

Perfect Your Historic Site Experience with Greater Hudson Heritage Network

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is pleased to support the Greater Hudson Heritage Network's series of day-long workshops on maintaining historic properties and enhancing the visitor experience. To register"

<http://www.greaterhudson.org/workshops-webinars.html>

Historic Housekeeping will be offered

- March 22, 2017 - Lyndhurst
- April 4, 2017 - Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites
- July 18, 2017 - Historical Society of Rockland County
- November 1, 2017 - Staatsburgh State Historic Site

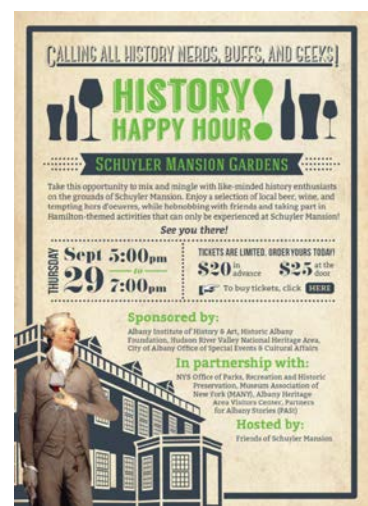


Creating Best Ever Visitor Experiences will be held

- December 6 - Staatsburgh State Historic Site
- May 22 - Lyndhurst
- June 22 - Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites

History Happy Hour at Schuyler Mansion

The National Heritage Area again sponsored History Happy Hour at Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site on September 29th. History Happy Hour targets history enthusiasts to socialize and experience history in a new and fun way. History Happy Hour was hosted by Friends of Schuyler Mansion, and partners include: the Albany Institute of History & Art, Historic Albany Foundation, and the City of Albany Office of Special Events & Cultural Affairs, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Museum Association of New York (MANY), Albany Heritage Center Visitors Center, and Partners for Albany Stories (PAST).



Hudson River Line Window Seat Tour

The NHA has engaged the Sound and Story Project and the Hudson River Maritime Museum to develop the content for the mobile responsive audio tour for Hudson Line trains. The tour will amplify the live interpretation already provided by the NPS Trails and Rails program volunteers and make the story of the Hudson River and Hudson River Valley accessible at any time.



Washington Rochambeau Signs Unveiled at Washington's HQ

On September 14th, two new Washington Rochambeau National Historic Trail interpretive signs were unveiled at Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh. Washington's Headquarters joins 14 other sites selected for signing to tell the important story of the partnership between France and our fledgling nation. Pictured above L-R: Ursula Reed, Chair of W3R-US, Mark Castiglione, Executive Director of the Hudson National Heritage Area, Elyse B. Goldberg, Manager, Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site, Jean Lachaud, President of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français, Inc, and Serge Gabriel, life member of W3R-US.

Hudson Valley Great Estates Pass

Dutchess Tourism has soft launched the Heritage Area-funded Great Estates pass. The pass will allow access to six historic sites at an aggregate 20% discount. Passes will be available through Viator, Dutchess County Tourism and at partner sites. For more information see:

<https://dutchesstourism.com/estatespass>



Grant Programs Update

Teaching the Hudson Valley Explore Awards report excerpt from THV program manager Debi Duke

Scott Keller, Greenway financial manager and trails and special projects director, and Debi made a big push to wrap up long outstanding grants, closing out some that did not submit required paperwork. We are close to finalizing revisions to the application, reporting requirements, and related materials. The website has been updated to once again allow sites to apply as well as teachers and youth group leaders.

Trips completed or reimbursed | 1,429 students from 7 counties to sites in 4 counties

- Bulkeley MS, Rhinebeck CSD (Dutchess County) 90 seventh graders to Phillies Bridge Farm and John Burroughs' Slabsides (both Ulster)
- Cerebral Palsy of Westchester Special Education Program, 65 students aged 5-21 to Westmoreland Sanctuary (Westchester)
- Community YMCA, 300 students to Teatown Lake Reservation (both Westchester)
- Country Children's Center, 200 K-7 students to Teatown Lake (both Westchester)
- Krieger ES (Poughkeepsie CSD, Dutchess) 50 fifth graders, Long Dock Park (Dutchess)
- Lakeland-Copper Beech MS (Lakeland CSD) 22 seventh graders to Kitchawan Farm for program with Something Good in the World (all Westchester)
- Marbletown ES (Rondout Valley CSD) 85 third graders, Clearwater Tidelines program at Esopus Meadows (all Ulster)
- M. C. Smith IS, Hudson CSD (Columbia) 140 fourth graders to Henry Hudson Planetarium and 160 third graders to Albany Institute (both sites in Albany)
- Pine Bush High School, (Pine Bush CSD, Orange & Ulster) 16 HS science students to Norrie Point (Dutchess)
- St. Denis-St. Columba School, 48 K-1 students to Staatsburgh State Historic Site and 44 seventh graders to Walkway Over the Hudson State Park (all Dutchess)
- Viola ES (Ramapo CSD, Rockland) 74 fifth graders, Clearwater Tidelines program at Esopus Meadows (Ulster)
- Walden Learning Center, Putnam/Northern Westchester, 30 students, grades 3-8, special needs, to the Center for the Urban River @ Beczak (Westchester)
- Westchester Exceptional Children's School, 75 K-12, Philipsburg Manor (all Westchester)
- Young Rhinebeck (Dutchess) 30 seventh and eighth graders to Samuel Dorsky Museum (Ulster) and Walkway Over the Hudson + Lehman Loeb Art Center (both Dutchess)

