

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.
March 22, 2017
Henry A. Wallace Center at FDR Library
Hyde Park, NY
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Secretary
Burke, Kevin, Acting Chair
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
Molinaro, Marcus, Conservancy Member
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Brown, Kristin Cole, Conservancy Member
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Member
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer

Conservancy Members Present by Phone

Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member
Ames, Edward, New York City Council Member
Downey, Margaret (Meg), Dutchess County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Council Chair
Smith, Michelle, Putnam County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Galef, Sandra, Council Member
Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member
Saland, Stephen, Council Member

Delegates Present

Beard, Nancy, Joint Co-Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Cooper, Linda, Joint Delegate for Commissioner NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Ethier, Jaime, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State

Jobson, Sandra, Acting Joint Delegate for Commissioner NYS Department of Transportation

Rooney, Frank, Joint Deputy Delegate for Commissioner of NYS Agriculture & Markets

Taylor, Meghan, Joint Delegate for President and CEO, Empire State Development

Wrafter, Eoin, Delegate for Conservancy Member Marcus Molinaro

Delegates Present by Phone

Chaisson, Trevor, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of General Services

Advisory Members Present

Bicking, Andy, Scenic Hudson

Olson, Sarah, National Park Service (Ret.)

Greenway Staff Present

Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director

Day, Shannon, Administrative Assistant

Jeanson, Daniel, Project Coordinator

Keller, Scott, Acting Executive Director

Marchitello, Chris, Administrative Assistant

Smollin, Stephen, Assistant Events Coordinator

Call to Order

Chairman Barnabas McHenry and Acting Chairman Kevin Burke called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Introductions and Welcomes

During the introductions, Conservancy Member Stefan Yarabek said he had been asked to give an in memoriam for some notable members of the Hudson Valley that had been lost that week. He noted that David Rockefeller had passed away at the age of 101, and that Mr. Rockefeller had always been a supporter of the Greenway. Mr. Yarabek also mentioned that the great architect Hugh Hardy had passed away. In addition, Mr. Yarabek noted that Cy Hamlin, the designer of the Sloop Clearwater, had passed away.

Chairman McHenry introduced Hon. Marc Molinaro, Conservancy Member and Dutchess County Executive. County Executive Molinaro welcomed everyone to Dutchess County, noting that he had been to most of the Greenway meetings in Dutchess County. Mr. Molinaro also noted that Dutchess County had always been a strong supporter of the Greenway principles and treated the organization with relevance. Mr. Molinaro recognized many of the accomplishments of Dutchess County in the areas of open space protection and farmland protection, noting that Dutchess County has over 3,000 acres of preserved and active farmland. He also noted that Dutchess County believes in integrating environmental protection with economic development to create sustainable growth, a key component of the Greenway. Mr. Molinaro stated that the Greenway needs to exist to help encourage this kind of thinking throughout the Hudson Valley.

Assemblymember Didi Barrett was unable to attend, but had sent a letter to be read on her behalf. The letter is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Acting Chairman Burke introduced Dave Bullock, Acting Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt-Van Buren National Historic Sites. Mr. Bullock welcomed everyone to the site, and noted that he has seen the many good things the Greenway and National Heritage Area have worked on, and the shared mission with his sites.

Acting Chairman Burke introduced Paul Sparrow, Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Mr. Sparrow noted that FDR would have loved that the Greenway was having their meeting at the site, because he had loved the Hudson River and had deep ties to the area. He also encouraged everyone to visit the new exhibit, Images of Internment, a photography exhibit on the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 906, signed by FDR.

Presentations

Council Member Bob Elliott introduced Liz McEnaney, Executive Director of the SS Columbia Project, and Ann Loeding, Restoration Coordinator for the SS Columbia. They gave an update on the status of the SS Columbia and its restoration and plans for the future. Their presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Burke called for changes and additions to the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

Minutes of February 1, 2017 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 10, 2017 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Sally Mazzarella (Stefan Yarabek second) the minutes of the February 1, 2017 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Cindy Lanzetta (Sally Mazzarella second) the minutes of the March 10, 2017 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee were unanimously approved.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Burke recalled the Conservancy meeting to order.

Resolution of Appreciation

Acting Chairman Burke called for a motion to approve a resolution of appreciation for Don Marra, who was retiring from the Board after serving since 2001. On a motion from Bob Elliott (Meg Downey second) the motion was unanimously approved.

