

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 10, 2015
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library
Hyde Park, NY
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Acting Meeting Chairman, Conservancy Secretary
Brown, Kristen, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Secretary
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Acting Chairman
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Member
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

LoBue, Dini, Conservancy Member
Marra, Donald, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Mazzarella, Sally Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
Porr, Johanna, Orange County Council Member
Von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

None

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
Ethier, Jamie, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State
Garcia, Freddy, Delegate for Dennis Murray, Conservancy Member

Gorton, Bill, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation
Rooney, Frank, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
Taylor, Meghan, Joint Delegate for President and CEO, Empire State Development

Advisory Members Present

Anzevino, Jeff, representing Rosenberg, Steve, Scenic Hudson Land Trust
Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association

Greenway Staff Present

Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director
Jeanson, Daniel, Greenway Intern
Johnson, Shannel, Administrative Assistant
Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director/Finance Manager
Lowery, Tristan, Greenway Intern

Call to Order

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

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites Director Sarah Olson who welcomed everyone to the Wallace Center and reminded everyone of Path Through History Weekend June 20-21.

Acting Chairman Griffen introduced Town of Hyde Park Supervisor Aileen Rohr who welcomed everyone to Hyde Park and thanked the Greenway for their support of the Town's design standards process for the area from the drive in to Hyde Park Plaza.

Chairman McHenry introduced Sakima Brown, representing Senator Sue Serino who welcomed everyone and to the Senator's district and invited all present to feel free to reach out to the Senator at any time.

Chairman McHenry introduced Erica Kane, representing Assemblywoman Didi Barrett who welcomed everyone to the district and noted that the Assemblywoman is the head of a sub-committee on tourism and economic development.

Presentations

Acting Chairman Griffen introduced Tim Weidemann, Co-Chair of the Kingston Land Trust's Rail Trail Committee who gave a presentation entitled "Building a Stronger Community through the Kingston Greenline." Mr. Weidemann's presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Griffen called for changes and additions to the agenda. There were none proffered.

Minutes of March 11, 2015 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 4, 2015 Meetings of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Barnabas McHenry (Kevin Burke second) the March 11, 2015 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy Combined Meeting minutes and June 4, 2015 Grants Committee Meetings minutes were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

Compact Indemnity

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione announced that there is no real update. The suit remains in appeal.

Budget Update

Mr. Castiglione announced that the enacted New York State budget for the Council is \$185,000 for operations and \$136,000 for grants, which is the same as last year.

New Board Members

Chairman McHenry announced that Vincent Altieri, the Executive Director of the Rockland County Drainage Agency has been appointed to the Board by Rockland County Executive Ed Day. Mr. Altieri will serve as the Rockland County representative to the Council.

Chairman McHenry also announced that Meghan Taylor has been appointed as the Joint Delegate for the President and CEO of Empire State Development.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program- Greenway Community Grants

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the Greenway Communities Grants applications received since the last meeting.

The *County of Albany, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,830 for repairs to the caretaker's barn at the Lawson Lake County Park. The park is available by community organizations and to the general public. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Village of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$8,000 to develop an inventory of land uses to help guide zoning changes that will better help represent the existing community form and will ensure future development is compatible with traditional development of the village. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000 and also recommends that Greenway staff provide the Village direction to assist in taking the vision that has emerged from the public outreach process and articulating it into a legislative document as a foundation for the zoning code.

The *Town of Sand Lake, Rensselaer County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,750 to bring awareness to the Rensselaer Plateau through a signage program. Communities will work with Plateau partners to create a logo and a sign that will be installed along roadways, trails, and gateways identifying the Plateau. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Town of Somers, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 to build an off street trail to connect Reis Park, Primrose Elementary, Somers High School, Somers Middle School, Town Hall, and Towne Center at Somers. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program – Greenway Compact Grants

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the Greenway Compact Grant application received since the last meeting.

The *Village of Tarrytown* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 for a planning and zoning framework that will provide redevelopment of scenarios for the area surrounding the Metro North train station and nearby water front. The Grants Committee recommends \$15,000.

On a motion from Sally Mazarella (Fran Dunwell second) the Board unanimously approved the Community and Compact grants.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Sara Griffen called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Approving a Change in Maternity/Paternity Leave Policy for Conservancy Employees

Ms. Griffen and Mr. Castiglione reviewed two proposed changes to personnel policy. The first is a proposed change to the maternity/paternity leave policy to increase it to a minimum of one year. Kristin Brown suggested specifying that this is unpaid leave and adding an additional clause reading: "WHEREAS, The Conservancy Board of Directors, recognizes the extraordinary contributions, dedication, and expertise of the staff,"

Approving a Change in Intern Health Insurance Policy

Ms. Griffen and Mr. Castiglione reviewed the second proposal allowing interns who have been with the Greenway for at least six months and work more than thirty hours a week to participate in the Greenway's health insurance program.

On a motion from Kristin Brown (Stefan Yarabek second) the two personnel policy changes passed unanimously.

Authorizing the Acting Executive Director to apply for Grants

On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Kevin Burke second) the Board approved the annual reauthorization of authority for the Acting Executive Director to apply for grants without Board approval, subject to the Acting Executive Director bringing any and all such applications for approval of the Board of Directors at the next subsequently held Board meeting.

Conservancy HRVNHA Budget Adoption

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the proposed Conservancy budget, including the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area budget, for the state fiscal year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. He explained that the budget is being brought for approval at this meeting as it is the first meeting held since passage of the state budget. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the budget was unanimously adopted.

