

**HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY**

**Combined meeting of**

**Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,  
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.**

**and**

**Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.**

**March 26, 2009**

**Henry A. Wallace Center at the Roosevelt National Historic Site  
Hyde Park, New York**

**Minutes**

**Conservancy Members Present**

Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member  
Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Vice Chair  
Herman, Kenneth, Treasurer, Conservancy Board  
Jacks, Betsey, Conservancy Member  
Marra, Donald, Conservancy Member  
Mazzuca, William, Conservancy Member  
Pennoyer, Christy, Conservancy Member  
Plunkett, Kevin J. Esq., Conservancy Chairman  
Wise, David, Conservancy Member

**Conservancy Members Present by Proxy**

Astorino, Robert, Conservancy Member  
Fратиanni, Barbara, Conservancy Member

**Council Members Present**

Ames, Edward, New York City Council Member  
Bucholsky, Kathleen, Columbia County Council Member  
Chesley, Christine, Rensselaer County Council Member  
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member  
Gould, Clara Lou, Dutchess County Council Member  
Granirer, Martus, Council Member  
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council  
Peyrebrune, Henry, Albany County Council Member  
Wille, Charles, Council Member

**Delegates Present**

Devine, Bonnie, Joint Delegate for Secretary of State Cortes-Vasquez, NYS Department of State

Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner Grannis, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Ivey, Mary, Joint Delegate for Commissioner Glynn, NYS Department of Transportation

Levinburgh, Dana, Delegate for Assemblywoman Sandra Galef

Mazzarella, Sally, Delegate for Senator Stephen Saland

Sheifer, Chuck, Joint Delegate for Commissioner Egan, NYS Office of General Services

**Delegates Present by Proxy**

Cosgrove, Jerry, Joint Delegate for Commissioner Hooker, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets

**Advisory Members Present**

Bergman, Frank, Advisory Member

Bicking, Andy for Sullivan, Ned, Advisory Member

**Greenway Staff**

Bach, Christina, Financial Assistant

Campochario, Elizabeth, Trails Coordinator

Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director

Dennehey, John, Senior Planner

Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director

Salvino, Sheena, Greenway Trails Intern

**Call to Order**

Chairman Kevin Plunkett called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Plunkett led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman McHenry introduced Cynthia Koch, FDR Library Director who welcomed everyone and stated that the Greenway Board meeting was what was envisioned for the Wallace Center during the concept planning phases. She announced that the FDR Library has received a grant for renovation totaling \$17.5 million in the 2009 omnibus bill.

Chairman McHenry introduced Sarah Olson, Superintendent of ROVA National Historic Sites who announced that the S-222 bill passed which added NPS protections, a boundary expansion to the Martin Van Buren Historic Site, and \$750,000 in Quad funds secured by Congressman Hinchey.

Chairman McHenry introduced Hyde Park Town Supervisor Pompey Delafield who welcomed everyone to Hyde Park and northern Dutchess County. He presented Acting

Executive Director Mark Castiglione with a copy of the newly released “Blueprint for Economic Development.”

Chairman McHenry introduced Andy Bicking, Director of Public Policy for Scenic Hudson. Mr. Bicking described the Governor’s proposed budget, but stated he was cautiously optimistic the greenway could be rescued.

Chairman McHenry introduced Mark Lowery, Climate Partnership Coordinator of NYS DEC’s office of Climate Change. Mr. Lowery announced that the Office has nine full-time and one part-time staff, only one of whom is for administrative support. He stated that the scientific consensus is that greenhouse gasses (GHG) must be reduced by 80% by 2050 to avoid 1) increased frequency and larger storms, droughts, and floods; 2) increased risk to coastline infrastructure; 3) increased health impacts (heat injuries, air quality injuries, and vector based diseases); 4) increased threats to agriculture; and 5) eliminated instances of thirty-day snow cover.

Climate Smart Communities is a partnership between state and local governments is crucial to working on climate change. Local barriers to this effort include funding, staffing, expertise, and political will.

**Minutes of the January 14, 2009 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee**

On a motion from Martus Granirer (Clara Lou Gould second) the Grants Committee minutes were unanimously approved.