Empire State Trail Update

Acting Executive Director Scott Keller told the Board that the Empire State Trail (EST) was moving through the budgeting process, and that the consultants have been doing outreach and route finding. He said that if the EST funds were passed in the state budget that the Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant budget would be dedicated to connecting Greenway trails to the EST.

Mr. Keller introduced Council Board Member Vincent Altieri, who noted that the entire riverfront in Rockland County is a trail or access to a trail, and that the county looks forward to working with the Greenway on trail projects.

Advisory Member Andy Bicking told the Board that Scenic Hudson had been campaigning in support of the EST, and that there was still time to weigh in with support for the proposal.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

Appoint New Board Member

Chairman McHenry called for a motion to make a Council appointment of a Conservancy Board Member, Sarah Olson, now an advisory board member and the retired Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites. On a motion from Sally Mazzarella (Bob Elliott second) the appointment was unanimously approved.

Appointment to the Grants Committee

Chairman McHenry called for a motion to appoint Council Member Meg Downey to the Greenway Grants Committee. On a motion from Sally Mazzarella (Bob Elliott second) the appointment was unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards

Mr. Keller reviewed the Greenway Grants applications recommended for funding by the Greenway Grants Committee.

The *City of Newburgh, Orange County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$8,080 for a Complete Streets Phase II project. The committee recommends \$7,500.

The *Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,100 for a Wappinger Greenway Trail restoration and access project. The committee recommends \$6,100.

The *Town of Woodstock, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a new Comprehensive Plan. The committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Village of Green Island, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a zoning code update. The committee recommends \$7,500.

Chairman McHenry called for a vote on the Greenway Grants. On a motion from Ned Ames (Bob Elliott second) the grants were unanimously approved.

Governor's Budget Update

Mr. Keller gave an update on the Greenway's status in the Governor's budget. The Council's proposed budget is \$321,000, with \$185,000 for operations and \$136,000 for grants. Mr. Keller stated that they hoped to hear about the budget on April 1st.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

National Heritage Area Development Grant Awards

Mr. Keller reviewed the proposed 2017 Heritage Development Grant Awards.

The *Albany Institute* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for a Hudson River School Book. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Bannerman Castle Trust* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the Bannerman Residence Visitor Center Interpretive Display. The committee recommends \$2,000.

Historic Huguenot Street is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the project Presenting Munsee Life and Culture. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Hudson Highlands Land Trust* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$2,500 for their 2017 Take a Hike! Program. The committee recommends \$2,500.

The *Hudson River Maritime Museum* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$2,855 for the Caring for the River Together Exhibit. The committee recommends \$2,855.

The *Hudson River Sloop Clearwater* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the All Aboard Public Sailing Program. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival with Boscobel House & Putnam History Museum* are seeking grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the project Benedict Arnold's New York. The committee recommends \$5,000.

Manitoga, Inc. is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$4,500 for the project Learning From the Woodland Landscape. The committee recommends \$4,500.

The *New Castle Historical Society* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$4,977 for the Core Exhibition Project. The committee recommends \$2,500.

The *Olana Partnership* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for their Historic Landscape Tours. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Putnam History Museum* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the project Benedict Arnold in the Hudson Highlands. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Saugerties Lighthouse* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$2,753.92 for the project Plans for Preservation: Living Museum, Living History. The committee recommends \$2,750.

The *Seligmann Center* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Seligmann Storybank. The committee recommends \$2,500.

The *SS Columbia Project* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for its traveling exhibit: Hudson River Stories. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Thomas Cole Historic House* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Story of Thomas Cole E-book. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Village of Kinderhook* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the Native Son: Martin Van Buren & Kinderhook: A Historic Connectivity Promotional Rack Card & Poster. The committee recommends \$1,000.

Chairman McHenry called for a voice vote of all those in favor, there were no votes opposed. Michelle Smith recused herself on the Hudson Highlands Land Trust grant. Meg Downey recused herself from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival with Boscobel and Putnam History Museum grant. Wint Aldrich recused himself from the Olana and SS Columbia grants. Stefan Yarabek recused himself from the Manitoga, Olana, Clearwater and New Castle grants. Barnabas McHenry recused himself from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival with Boscobel and Putnam History Museum grant. Sarah Olson recused herself from all grants. Jennifer Schwartz Berky recused herself from the SS Columbia and Hudson River Maritime Museum grants. Jayne McLaughlin, who was present by proxy, has requested that her proxy be recused from the Walkway Over the Hudson grant and the Bannerman Castle Trust grant.