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program

Mr. Castiglione announced that the Conservancy has received a \$100,000 Environmental Protection Fund appropriation for the Conservancy Trail Grant Program. An announcement of this year's program is expected in the next two weeks and applications will be due by September 11.

Water Trail Guidebook Update

Trails and Special Projects Director Scott Keller reviewed the status of the water trail map set and website update projects and presented the just off the presses Hudson River Watertrail Association's guide to the water trail. The guidebook should be available for sale in the next couple of weeks. The water trail is one site away from having access points every ten miles or less on the estuary and one access site every ten miles on the non-estuary and Champlain Canal portions. With the addition of the Milton campsite it is now possible to travel 65 miles from North Germantown to Peekskill without ever having to leave the river. We are still a few campsites short of having a complete water trail.

Nearly all pages have been initially designed and are nearing completion on the website and the map guide series has been designed. Staff and the Water Trail Working Group's comments have been given to the website designers and those changes are being incorporated. Once that is done the web pages will be tested and other content transferred from the existing site or developed, then the site will be ready for go-live. The map guide series boilerplate and interpretive text have been drafted for all maps and photo selection is underway.

Greenway Trail Gap Analysis

Mr. Castiglione updated the meeting on the status of the Gap Analysis Study to identify the steps needed to complete the land trail. An RFP is expected to be released prior to the next Board meeting.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Henry Knox Cannon Trail

Chairman McHenry and Mr. Castiglione noted that thanks to the NHA's support thirty markers along the Henry Knox Cannon Trail were conserved in 2008 and that the NHA is working with Champlain Valley National Heritage Area to interpret these markers.

Legislative Update

Mr. Castiglione reported that Congressman Paul Tonko is the lead co-sponsor on HR 581—the National Heritage Area Act that would establish a formal NHA program within the National Park Service.

Path Through History Weekend

Chairman Griffen reviewed the successful 2014 Path Through History Weekend and noted that Mr. Castiglione works with the Governor's office and the Greater Hudson Heritage Network to manage the program. Chairman Griffen announced 2015 PTH Weekend date of June 20-21 and encouraged everyone to attend an event.

Hudson River Valley Ramble

Mr. Castiglione noted that the 16th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble will be held on September 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27. The event is being supported this year by \$30,000 in advertising from I Love NY and by sponsorships from the Hudson River Estuary Program (\$5,000), and New York/New Jersey

Trail Conference (\$2,500). He noted that the registration of events deadline for those wishing to be in the printed guide is June 18.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Me. Castiglione reviewed his report which is appended to these minutes.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held October 14th. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott S. Keller
Meeting Secretary



**Vibrant pathways,
living landscapes,
active communities**



About the Kingston Land Trust

- > **Founded in 2008**
- > **An Urban Land Trust**
 - > Special focus on promoting the best and highest use of underutilized properties in Kingston and surrounding communities
- > **Key Programs/Initiatives**
 - > The Kingston Greenline
 - > Urban Agriculture
 - > General Open Space Protection
- > **Recent Successes**
 - > South Pine Street Farm enters 4th year
 - > Public/private partnerships for trails
 - > Nearing completion of first strategic plan



“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.”

John Muir, *The Yosemite*

The Greenline Vision

a network of **linear parks** and **complete streets** that **connects** residents & visitors to Kingston's rich **historical** / **cultural** / **recreational** / **commercial** and resources.



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Rails-To-Trails Conservancy

Why Build the Greenline?

- > **For economic development**
trails generate economic activity, create jobs
- > **For public health benefits**
trails improve health, reduce obesity
- > **For mobility and social justice**
trails provide freedom and access to all
- > **For quality of life**
trails attract our city's next generation of civic leaders, entrepreneurs and artists



"If you build it, they will come..."

Craig Della Penna, REALTOR®



A Growing Partnership



Witness Kingston's Renaissance

> Over 200 active volunteers in 2014

- > Rail trail committee, work days, hikes, management team

> Over \$4M in grant funding for design and construction

- > In partnership with the KLT, the City received CFA funds in 2014 for connectivity
- > Ulster County

> Key projects already underway

- > Kingston Connectivity Project
- > Building a Better Broadway
- > Ulster County Rail Trail Project
- > Comprehensive Greenline Management Plan



“A strategy of conserving parks and open space is not contrary to a community’s economic health, but rather an integral part of it.”

John L. Crompton, *The Proximate Principle*

A Regional Trail Hub



**Ulster County
Rail Trail Project**



6

**Kingston Point
Rail Trail**



1

**O&W Rail
Trail/D&H Canal
Heritage Corridor**



5

**Hudson River
Greenway
Water Trail**



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**Walkkill Valley
Rail Trail**



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**Hudson Valley
Rail Trail &
Walkway Over
the Hudson**