**Minutes of January 14, 2009 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.**

On a motion from Bob Elliot (Sally Mazarella second) the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.**

Call to Order

Chairman Plunkett called the Conservancy meeting to order and noted that Jane Daniels, along with her husband Walt, have recently authored Walkable Westchester, a book detailing all of the trails in Westchester County. Ms. Daniels noted that the book took 7 years to compile.

New Greenway Water Trail Designations

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione introduced two water trail sites for designation: *Hudson River Waterfront Park, Town of Halfmoon, Saratoga County* and *Hudson Shores Park, City of Watervliet, Albany County*.

On a motion from Sara Griffen (Donald Marra second) the Board unanimously designated the two newest sites on the Greenway Water Trail.

#### Greenway Trailheads Google Maps

Mr. Castiglione introduced the Greenway Trailheads Google Maps compiled by Trails Intern Sheena Salvino under the direction of Trails Coordinator Beth Campochiaro. The overlay is undergoing final internal review and will be reviewed by several trails people from outside the Greenway prior to public release.

Chairman Plunkett reviewed a Water Trail Grants report detailing all expenditures and commitments to date under that program.

#### **Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council**

Chairman McHenry called the Greenway Council meeting to order.

#### Greenway Community Grants

Mr. Castiglione announced that four communities are seeking community grant funding.

*Town of Cairo, Greene County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 to implement the comprehensive plan by developing zoning law.

*City of Mechanicville, Saratoga County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,500 for Phase II of the downtown gateway and signage program to promote tourism.

*Town of Rosendale, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 to review and revise zoning codes.

*Town of Shawangunk, Ulster County*, authorized to act as the lead municipality on behalf of the Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership, is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 to extend the byway communications program through creations of poster-size maps and a business-directed brochure which will help to build appreciation for the byway and generate membership in the byway.

#### Greenway Water Trail Grants

Mr. Castiglione announced that one community is seeking water trail grant funding.

*City of Watervliet, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$32,500 in support of its efforts to complete Hudson Shores recreational Initiative—Floating Dock Installation.

On a motion from Bob Elliot (Clara Lou Gould second) the Council Board unanimously approved the Greenway Community and Greenway Water Trail Grants.

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

The NHA meeting was called to order by Chairman McHenry who announced that Congress recently designated several new National Heritage Areas, bringing the total to fifty NHAs nationally, but has not chosen to increase funding for the program.

Mr. Castiglione announced that, in light of the economy, this year's Teaching the Hudson Valley Grant Program will focus on covering transportation costs to enable students to visit historic sites and will not focus on curriculum development. There are currently 120 curricula in place.

Erin Tobin, Regional Director of the Preservation League of New York State handed out copies of an article based upon the Trust's annual Seven to Save list. The Trust solicits nominations and the Seven are chosen by a committee of the Trust.

### **Executive Director Report**

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione's written Executive Director's report is appended to, and a part of these minutes. Among the highlights was the sad news that Administrative Assistant Adeidra Irvin has moved onto a position in Majority Leader Smith's office.

### **Adjourn**

On a motion from Henry Peyrebrune (Fran Dunwell second) the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Keller  
Meeting Secretary

*Hudson River Valley Greenway*  
*Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area*  
**Acting Executive Director's Report**  
Mark Castiglione  
March 26, 2009

*Hudson River Valley Greenway*

*Executive Assistant Adeidra Irvin Bids Farewell to Greenway*

March 13 marked Adeidra Irvin's last day with the Hudson River Valley Greenway. She has accepted a position in Majority Leader Malcolm Smith's office serving as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Adeidra's spirit, humor, professionalism and resourcefulness will be sorely missed and are undoubtedly the very qualities that lead Majority Leader Smith to make the wise choice of welcoming her onto his team.

*Legislative Update (As of March 26, 2009)*

**Bill Numbers: A00159, S00059.**

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Governor Paterson delivered his proposed 2009-2010 Executive Budget. As a provision of his budget, Governor Paterson proposes the elimination of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley with certain functions transferred to the Department of State.

Partners and legislators throughout the region and beyond have expressed their concern over this proposal.

**Bill Number: A0539**

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill has again introduced a bill that will once again make the 2006 Ulster County expansion of the Greenway permanent. The 2006 legislation has passed its legislative sunset. The bill currently has no Senate sponsor.

