

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY

Combined meeting of

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,

and

Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

June 12, 2013

**Newburgh Brewery
Newburgh, New York**

Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Member
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Acting Chairman, Greenway Conservancy
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
Marra, Donald, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Member
Herman, Kenneth, Conservancy Treasurer
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Ames, Edward, Council Member
Crabb, Mary, Orange County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Gould, Clara Lou, Dutchess County Council Member
Putney, Freeman, Albany County Council Member

Delegates Present

Devine, Bonnie, Joint Delegate for Secretary of State, NYS Department of State
Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation
Gorton, Bill, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory Members

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association
Rosenberg, Steve, Scenic Hudson Land Trust

Greenway Staff

Campochiaro, Elizabeth, Trails and Community Outreach Director
Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director
Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director/Finance Manager
Storm, Adi, Assistant Ramble Coordinator

Call to Order

Council Chairman Barnabas McHenry called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Conservancy Chairman Sara Griffen led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced City of Newburgh Mayor Judy Kennedy who welcomed everyone to Newburgh and noted how much she appreciates the Greenway's efforts.

Chairman McHenry introduced Paul Halayko from the Newburgh Brewing company who welcomed everyone to his establishment. He noted that the building is 160 years old and has been a part of the steam industry, and then a box factory until the 1980s. Mr. Halayko and his partners took over the building in 2012. The tables and benches used by the patrons were built from repurposed wood from the building.

Presentation: State Agency Funding/Consolidated Funding Application

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione introduced the state agency representatives who spoke about the funding opportunities and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). He noted that the Regional Economic Development Committees (REDC) have a 20% say in the awarding of these grants.

Aimee Vargus of the New York State Empire Development Corporation and the mid-Hudson REDC thanked Mr. Castiglione for his hard work and cooperation with the REDCs. She reviewed the process the REDCs have been through over the past few years and how they have reworked the REDC plans to gain a better focus. She noted that the CFA is a request for endorsement and not a funding application. There is \$536 million available in 2013 in the CFA process and \$220

million for priority projects, \$50 million for capital projects, and \$70 million for excelsior tax credits. The CFA process opens on June 17 and closes August 12.

Erin O'Neil from the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation noted that both of their programs offer a 5% bonus to Greenway Compact Communities. The two programs are the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and the Recreational Trails Program.

Bonnie Devine from the New York State Department of State spoke about three grants programs, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (\$12 million), the Local Government Efficiency Program (\$4 million), and the Workforce Development Program (\$750,000).

Bill Gorton from the New York State Department of Transportation spoke about the Transportation Enhancements Program which is a federal program and not part of the CFA process. Grants are available from \$200,000 to \$2.5 million.

Fran Dunwell from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation noted that there is an estimated \$80 million in the EPF funding this year. This program is not in the CFA and the program details and deadlines have not yet been announced. It is anticipated that this program will join the CFA, possibly in 2014.

Jeffrey Domanski from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority reviewed the Economic Development Growth Extension (EDGE) program and the Cleaner, Greener Communities Program (\$30 million).

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Griffen added the designation of the Town of Cortlandt Water Trail designation to the Conservancy agenda and called for changes/additions to the agenda. There being no others she moved onto the rest of the agenda.

Minutes of March 13, 2013 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Minutes of March 13, 2013 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Ned Ames second) the March 13, 2013 meetings minutes were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Greenway Council meeting to order.

Resolution to Approve the Orange County Compact / Accept SEQR Findings / Negative Declaration

Mr. Mark Castiglione announced that the Greenway is seeking to approve the Orange County Compact and accept a Negative Declaration on SEQR. On a motion from Fran Dunwell (Linda von der Heide second) the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Greenway Community Planning Grants

Mr. Castiglione announced the Grants Committee recommendations for Greenway Communities and Compact Grants.

The *Town of Cornwall, Orange County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$13,500 for a preliminary engineering analysis for wastewater plant and collections systems. Following staff consultations with the Department of State, the Committee recommended that the Town seek funding from the Department of State.

The *Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 for a component of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy.

The *Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 for a Trails and Bikeway Concept Plan. The Committee stipulated that the grantee must explore the connection of their trails with the Dutchess County and Harlem Valley Rail Trails.

The *Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 for a Town-wide historic and scenic resource protection survey.

Greenway Compact Grants

Orange County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$12,500 for a Hudson Valley Online Community Design Manual. The Committee stipulated that the grant may be awarded pending adoption by the County of the Greenway Compact Plan and completion of their existing Compact Grant.

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Ned Ames second) the Council unanimously approved the grants as recommended by the Grants Committee.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Griffen called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Approval of FY 2013-14 Conservancy Budget

Mr. Castiglione and Finance Manager Scott Keller reviewed the proposed Conservancy budget. On a motion from Kevin Burke (Don Marra second) the Conservancy unanimously adopted the proposed budget.

Greenway Conservancy Grant Application 2013

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the proposed Greenway Conservancy Small Grants application for 2013 and asked for Board comments.

Bronx Hudson River Valley Greenway Link Study Update

Mr. Castiglione announced that this trail link study has been drafted and will soon be released. The study seeks to link the Hudson River Greenway in Manhattan to the City of Yonkers.

Water Trail Designation

Mr. Castiglione announced that the Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County is seeking to have their Waterfront Park designated as part of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Cindy Lanzetta second) the Board unanimously welcomed the Town of Cortlandt to the Greenway Water Trail.