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 **Planned**
 **Existing**



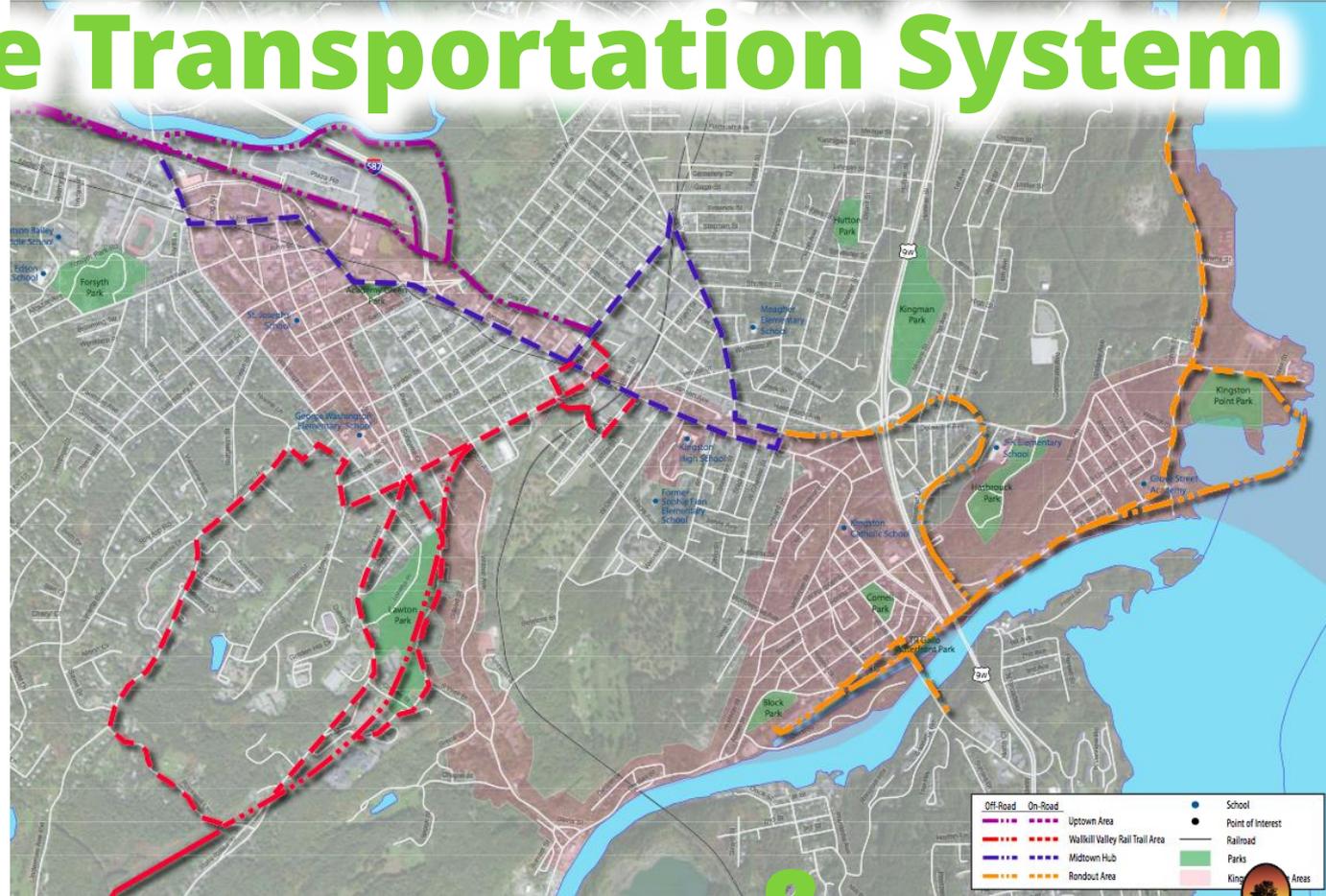
An Active Transportation System

■ Radiates from the Midtown Hub

■ to the Rondout and the Hudson

■ to the Catskills and the Rondout Valley

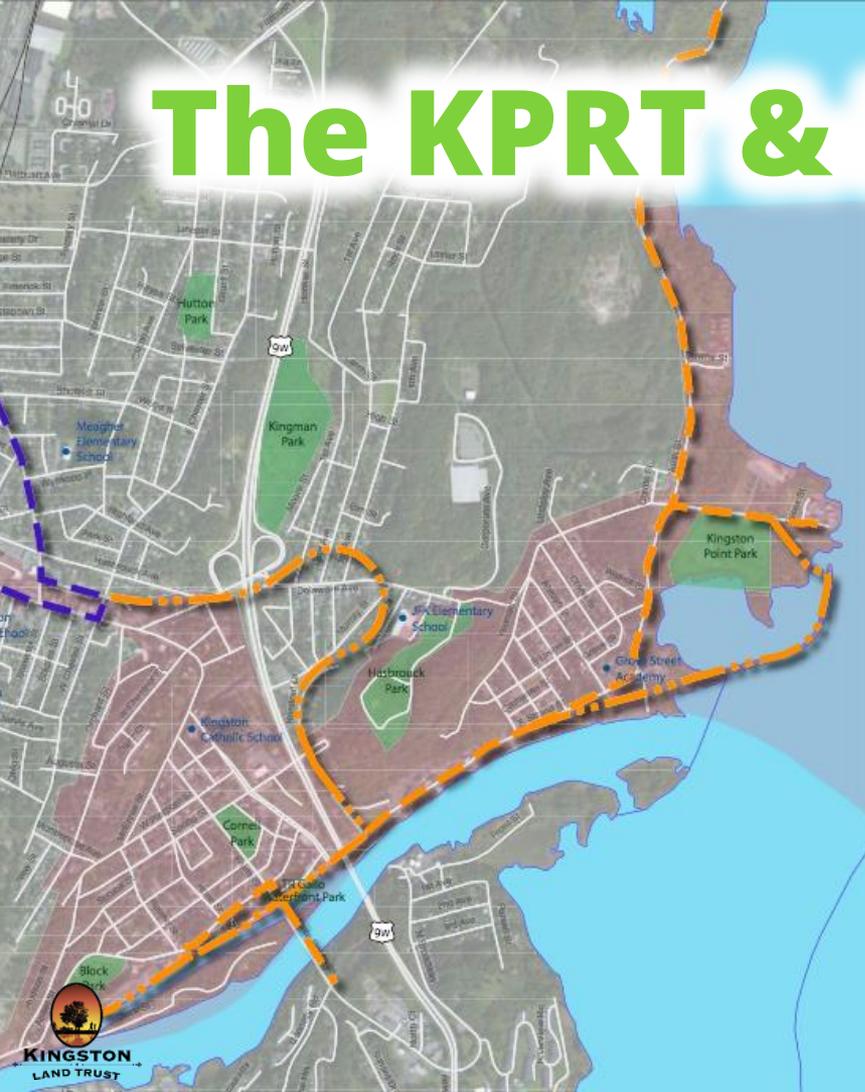
■ to the Walkkill Valley and the Walkway



For ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & RECREATION



The KPRT & Rondout Section



- > Greenway got us started with support for the **Kingston Point Rail Trail Feasibility Study**
- > KLT entered into **partnership with the City** in 2014 to develop the trail from Midtown to the waterfront
- > Over **\$4M in-hand** to design and construct **7+ miles** of trails, promenades and complete streets connecting Midtown to the Rondout Creek and Hudson River
- > **Site preparation** began in 2014 with removal of rails and ties on upper segment
- > **Saratoga Associates team** hired for detailed design, toward **construction in early 2016**

The KPRT & Rondout Section

Midtown
Hub

Hudson Landing Promenade

**Delaware Ave
Pocket Park**

**Kingston Greenline
Rondout Section**

- Off-Street Trail
- Complete Streets



Kingston Point

Kingston Point



Hasbrouck Tunnel

Springbrook Village Apartments

Kingston Catholic School

Public Charities/Business Child Development

Rondout Neighborhood Center

Art Society of Kingston

Cornell Park

Ulster County Tourism & Visitors Center

Hasbrouck Park

Rondout Gardens Apartments

Trolley Museum of New York

Hudson River Maritime Museum

TR Gallo

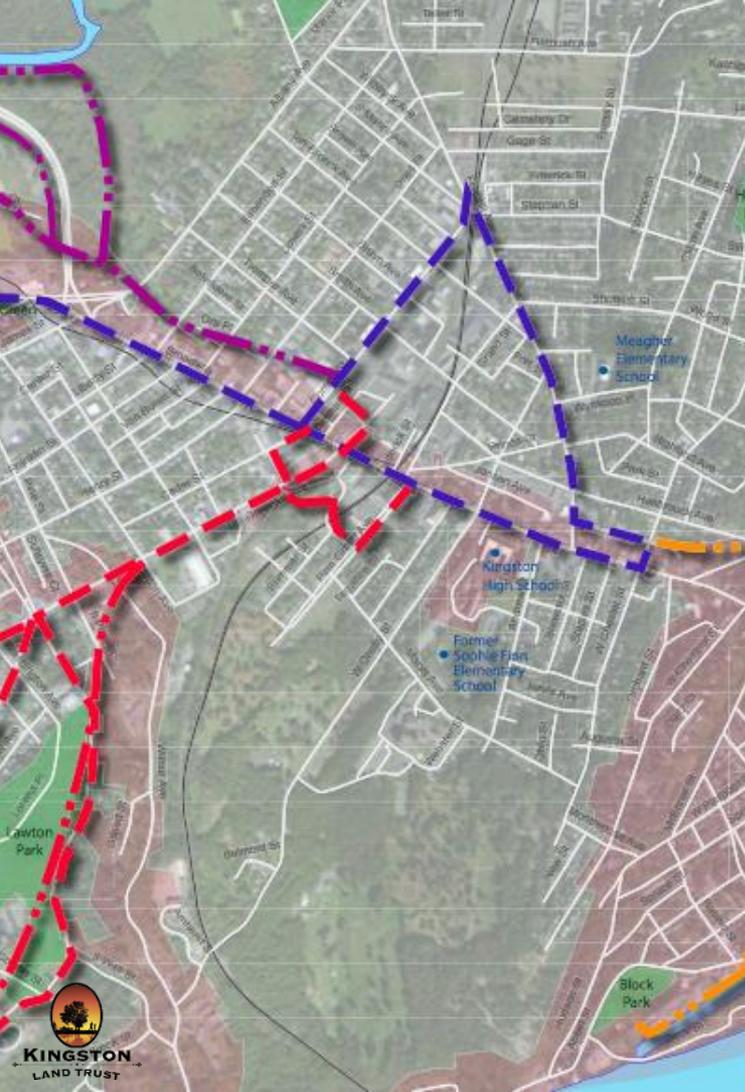
Block Park and
Rondout Promenade



**Rondout
Gardens**



Kingston Point
Rail Trail

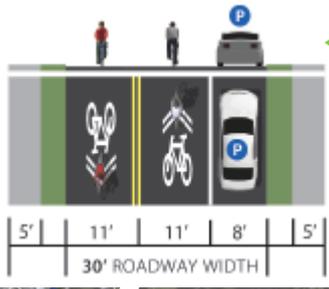
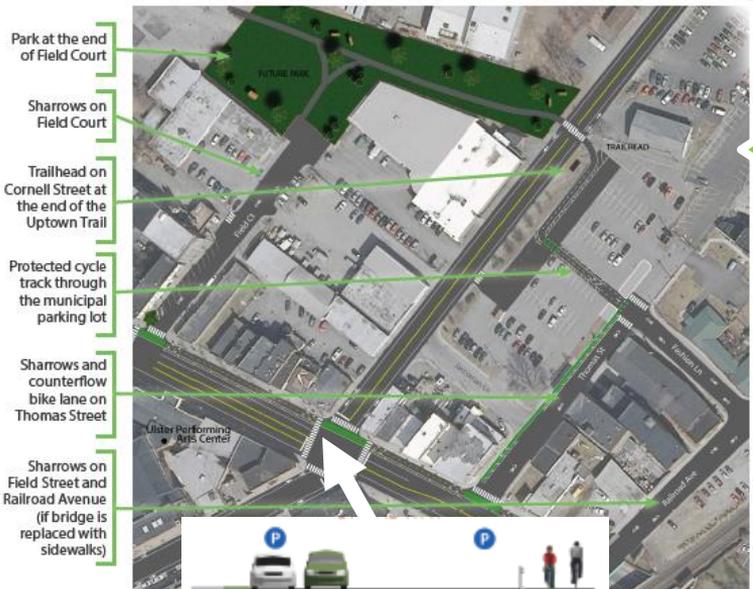


