

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.

October 16, 2013

**Taconic Regional State Parks Office
Staatsburgh, New York**

Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Member
Brown, Kristen, conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Secretary
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Acting Chairman, Greenway Conservancy
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
Marra, Donald, Conservancy Member
Molinaro, Marcus, Conservancy Member
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Council Members Present

Bucholsky, Kathleen, Columbia County Council Member
Chmar, Andrew, Putnam County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
Putney, Ted, Albany County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Gould, Clara Lou, Dutchess County Council Member

Delegates Present

Cooper, Linda, Joint delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, recreation and Historic Preservation

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

Garcia, Freddy, Delegate for Dennis Murray, Conservancy Member

Weiss, Lisa, Proxy Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory Members

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

Roeller, Celeste, Assistant Ramble Coordinator

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Sara Griffen and Chairman Barnabas McHenry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced Town of Hyde Park Supervisor Aileen Rohr who welcomed everyone to her old school and her town.

Chairman McHenry introduced County Executive and Greenway Conservancy member Marcus Molinaro who welcomed everyone and praised the Dutchess County Compact and the Greenway's work. He noted that the Dutchess Rail Trail opened on time and under budget last weekend. He expounded upon the need for good and strong practices to protect urban and village centers and open space, including agriculture and estuaries. He noted that state funding priorities consider planning a discretionary expense and is requesting bonding authority for a \$6 million bond for open space conservation and an equal amount for driving development to urban and village centers where infrastructure already exists.

Presentation: New Dutchess County Greenway Guides

Chairman McHenry introduced Dutchess County Planning's John Clarke who reviewed the new Dutchess County Greenway Guides pertaining to Centers and Greenspaces; Rural Roads; Slower, Safer Streets; Building Bicycle Networks; Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps; Recycling and Waste Collection; and Green Infrastructure. Adoption of all of these guides is on the agenda for the Greenway Council Board to adopt.

Presentation: Hudson River Valley Greenway Strategic Planning Process

Peter Fairweather of Fairweather Consulting gave an overview and timeline review of the Greenway Strategic Planning process. The strategic planning is focusing on the evolution of the Greenway mission

and attempting to envision where the Greenway will/should be in 2023. The process is expected to take four to six months with a Board of Directors' retreat in the third or fourth month of the process.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Griffen called for changes/additions to the agenda. There being no others she moved onto the rest of the agenda.

Minutes of June 12, 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 June 12, 2013 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Cindy Lanzetta second) the March 13, 2013 Combined Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Kevin Burke (Bob Elliott second) the March 13, 2013 Grants committee Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Greenway Council meeting to order.

Resolution Recognizing the Late Mary Crabb, Greenway council Board Member

On a motion from Chairman McHenry (Chairman Griffen second) a resolutions recognizing the contributions and spirit of Mary Crabb was sorrowfully and unanimously adopted.

Welcome from Linda Cooper, Regional Director, OPRHP

Regional Director Cooper welcomed everyone to the new regional headquarters for the Taconic Region office of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. She noted that the redesign and repurposing of the building has produced a facility that is in the top 1-2% of energy efficient buildings in the mid-Atlantic region. The flooring in this room is made from corn husks. The building was originally constructed as a school in 1930 and underwent a \$7.5 million renovation.

Greenway Lead Agency Status and Negative declaration on SEQR for Dutchess County Compact Greenway Guides

Adoption of New Dutchess County Compact Greenway Guides

Acting Director Mark Castiglione introduced the process of adopting the new Dutchess County Compact Greenway Guides. On a motion from Bob Elliot (Ted Putney second) the Board unanimously adopted the new guides. It was noted that this is the first update to a Greenway Compact Plan.

New Greenway Compact Community

Mr. Castiglione announced that the Village of Mamaroneck, Westchester County is seeking to join the Greenway as a Compact Community.

New Greenway Grants Committee Member Andy Chmar

Chairman McHenry announced that the Council would like to appoint Andy Chmar to represent the Council on the Greenway Grants Committee.

Greenway Community Planning Grants

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

The *Town of Ancram, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of Ancram.

The *Town of Sand Lake, Rensselaer County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a Glass Lake Public Fishing Access Area.

The *Village of Brewster, Putnam County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a Comprehensive Plan Update.