*Office of the Attorney General Files Brief in Appeal of Milan Case*

The Town of Milan is being represented by the Office of the Attorney General in its appeal of a Supreme Court Decision which voided its recent comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance amendments. This is in accordance with the Greenway Indemnity provision for participating Greenway Compact Communities. The provision outlined in § 44-0119.7 of the Environmental Conservation Law states, "For each such participating community there shall be indemnity from the state in the event of legal actions brought against the community or its agents that may result from the community's acquisition of land consistent with its regional plan or the adoption or implementation of any land use control including, but not limited to, a zoning law or ordinance."

This is the first time a Greenway Compact community has been represented by the Attorney General under the Greenway indemnity provision.

## **Trails**

### *Find Greenway Trailheads in Google Maps*

There are over 680 miles of designated nature and interpretive trails, river hikes, hikes to viewpoints, mountain summits and urban hiking trails in the Hudson River Valley Greenway. Intern Sheena Salvino has been working to map all of the trailheads and parking areas of designated Greenway Trails throughout the Valley. The Google Maps interface will allow users to generate directions to/ from all of the trailhead locations and trail information such as mileage, allowable uses, hours and a link to the trail or trail group's website for more information.

When complete, this map will provide residents and visitors with an interactive resource to locate trails and hiking opportunities and connect trails to community resources such as the Greenway Water Trail, historic sites, schools, parks and open space.

Once final edits have been made to the trail information and trailhead locations, a link to this Google Map will be posted on the Greenway and NHA websites.

### *Greenway to Partner with UAlbany Planning Program to Complete Scenic Byway Source Document:*

The research team of the University at Albany and the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development propose development of a source document for the creation of scenic byway management plans. This project was originally an unfunded part of a larger DEC-funded project to complete a Corridor Management Plan for the Route 28 corridor in Ulster and Delaware Counties. Since the Greenway's final phase of its Scenic Byways grant with the Department of Transportation calls for the development of a "source document," partnering with this research team benefits all involved.

The completion of this project will inform and complement the efforts of seven municipalities to develop a corridor management plan for a scenic byway nomination for Route 28 in the Central Catskills. These communities may also partner on this project.

### *Greenway Announces Quadricentennial Implementation Grants Winners*

The Hudson River Valley Greenway and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area are pleased to announce the recipients of the Quadricentennial Implementation Grant Program. A total of \$50,000 was awarded to fourteen projects throughout the Hudson Valley. Funding for this grant program was allocated by the National Park Service and is part of the \$492,000 secured by Congressman Maurice Hinchey for Quadricentennial programs and events.

**A total of 39 applications were received, with a request for a total of \$165,350 in funding. The following 14 projects received funding.**

**Historic Albany Foundation, Albany County (\$2,000)**

*Ghosts of Albany Tour*: Tour to highlight the architecture of Albany's past. Will include take-away materials including a guide and will partner with other local and regional preservation organizations.

**Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany County (\$3,100)**

*Endless Hudson River Landscape*: Series of interactive storyboard paintings to encourage discussion, education, and interaction with themes of the Quadricentennial.

**FASNY Museum of Firefighting, Columbia County (\$4,500)**

*Legacy: Robert Fulton and the Community Utilization of the Steam Engine*: Create an interpretive exhibit focusing on Fulton's contributions and linking them to steam powered fire pumpers.

**Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, Dutchess County (\$3,500)**

*Bellefield Design Lecture – Tulipmania*: Lecture to discuss the significance of the Tulip in Dutch culture and impact in both Holland and the Hudson Valley.

**Friends of Mills Mansion, Dutchess County (\$1,300)**

*Great Estates Symposium: 400 Years Life on the River*: Symposium to examine changes in lifestyle from 1609 through 2009.

**Thomas Cole Historic Site, Greene County (\$5,000)**

*Hudson River School Art Trail Enhancements*: For design and development of Art Booklets and Art Cards which show the historical paintings and drawings on the Hudson River Art Trail, as well as written histories, to distribute to hikers and to be used both on the trail and at home as an educational resource.