The Midtown Hub

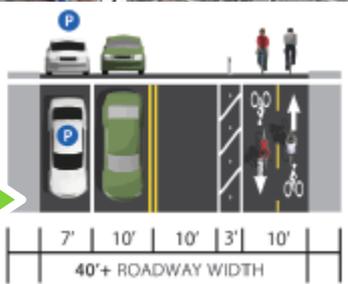
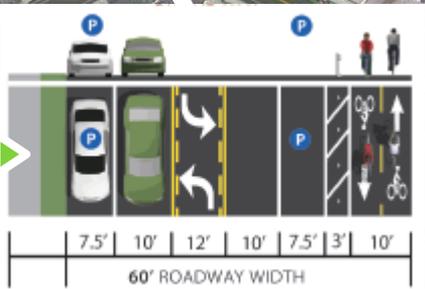
- > Ulster County Transportation Council & VHB nearing completion of **Building a Better Broadway** conceptual design
- > City of Kingston & GPI continue detailed design for Broadway, including **bike/ped improvements and signalization**
- > **Saratoga Associates team** study area covers off-broadway portion to Cornell Street
- > Gearing up for **public input sessions** in early Summer
- > Broadway work out to bid by **Fall 2016**

Uptown, O&W Rail Trail and
Ulster County Rail Trail

The Midtown Hub



Broadway West



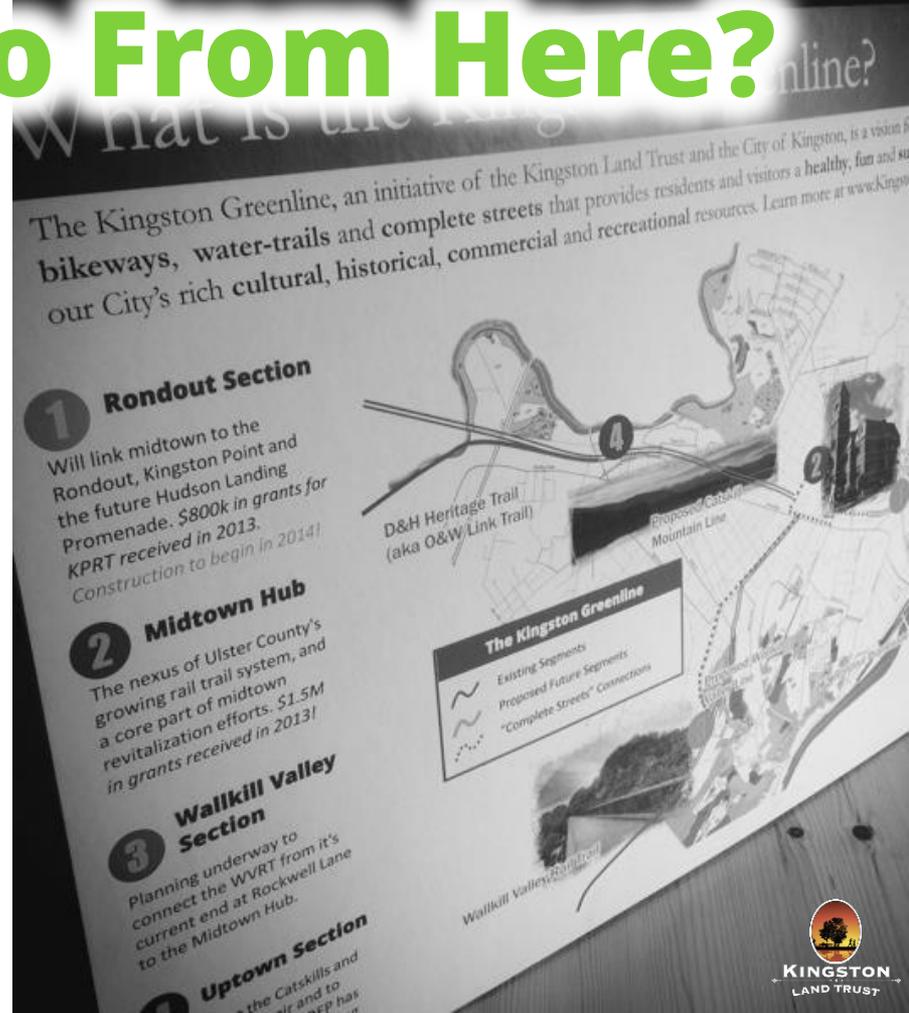
KPRT & Rondout



Walkill Valley Rail Trail

Where Do We Go From Here?

- **Advocacy and Engagement**
Coalition-building, neighborhood outreach, growing the grassroots...
- **Corridor Development**
WVRT extension to midtown, CMRT, O&W Connector, Hudson Landing Promenade
- **Design and Construction**
City and KLT-led design process, KPRT construction, B'way signals & enhancements
- **Maintenance and Management**
Comprehensive management plan, organizational development, fundraising



Volunteers doing some "heavy lifting" on
the Kingston Point Rail Trail in 2013

Join the Movement!