Grants made but not completed | 692 students from 2+ counties to sites in 2 counties

- Bailey and Miller MS (Kingston CSD) 530 fifth graders to a new Scenic Hudson property, Town of Ulster, for program with Wild Earth (all Ulster)
- Hudson Valley Writing Project, 12 students aged 10-14 to Washington's Hdq. (Orange)
- Vails Gate STEAM Academy (Newburgh CSD) 150, grades 3-5, to Black Rock Forest and Kowawese Park for NYS DEC's Day in the Life of the Hudson River (all Orange)

Grants Completed

Type	Community/Organization	Project	\$ Grant Awarded	\$Total Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Conservancy	Winnakee Land Trust	Town of Red Hook Outreach for Multiple Greenway Trails Connections	1,000	5,592	10/16/2013	6/27/2016
Conservancy	Town of Red Hook	Red Hook Town Wide Trail Plan	8,000	8,153	10/8/2014	9/13/2016
Conservancy	Hudson Highlands Nature Museum	HHNM Connecting Trail-Phase II	6,950	12,088	10/8/2014	8/16/2016
Conservancy	Mohonk Preserve	Duck Pond Access Project	3,000	215,000	10/8/2014	7/5/2016
Council Compact	Town of North East	Master Plan Update	4,500	4,500	4/13/2004	7/14/2016
Council Planning	Village of Walden	Walden Waterfront Plan	10,000	10,124	3/21/2012	8/10/2016
Council Planning	Town of Fishkill	Hudson Fjord Hike/Bike Trail Master Plan	11,000	15,300	1/25/2013	7/5/2016
Council Planning	Village of Irvington	Tiffany Trail Tourism Program	2,500	2,500	6/3/2014	7/6/2016
Council Planning	Town of North Greenbush	Design Guidelines	10,000	10,276	1/13/2015	7/26/2016
NHA	Dutchess County Department of History	Collections Exhibit Training: Hack the Museum	5,000	6,713	3/28/2014	6/27/2016

NHA	Albany County Historical Association	Albany County History Web Interchange	4,000	6,150	3/11/2015	8/16/2016
NHA	Walkill River School	Art/History Trail	8,500	8,500	3/11/2015	9/23/2016
NHA	Thomas Cole Historic House	Marketing & Promotion of Thomas Cole's New Studio	2,500	2,500	3/23/2016	8/25/2016
			\$76,950	307,395		

Grants Awarded

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Council Planning	Town of Ghent	Ghent Zoning and Code Revisions	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Guilderland	Pedestrian Trail Plan	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of New Paltz	Route 299 Gateway Planning and Zoning Project	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Red Hook	Development of Town of Red Hook Complete Streets Standards	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Village of Altamont	Museum in the Streets	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Village of Ardsley	Update Comprehensive Plan/ Develop Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	City of Kingston	Hasbrouck at Delaware Node on the Kingston Point Rail Trail	\$30,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Ossining	Planning for Open Space/Bike Lane/Commerce Connectivity Corridor	\$30,000	10/26/2016

Conservancy	Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	A Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Action Plan for the Rensselaer Plateau	\$25,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Red Hook	Village to Village Connector Trail: Village of Tivoli-Bard College-Town of Red Hook-Village of Red Hook	\$20,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Village of Nassau	Albany-Hudson Electric Trail in the Village of Nassau	\$18,300	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Saugerties	Eve's Point to Bristol Beach Connecting Trail	\$15,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck Trails Project	\$14,800	10/26/2016
Conservancy	City of Troy	Uncle Sam Bike Improvement Action Plan	\$12,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Yorktown Trail Committee	Mohansic Trailway Construction	\$12,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Rosendale	Wallkill Valley Rail Trail-Rosendale Wayfinding Project	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Arts and Rec Commission of Whitehall, Inc.	Fort Ann to Whitehall Canalway Trail	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Columbia Land Conservancy	Interpretive Signage at Greenport Conservation Area	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Hyde Park	Hyde Park Trails-Map, Web and Kiosk User Guide	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Poughkeepsie Alliance	Waterfront Connectivity Project: Phase 1.5	\$7,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Walkway Over the Hudson	Greater Walkway Experience Map Enhancement	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Mohonk Preserve	Mohonk Preserve Foothills Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Improving the Ice Caves Trail	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	NY-NJ Trail Conference	Westchester Trail Maps	\$5,000	10/26/2016

Conservancy	Scenic Hudson	Fabricating and Installing Interpretive Signs in Esopus Meadows Preserve and Black Creek Preserve	\$4,900	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Kinderhook	Kinderhook Trail Connection to Town Park	\$3,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Marbletown	O&W Rail Trail Map and Brochure	\$2,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy	Town of Rhinebeck	Trailhead Pavilion for the Town of Rhinebeck Community Park	\$4,000	10/26/2016
TOTAL			\$311,500	