**Hudson River Park Trust, New York County (\$4,500)**

*Henry Hudson and New Amsterdam/New Netherlands: An Historic Interpretive Installation*: Installation and interpretation of Colonial era "Official Government Seals."

**Literacy Volunteers of Western Orange County, Orange County (\$2,500)**

*Ride-to-Read*: A 60-mile motorcycle tour on August 22, 2009 to educate riders about illiteracy in Orange County. Stops along route include Washington's Headquarters, Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Mount Gulian, Fort Montgomery.

**Children's Museum of Science & Technology, Rensselaer County (\$3,000)**

*Horseshoes & Waterwheels: New York's Tech Valley in the 1800's*: Program to educate children about the significance of technological advances made in Rensselaer County during the 1800s.

**Friends of Fort Crailo, Rensselaer County (\$4,000)**

*Trade Partners: Hudson River Colonial Dutch and Native Americans*: Program to interpret native peoples and early colonial life of those living along the shores of the Hudson through exhibits, reenactors, and interactive elements.

**Waterford Maritime Historical Society, Saratoga County (\$4,500)**

***Tug Chancellor participation in Quadricentennial "Working on Water" Tour:*** A dozen historic vessels traveling along Lake Champlain, the Champlain Canal, and the Hudson river on a voyage of rediscovery and celebration of the explorers' legacy.

**Friends of the Senate House State Historic Site, Ulster County (\$4,500)**

***Diversity in the mid-Hudson: Celebrating Key Themes & Cultures in our Past & Present:*** A series of special events for the general public focusing on specific areas of Hudson Valley history, offering a diverse sampling of documents along with transcriptions and interpretive text. Native American Heritage Day, 2-Day Dutch Heritage and History event, and African American Cultural Celebration, 2 days.

**Catskills Live, Ulster County (\$4,500)**

***Quadricentennial Challenge on the Hudson River Valley Legacy Trail:*** To establish a Quadricentennial Geocache challenge along the route of the proposed Hudson River Valley Legacy Trail. At least 10 geocache sites will be identified that accent important Quad. Events and historic importance to Henry Hudson's voyage. Publishing online clues and hiding geocaches at key public locations near the trail. Geocaches will contain a finely crafted geocoin with Quad logo.

**Lyndhurst, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Westchester County (\$3,100)**

***Hudson River Quest:*** Interactive event highlighting the history of the community's relationship with the Hudson River.

*Greenway Quadricentennial Events Update*

**The 2009 Champlain-Hudson Valleys Ramble**

The **Champlain-Hudson Valleys Ramble** that was scheduled for all four weekends in September 2009 will be scaled back due to constraints in advance planning. However, the event will again include the Hudson River Valley Region from Saratoga/Washington Counties down to Manhattan. The event will still be held in coordination with the Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial and be held over all four weekends in September 2009. This annual Greenway/NHA/Hudson River Estuary Program event provides an opportunity for people of all ages to explore by foot, boat, or bike the natural and culture resources of the Hudson River Valley.

**The 2009 Great Champlain-Hudson Sojourn (The Great Hudson River Paddle)**

The original event that was to be the **Great Champlain-Hudson Sojourn** has been postponed until August 2009 due to constraints in advance planning for the original event. In anticipation of a positive resolution to the current budget proposal, Trails and Special Projects Director and event lead guide Scott Keller has blocked out alternative dates in August that would accommodate the Great Hudson River Paddle. The journey, while not as long as originally planned, will

be longer that the annual GHRP event and will ply the River from Fort Edward to Manhattan.

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

#### *10 Heritage Sites Now Have Exciting Experiential Tours*

The HRVNHA partnered with Dutchess County Tourism and the “Opportunity Guy” Joe Veneto, a nationally-known consultant that works with heritage and cultural sites to enhance their program and marketing initiatives, to develop Experiential Tours at heritage sites within Dutchess County and beyond. A sample of the experiential tours developed through this partnership include:

- **1914 Gilded Age Experience Tour — Staatsburgh State Historic Site**
- **Servants to Stewards Tour — Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site**
- **FDR: The Leader at Home — Franklin D. Roosevelt Home & Presidential Library**
- **Savor the Flavor — Millbrook Vineyards & Winery**
- **White Glove Tour — Mount Gulian Historic Site**
- **Victorian Time Capsule Tour — Wilderstein Historic Site**
- **Engaging Art — Dia:Beacon, Riggio Galleries**
- **The Livingston’s Founding Family of the Hudson — Clermont State Historic Site**
- **Washington on the Hudson — Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site**
- **The Curator’s Tour — John Jay Homestead**

In addition to these Heritage Site focused events, Dutchess County Tourism also worked with other sites to develop field to table programs, interactive sustainable farming program with the Glynwood Center and a Dutch Colonial High Tea at the 1752 Joseph Horton House.