- > Help us connect with community leaders and future trail user groups
- > Help us refine our messages about the benefits of the Greenline
- > Sign up for notices and announcements
www.KingstonGreenline.org
- > Come to the conference this Friday
www.ActiveTransportationUlster.org
- > Contact me for more info
Tim Weidemann
tim@rondoutconsulting.com

**Together, let's build
these trails!**



KINGSTON
LAND TRUST

Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report
6-10-15
 Mark Castiglione

Recent Events

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Announces \$60,000 in Heritage Development Grants

The HRVNH 2015 Heritage Development Grants were announced at events in April and June. On June 5, Congressman Paul Tonko, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, and Assemblyman John T. McDonald III joined partner organizations at historic Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany to announce seven Heritage Development Grant awards totaling over \$28,000. For complete coverage with photos, please see this Times Union [article](#). The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area press release is available [here](#).

On April 27th, Congresswoman Nita Lowey joined partners at an event to announce seven Heritage Development Grant awards to local historic and cultural institutions. Over \$30,000 was awarded to organizations in support of a variety of educational and interpretive programs that will showcase the area's history and contribute to the regional heritage tourism economy. The event was hosted at Lyndhurst. Complete story [here](#).

History Happy Hour at the Albany Institute of History & Art

The HRVNH sponsored the inaugural History Happy Hour at The Albany Institute of History & Art held on May 14. Attendees got to explore the galleries of this remarkable collection and mingle with likeminded art and history enthusiasts during this special afterhours event, all while enjoying local selections of beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. This event was also sponsored by Historic Albany Foundation, City of Albany Office of Special Events, Partners for Albany Stories PAST, Museum Association of New York, and the Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau.



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L-R: Douglas McComb (Albany Institute of History & Art), Mark Castiglione, Sean Sawyer (The Olana Partnership), Starlyn D'Angelo (Shaker Heritage Society), Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Lisamarie Nunez and Chad Johnson (re-enactors), Conrad Hansen (Friends of Clermont), Kate Menconeri (Thomas Cole National Historic Site), Assemblyman John T. McDonald III, Jillian Altenburg (Albany County Historical Association), Congressman Paul Tonko



L-R: Shawn Dell Joyce (Walkill River School), Matt Shook (Palisades Park Conservancy, Inc.), Jessica MacFarlane (National Maritime Historical Society), Burchenal Greene (National Maritime Historical Society), Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Howard Zar (Lyndhurst), Mark Castiglione (Hudson River Valley Greenway)

Heritage Area Sponsors Inaugural Hudson Valley Heritage Fair and Presentation by Franklin Vangone

The first-ever Hudson Valley Heritage Fair was a great success. Held at Locust Grove Historic Estate in Poughkeepsie on Sunday, May 17, the fair featured 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 was 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. The heritage fair was sponsored by Dutch Spirits and the Museum Association of New York. Following the day's activities, the HRVNHA co-sponsored a talk by Franklin Vangone, Executive Director of the Historic House Trust of NYC, on the Anarchist's Guide to the Historic House Museum. A networking reception followed the talk which was sponsored by the HRVNHA, Museum Association of New York, and Dutch Spirits.



Project and Program Updates

Greenway Trail Grant Program Continues with EPF Funding

The Greenway Trail Grant Program will continue with \$100,000 in funding from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund. The Grants Committee has agreed to allocate \$60,000 of the total for this year's upcoming Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Grant Program. Grant round will be announced in June.

Hudson River Valley



New York New Jersey Trail Sponsors Ramble: The NY/NJ Trail Conference is our latest Ramble sponsor coming in at the \$2500 level. Sponsorships available through June 18. Additional sponsors include NYS Division of Tourism, I Love NY, and the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program. In kind sponsors include the National Park Service, NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the MTA.

Ramble Registration and Sponsor Deadline, June 18 for Printed Materials: The Ramble will again take place during each weekend in September. Partners must register events by June 18 to be included in the printed guidebook. This year, I Love NY becomes a major sponsor in this initiative and will allow us to expand our marketing and promotional activities for the event. For updates see www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

NHA Website Update: Brockett Creative Group, Inc. has been working on a site map for the new HRVNHA website www.hudsonrivervalley.com. Once our final comments are received, they will begin wire framing. Brockett has extensive experience in marketing and web development. A recent example of their work is <http://www.mohawkvalleyhistory.com/>.



2015 Path Through History Weekend June 20-21: Once again, the Greenway assisted I Love NY/Empire State Development with administration of the state-wide Path Through History Weekend scheduled for June 20-21. The Greenway has again partnered with the Greater Hudson Heritage Network to assist with day-to-day administrative and communication tasks for the event. Their partnership and hard work contributed

significantly to the growth of the event. **PTH Weekend 2015 will be June 20-21.**



<http://www.iloveny.com/paththroughhistoryweekend/>

National Heritage Area Guidebook Re-print: The HRVNHA first published its “Heritage Site Guidebook” 2010. We issued an RFP for a redesign and reprinting of the guidebook and awarded the contract to 2K Design. <http://www.2kdesign.com/>. Redesign is in progress.

Teaching the Hudson Valley Update by Debi Duke

2015 THV Institute, July 28-30: This year’s theme is *Teaching for Engagement*. Keynotes include Jimmy Karlan, Antioch New England, and Philip Yenawine, Visual Thinking Strategies.