Greenway Compact Grants

The *City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a Poughkeepsie Youth Enclave Survey Project.

On a motion from Ted Putney (Bob Elliott second) the Council unanimously welcomed Mamaroneck as a Greenway Compact Community, appointed Mr. Chmar to the Grants Committee and 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.

Results of Greenway Conservancy Audit

Mr. Castiglione and Finance Manager Scott Keller reviewed the recently completed audit of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. The auditors' final report has not yet been received, however conversations with the auditors indicate clean audits for both are forthcoming.

Greenway Conservancy Grant Awardees

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Keller reviewed the proposed Greenway Conservancy Small Grants for 2013.

The *Winnakee Land Trust, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Town of Red Hook Outreach for Multiple Greenway Trails Connections.

The *New Baltimore Conservancy, Greene County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$1,759.00 for Interpretive Signs for New Riverside Parks in New Baltimore.

The *Windham Area Recreational Foundation, Greene County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Windham Multi-Use Path - Route 296 to Batavia Kill Stream.

The *Town of Highlands, Orange County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$8,700.00 for the Scenic Hudson Mine Dock Park.

The *Palisades Park Conservancy, Rockland County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Tallman Mountain State Park Biodiversity Trail.

The *Town of Esopus, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$775.00 for the Esopus Explorers Project.

The *Kingston Land Trust, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$1,800.00 for Kingston Point Rail Trail Signage. The Grants Committee recommends funding only that portion of the grant that covers the cost of the kiosk bases.

The *Town of New Paltz, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the New Paltz Flats Trail Project. The Grants Committee recommends funding only that portion of the grant that covers the cost of the consultant.

The *Open Space Institute, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$14,400.00 for a Wallkill Valley Rail Trail - City of Kingston Connector Trail.

On a motion from Don Marra (Jane Daniels second) the awards were unanimously approved. Jennifer Schwartz Berky abstained on the Kingston Land Trust grant, Andy Chmar abstained on the Town of Highlands grant, and Kitty Brown abstained on the Town of New Paltz grant.

Greenway Trail Designation

Mr. Castiglione announced that Wave Hill in the Bronx has requested designation of 1.67 miles of their trails. As part of the designation process the Board will be asked to vote on both SEQR and Designation resolutions.

Water Trail Designation

Mr. Keller announced that the Town of Highlands is seeking to have Mine Dock Park designated as part of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. Mine Dock Park fills a critical gap that has existed since West Point closed their dock and ramp to the public due to security concerns in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks. This designation reduces to three the number of gaps larger than the stated goal of access points every ten miles or less on both sides of the river. The Village of Schuylerville, Saratoga County is seeking to have their Schuyler and Fort Hardy Parks designated as part of the Water Trail. Fort Hardy Park is the location where British troops grounded their weapons at the surrender ceremony after the Revolutionary War Battle of Saratoga. The National Park Service has requested designation of Bard Rock at Vanderbilt Mansion as a Day Use site on the Water Trail. This is the first water trail site designated on federal lands. These four designations bring the total number of water trail sites to one hundred one (101). On a motion from Jane Daniels (Stefan Yarabek second) the Board unanimously welcomed Wave Hill, the Town of Highland, the Village of Schuylerville and the National Parks Service's Vanderbilt Mansion to the Hudson River Greenway Trails System.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Training Partnership

Mr. Castiglione announced a training partnership with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation that is geared towards hospitality training and telling a better story. Part of the hospitality training will be teaching the benefits to all of referring patrons to other geographically or thematically similar sites.

Heritage Development Grant Announcement

Mr. Castiglione announced a \$50,000 grant program to assist sites with improving their interpretation.

Hudson River Valley Ramble

Mr. Castiglione noted that recently concluded 2013 Ramble featured some 200 events with 160 partners and an annual economic impact of \$21 million.

Teaching the Hudson Valley

Mr. Castiglione noted that THV Coordinator Debi Duke has been furloughed with most of the rest of the federal government. He reported that the 2013 Institute on Common Core Standards was very beneficial and provided excellent mobile workshops.