Parks and Trails New York Public Leadership Award to Scott Keller

Chairman McHenry and Acting Chairman Griffen announced that Scott Keller has been named this year's winner of the Parks and Trails New York Public Leadership Award for his work on the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail.

Historic Cherry Hill

Historic Cherry Hill is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for capital projects and as match for a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for historic structure repairs.

On a motion from Jane Daniels (Kevin Burke second) the award was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Events

Acting Chairman Griffen announced that Hudson River Days is set for July 20-21, with the Hudson River Estuary Program taking the lead on this event, and that Cycling the Hudson Valley will be held July 30 to August 4 and is in the always capable hands of Parks and Trails New York. The Hudson River Valley Ramble will be held on the last four weekends in September (7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29).

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry and Acting Chairman Griffen called the National Heritage Area (NHA) meeting to order.

Tower of Victory Update

Chairman McHenry introduced Elyse Goldberg from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission who updated everyone on the status of the Tower of Victory and the efforts to restore the roof. The Tower is located at Washington's headquarters, here in Newburgh and is

an 1887 monument to peace. It is the only such monument on the United States. The roof was destroyed in a 1950 hurricane. The fundraising goal is \$1.5 million and they are nearly 50% of the way to that goal already.

Approval of FY 2013-14 HRVNHA Budget

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the proposed HRVNHA budget. On a motion from Don Marra (Bob Elliott second) the Boards unanimously adopted the proposed budget.

HRVNHA Legislative Updates – Senator Gillibrand Press Event / Announcement

Mr. Castiglione announced that a bill to extend funding authorization to 2022 has been introduced by Senator Gillibrand and Representatives Lowey and Mahoney.

Hudson River Valley Ramble

Mr. Castiglione noted that Erie Insurance (\$5,000), the Hudson River Estuary Program (\$5,000), and the Outdoor Educators Association of New York State (\$500) have all provided or committed sponsorship for the Ramble.

Teaching the Hudson Valley

Mr. Castiglione reported the 2013 Institute will be about Common Core Standards and will run July 30 to August 1. The Explore Awards Program is ongoing. If you know of a school looking to go on a field trip to an NHA site let them know about this worthwhile program.

Nature and Culture Initiative: Tiffany Windows Update

This project is nearing completion and a kickoff event is expected to be held soon.

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Trail

Fifteen Hudson Valley sites have been identified for interpretation along the W3R trail. Each site will be using a commissioned original work of art. A draft interpretive plan has been created and it was hoped that installation of the markers could begin in the fall.

Executive Director Report

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione's written Executive Director's report is appended to, and a part of these minutes.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Keller
Meeting Secretary

**Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report**
Mark Castiglione
June 12, 2013

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.

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.



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Project and Program Updates:

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

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.

Sponsorships being Accepted for the 2013 Hudson River Valley Ramble!

The 14th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble will take place September 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, 2013. We hope you will participate by hosting or attending an event!

Further details will be sent this spring, so mark your calendars now! Sponsorships for the Hudson River Valley Ramble are now available, and more information can be found online at <http://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/Contactus/ToSponsor.aspx> .

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.

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 estuary and watershed will take place over a full weekend, July 20-21, 2013. Activities will include the 2nd Annual Great Hudson



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



Scott Keller, happy on the Hudson near Poughkeepsie

River Fish Count, as well as festivals, swims, kayak outings, sails and more! More information at www.hudsonriverdaysny.org.

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

Tiffany Landscape Windows Exhibition

We continue to develop a web-based exhibition of Tiffany Landscape windows. The exhibit will include 12 sites that feature 19-20 Tiffany landscape windows. We have created downloadable PDFs for each location (not more than one page back and front) that include interpretation of the landscape window as well as a map to orient people to the region-wide exhibit. They will also include appropriate contact info, addresses, and hours (or in most cases how you can schedule an appointment). We will also try to connect the landscape window with the location it depicts (if known). We will be encouraging people to make donations to the sites. Our goal is a summer 2013 Launch

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.

Greenway Begins Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project

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 hosted a kick off meeting with regional stakeholders to frame project elements which will include a series of maps, new smartphone optimized website, itineraries and GPS tools for kayakers.

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. Hopefully, installation will begin before the fall.

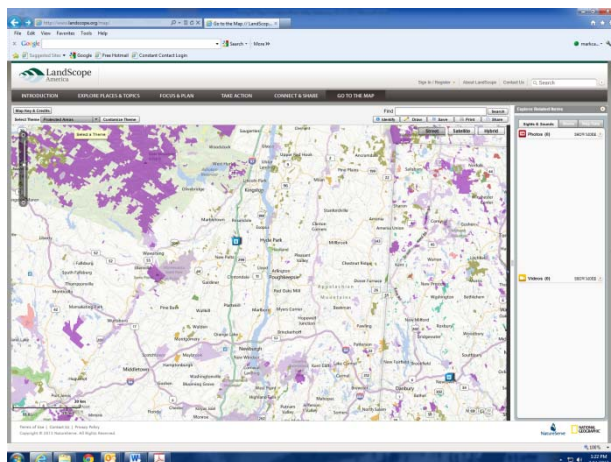
Teaching the Hudson Valley

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. 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

County	Community	Project	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Grant Award Date
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

County	Community	Project	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Grant Award Date
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	