EXPLORE AWARDS

In March, THV received \$1,000 from Stewart's Shops Holiday Matching Grants for Explore Awards. We think this could become an annual contribution.

TRIP AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT COMPLETED | 184 students from three+ counties to sites in three+ counties

- Copper Beech MS, Lakeland CSD (Westchester), 50, grade 7, Glynwood (Putnam)
- Young Writers’ Program, Hudson Valley Writing Project, 14, grades 6-9 (various counties) to Revolutionary War sites (various counties)
- M.C. Smith IS, Hudson CSD (Columbia), 120, grade 4, to NY State Museum (Albany)

GRANTS MADE, TRIP OR REIMBURSEMENT PENDING | 471 students from six counties to sites in four counties

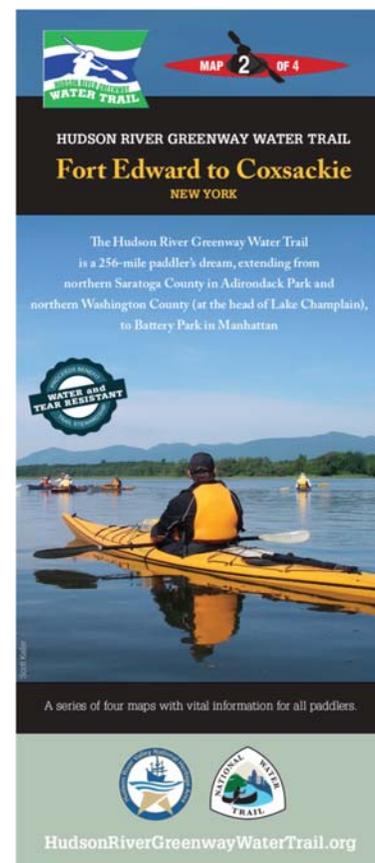
- Vails Gate Magnet, Newburgh CSD (Orange), 50, grade 3, to Mohonk Preserve (Ulster)
- M.C. Smith IS, Hudson CSD (Columbia County), 147, grade 3, to Children’s Museum of Science and Technology (Rensselaer County)
- Viola ES, Ramapo CSD (Rockland), 74, grade 5, Esopus Meadows (Ulster) w/Clearwater
- Harry L. Edson ES, Kingston CSD (Ulster), 100, grade 2, Sharpe Reservation (Dutchess)
- Krieger ES, Poughkeepsie CSD (Dutchess County), 50 elementary students, Long Dock Park (Dutchess County) with Scenic Hudson educator

- Cocksackie ES, Cocksackie-Athens CSD (Greene), 50 ES, Cohotate Preserve (Greene)

WRITING ABOUT PLACE | This was year four of the contest. Media coverage included: Rhinebeck Community Forum, Poughkeepsie Journal, Warwick Advertiser, River Chronicle, Olana Partnership newsletter (February), Hudson Valley News Network, and Almanac Weekly. In addition, some of the student entries will be featured in Wordscape@Clermont during June.

As reported at the end of calendar year 2014, entries came from 26 elementary school students, 6 middle schoolers, and 14 high school students. Trips were awarded to:

- Grades 1-2: Vincent Cheng, Overlook Primary, Arlington CSD, Dutchess County, about Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome
- Grades 4-5: Charlotte Weinstein, Mill Road IS, Red Hook, Dutchess, about Olana SHS
- Middle school: Brian Angevine, Onteora MS, Boiceville, Ulster County, for an adventure set in the Catskills
- High school: Itzel Garcia, Newburgh Free Academy, Newburgh CSD, Orange County, Storm King
- Additional awards made possible by Mount Gulian Historic Site went to:
 - Asa Miller, grade 2, Haldane ES, Haldane CSD, Cold Spring, Putnam, West Point
 - Ember Reynolds, grade 5, Berea ES, Valley CSD, Montgomery, Orange, Hudson River
 - Liliana Rivera, grade 5, Warwick Valley Middle School, Orange County, Bear Mountain



MISCELLANEOUS | Added 80+ contacts to **email list**. Andy Kitzmann, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, kindly **distributed material** about THV at NYSUT's representative assembly, May 1 and 2, in Buffalo.

THVIPS. We formally added two new members: Virginia McCurdy, English teacher, Newburgh Free Academy, and Fred Engelhardt, principal, Albany School of Humanities.

April: THV joined Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct to offer two walking tours, **Stone Workers at New Croton Dam** designed with educators in mind. Turnout was disappointing--we had about 10 total—but we made some new contacts and are especially optimistic about a teacher from Pierre Van Cortlandt MS, a Croton Harmon school we have never reached before.

Trails

Greenway Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project: The Greenway has begun to develop the interactive, smartphone optimized website and map series. Consultant MapHero has developed the layout for the map/guide series and web consultant Laurie Lawrence design has created the website template. This project is funded through a \$90,000 grant from Empire State Development to promote use of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. Greenway staff will be consulting with stakeholders as these elements become more refined. The grant timeline for this project has been extended through summer 2015.

Greenway Trail Gap Analysis RFP: A draft RFP for this mapping project is being edited and is expected to be released in the coming month. The goal of the project will be to identify gaps in the

Hudson Valley’s trail network and to identify likely connections, either on road or off road, to designate a Greenway Trail from New York City to Albany. In addition, some promotional materials will be developed that will help draw attention from both public and private funders.