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Trail Regatta

Mr. Castiglione announced that the inaugural Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Trail Regatta was successful and in future years will feature a completion for the Hinchey Cup, named after former Congressman Maurice Hinchey. As a featured part of the event The Greenway Boards were named "Heroes of the Hudson Valley" joining such luminaries as Ned Sullivan of Scenic Hudson and Jim Johnson of the Hudson Valley Institute at Marist College.

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.

Mr. Castiglione announced that a bill to create a system of National Heritage Areas similar to the National Park system has been co-sponsored by Members Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Charles Dent (R-PA).

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 12:00 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
October 16, 2013**

Project and Program Updates:

14th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble A Great Success!

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



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

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



Recipients. The Washington-Rochambeau Regatta was a NYS Greenway Hudson River Ramble Event. (Photo: Mark Castiglione accepts the Hero of the Hudson Medal on behalf of the Greenway from W3R National President Ursula Reed)

Greenway Kicks off Strategic Planning Process:

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

investments. Additional outreach to stakeholders is being conducted now. All board members will be engaged during a day-long retreat being scheduled for spring.

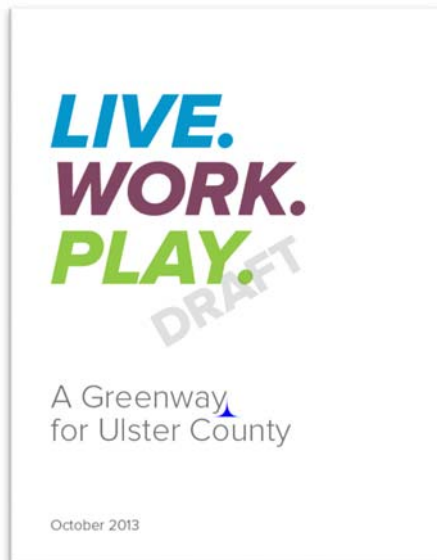
Hudson River School Art Trail Unveiling: On August 12th, a new feature was unveiled that helps to interpret the Hudson River School Art Trail. Hudson's Promenade Park (Parade Hill) is now host to a rubbing medallion that calls attention to a view of the Hudson River painted in 1864 by Sanford Robinson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



Greenway Completes Environmental Review and set to Approve Dutchess Compact Amendments: Dutchess County has submitted updates to its Greenway Compact plan *Greenway Connections*. The Greenway Council must authorize these amendments, complete a full EAF and make a determination of significance. Local governments will have the option to accept or reject these amendments. The amendments include seven new *Greenway Guides* on the following topics: Centers and Greenspaces; Slower, Safer Streets; Rural Roads; Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps; Building Bicycle Networks; Green Infrastructure; Recycling and Waste Collection. Links: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0lcpftoz1778r44/XcKSI49X9D>

Orange County Adopts Greenway Compact Plan: The Orange County Legislature adopted their Greenway Compact at their September 18 meeting by a vote of 16-3. The Greenway previously adopted the Compact at its meeting on 12 June. With the compact in

place, local governments in Orange can become participating communities in the regional Greenway Compact by incorporating it into their local zoning and subdivision regulations, and pledging to update local plans to be consistent with the Compact. Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and now Orange will have completed compact plans with Ulster County in process.



Ulster County Develops Draft Greenway Compact Plan: Ulster County Planning convened a technical advisory committee to guide the development of their Compact Plan. The committee is working closely with project consultants, the Regional Plan Association, in refining the draft. Following public and stakeholder input, the draft plan will be finalized and tentatively submitted to the Greenway for approval in March

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

Hudson Rising: Stories of Revival from the Hudson Valley: After

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

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



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.

Ulster County Trails Summit

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

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

Hudson River Days 2013 - July 20-21

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

Teaching the Hudson Valley

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

Legislative Updates

Senator Gillibrand and Reps Lowey and Maloney Sponsor 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.

Board Member Updates:

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



Grants

Grants Completed since 6-12-2013

County	Community	Project	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Award Date
Dutchess	Town of Hyde Park with North Dutch Alliance	Compact - Cost of Community Service Study with the Town of Hyde Park for the Northern Dutchess Alliance	Council Compact	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	8/1/2003
Westchester	City of White Plains	City of White Plains Greenway Entrance Improvement	Conservancy	\$1,500.00	\$22,353.00	10/12/2011

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

Grants Awarded since 6-12-2013

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