#### *Heritage Area to Partner with Quad Commission on Heritage New York Weekend*

As part of the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hudson and Champlain’s voyages and the launching of Fulton’s enterprise, the Quad Commission will initiate the first Heritage New York Weekend. Throughout the Hudson and Champlain valleys, museums, historical societies, heritage areas, historic places, architecturally important churches, buildings and homes, battlefields and memorials, parks and recreation areas, urban and town historic districts, will welcome visitors free or at significantly reduced rates and with special events: concerts, reenactments, dances, tours, and celebrations. Weekend each year. The event will coincide with the Hudson River Valley Ramble Weekends that take place in September under the sponsorship of the Hudson River Valley Heritage Area. Event announcement and dates will be forthcoming.

#### *Heritage Areas Working Together to Promote Heritage Development*

The HRVNHA is a member of a group of representatives from the state and national heritage areas and corridors in New York State working together to

collectively promote the goals of heritage areas. The goals of this collaborative process include building a coalition of heritage development partners, provide a forum for State and National Heritage Areas to work more closely together and articulating a unified message of the benefits of heritage development. Immediately, the group is focused on creating a printed piece (also with web based applications) to describe the heritage development concept and the benefits of heritage areas. The product produced through this effort will communicate the benefits of heritage based development and tourism through brief case studies, quotes, images and text. A format will be developed to accommodate individualized inserts for the various heritage partners to use for their materials.

### *Alliance of National Heritage Areas Convene in Washington, DC*

On February 15, 16 Chairman Barnabas McHenry and I attended the Annual meeting of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas meeting in Washington DC. National Heritage Areas from around the country were represented at the meeting. Highlights included hiring a new firm (the Ferguson Group) to represent the interests of National Heritage Areas in Washington, a round table discussion of issues related to the mandatory NHA evaluation process and various program updates from the represented NHAs.

### **Heritage Area Website to be Revamped**

The bidding process is complete, consultants have been selected and contracts are being drafted.

#### *Heritage Area Guidebook Development*

With the assistance of a \$35,000 Explore New York Grant from I Love NY, the Heritage Area has been working on production of a guidebook to showcase the cultural and natural resources of the region. The Heritage Area received 4 proposals from firms within the Hudson Valley and interviewed a prospective consultant in December. The bidding process is complete, consultants have been selected and contracts are being drafted.

### **Teaching the Hudson Valley Offers Revised Programming for 2009**

This November, Teaching the Hudson Valley (THV), unveiled its newly redesigned website at [www.TeachingTheHudsonValley.org](http://www.TeachingTheHudsonValley.org).

The 2009 Teaching the Hudson Valley Summer Institute is scheduled for July 28-30, 2009 in Hyde Park

This year's program will differ from previous years' programs with each day having a distinct focus.

- **Day 1, "beyond field trips"** – tips for finding and using off-campus resources whether you have bus money . . . or not.

- **Day 2, “fieldwork”** – choose a place. Then, learn about its material and human resources, how staff makes program and exhibit decisions, and more. Share your expertise in how to engage students. Practice thinking outside the box.
- **Day 3, “use what you learned”** to help sites serve kids better and use place-based education in your classroom.
- **Plus** -- Quad-related lessons and activities for your classroom or site and primers on 21st century resources such as distance learning, using live data, and mapping.

To help ensure that kids and teachers get out of their classrooms during the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial year, THV is also changing the way it awards grants for the 2009-10 school year. Awards will be smaller, but THV hopes to award more of them to cover transportation and site admissions. Applicants will still need to make connections between the trip and core curriculum, but elaborate lesson plans will not be required. Please watch the THV website for details.