Grants Updates

Grants Awarded

Community	Project	Description	Grant Awarded
Albany County Historical Association	Albany County History Web Interchange	To reestablish ACHA coordination; advertise the King Building carriage house as an exhibit space; new website to connect historical societies and provide space for local announcement, cross-promotion, and sponsorship of exhibits, lectures, and tours.	\$4,000.00
Albany Institute of History & Art	Top 50: The Story of the Capital Region	2015 – 2016 exhibition will illustrate the top 50 people, places, and events of the Capital Region, involving 50 local museums and sites, public input through the Times Union	\$4,000.00
City of Beacon	City of Beacon Heritage Site Mapping and Signage Project	Mapping and signage for various installations throughout the city. This signage would increase visitation and promote connectivity for tourists and visitors to the Heritage Sites, trail network, and recreational activities Collaborating with multiple heritage sites.	\$8,500.00
Friends of Clermont	Harvesting History and the Community Garden at Clermont	This project was created in 2014, which gives an appreciation to the site's natural and historic assets to the public. The project is looking to expand the size and scope erect permanent fencing, add signage, and expand the footprint of the garden. Funds are also for educators, instructors, and garden materials.	\$5,000.00
Friends of John Jay Homestead	Red Barn Discovery Center	One-time purchase of supplies, materials, and signage for expansion of existing Discovery Center.	\$4,000.00
Friends of the Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard College	Proposal for Blithewood Garden Interpretive Materials	Interpretive materials to enhance visitor experiences (guided tours, brochures, maps, interpretive site marker, website, cell-phone guided tour).	\$2,414.00
Lyndhurst	Interpretive Signage	Signage design, fabrication, and installation. Three interpretive signs will explain the historic relationship between Lyndhurst, the Old Croton Aqueduct trail, and the Hudson River.	\$1,250.00



Mount Gulian Historic Site	James F. Brown Day: A Celebration of Freedom	Professional services (actor and professor), printed materials, and advertising. Event at Mount Gulian about the life of James F. Brown, an escaped slave, featuring lectures from historians and authors, food, music, and living history. Ramble/PTH event.	\$2,414.00
National Maritime Historical Society	Sea History's Guide to Maritime Programs & Cultural Sites	Updating current book that was created in 2004 and would like to publish it online. Project will also update guidebook to maritime programs and cultural sites in NYS.	\$5,000.00
Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Interpreting the Tower of Victory at Washington's Headquarters SHS	Sign fabrication, pedestal, mount, and shipping. Interpretive sign will tell the story of the Tower of Victory at Washington's Headquarters SHS.	\$2,226.00
Shaker Heritage Society	Interpreting the Watervliet Shaker Community	Production of signs. Project will entail installation of panels and interpretive kiosks.	\$4,000.00
The Olana Partnership	River Crossings: Contemporary Art Comes Home	Professional services (public relations and marketing) and installation costs. Exhibition will explore connections between 19th-century art and contemporary works. Hosted by Olana and Thomas Cole NHS.	\$4,000.00
Thomas Cole Historic House	Reinventing the Interpretation of Thomas Cole's Home	The project is to create an innovative and experiential program in the 1815 home of Thomas Cole, founder of the Hudson River School of art, replacing the hands-off, roped-off, lecture-style guided tour with an immersive experience that uses technology to engage visitors in unexpected ways	\$5,000.00
Walkill River School	Art/History Trail	This project is to build a geotour (a map of hidden geocaches that become destinations using a cellphone app) that will connect landscape painters to the heritage sites on the Art/History Trail.	\$ 8,500.00
City of Newburgh	Reactivating Vacant Lots in Newburgh	Newburgh Community Land Bank (NCLB) would transform three vacant lots into neighborhood green spaces. NCLB will work with Groundwork Newburgh's Green Team and One Nature, LLC, a local landscape architecture firm. The target lots are underutilized and are unsuitable for community garden use, but are strategically important for neighborhood revitalization.	\$7,500.00

Town of Clinton	Revision of Zoning Law	The Town of Clinton passed a revised Comprehensive Plan in 2012. The Zoning Law was last updated in 1992. (See attached map.) Currently the town is revising the Zoning Law to reflect the Comprehensive Plan, as well as additional recommendations from the Open Space Plan (2012), Farmland Protection Plan (2009) and biodiversity survey that was completed by Hudsonia in 2012. Please visit the Town of Clinton website to see these documents.	\$10,000.00
Village of Cold Spring	Village of Cold Spring Code Update	The Village seeks to amend its Village Code, subdivision regulations, and historic standards to encourage and enable future development and redevelopment that will save energy.	\$10,000.00

Grants Completed

Project Name	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Completed Date
Nyack Green Village Action Plan	Council Planning	\$5,000.00	\$19,858.00	5/4/2015
Hudson Valley Online Community Design Manual	Council Compact	\$12,500.00	\$40,000.00	5/4/2015
Development of a vibrant town center in Hyde Park	Council Planning	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	3/19/2015

Staff Updates:

Greenway Hires Program Assistant

The Program Assistant works under the supervision of the Executive Director and is responsible for the day to day activities of a variety of Greenway and National Heritage Area programs and projects. A candidate has been selected for this position and we're awaiting final approval to proceed.

Board Member Updates:

Vincent Alteri Appointed Rockland Representative to Greenway Council:

Mr. Alteri is the Executive Director of the Rockland County Drainage Agency and was appointed to the Greenway Council by Rockland County Executive Ed Day in May. Appointed in 2011 to head the RCDA, Vincent oversees a variety of agency activities including enforcement actions as to violations, construction stabilization projects along banks of streams, removal of obstructions that may cause flooding, obtaining funding from F.E.M.A. for eligible grants, and working with Army Corp. of Engineers and NYSDEC as to permits. Vincent supervises a staff of six and manages a capital budget of \$49 million.