Update on NHA Budget

Mr. Keller stated that the President's proposed budget has zero funding for National Heritage Areas, but noted that in the past at least some funding has been restored through Congress

Acting Executive Director's Report

Mr. Keller reviewed his report which is appended to these minutes.

New Business/Public Comment

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held June 7, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

Didi Barrett
Assemblymember 106th District
Columbia County
Dutchess County

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Task Force on People with
Disabilities
Subcommittee on
Regional Tourism Development

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Tourism, Parks, Arts and
Sports Development
Veterans' Affairs

March 22, 2017

Dear Friends,

I wish I could be with you in person to welcome you to the 106th Assembly District and thank you for all you do on behalf of the Hudson River Valley Greenway. As you probably know, I am busy in Albany working on the 2017-18 budget.

I would like to share a few updates. My office is proud to report that the Assembly budget resolution includes language and funding to support a study of tax incentives for carbon sequestering farming practices. This study should lay the groundwork for a statewide tax credit -- my Carbon Farming Act legislation -- which would be a win-win by reducing carbon in our atmosphere and providing farmers with healthier and more resilient soils. In an effort to address the Lyme crisis, our Assembly resolution includes language that ensures measures to address tick-borne illnesses are eligible for environmental health funding. In addition, our office has introduced legislation to combat the proposed Coast Guard anchorages by strengthening the state's ability to set the conditions by which barges are able to navigate the Hudson River. For further information on any of these issues please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you again for graciously giving me this opportunity to "remotely" update you on things our office is working on and thank you for all you do for our beautiful Hudson Valley region.

Warmly,

Didi Barrett
Member of Assembly, 106th District

THE S.S. COLUMBIA PROJECT



A GRAND TRADITION...

SS *Columbia*, the oldest passenger steamer in the United States, will ply the Hudson River and reconnect New York City and its Harbor to the Hudson Valley, much like the celebrated excursion steamers of the past.



...MEETS THE FUTURE

SS Columbia will be the cultural flagship of New York City and the Hudson Valley – a floating venue for arts, education and entertainment on the magnificent Hudson River.



THE VISION



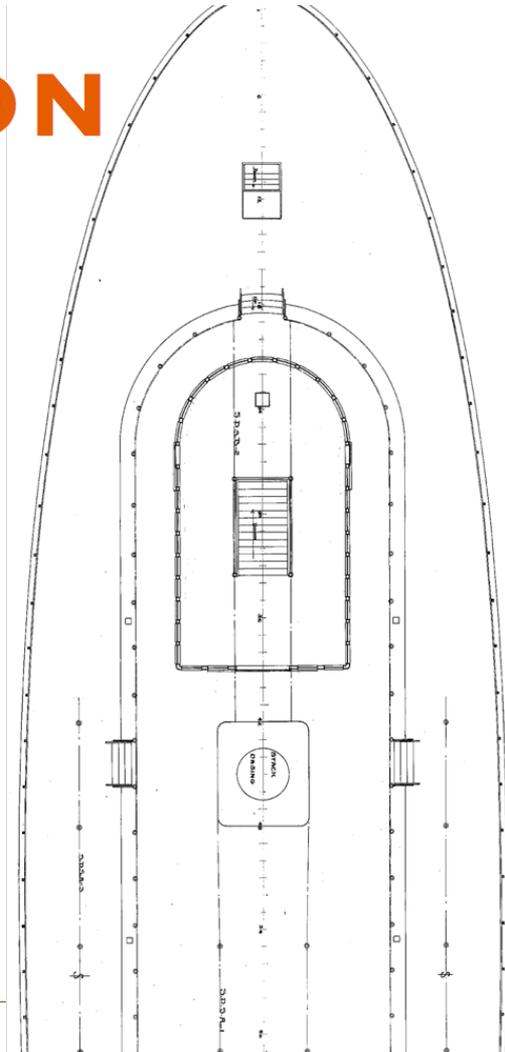
REVIVE

the tradition and glamour of Hudson River excursion steamers



INSPIRE

exploration, tourism and commerce in the Hudson Valley



CONNECT

New York City and the Hudson Valley through arts, culture and history via the river that unites them



TEACH

how the physical world works using the machinery of the boat



ENTERTAIN

in a dramatic event venue that can accommodate up to 1500 guests

THE FUTURE OF SS COLUMBIA: A DOCKSIDE DESTINATION



DINING & HOSPITALITY

Innovative food and beverage service in collaboration with award-winning partners.



EVENTS & EXPERIENCES

Premiere venue for corporate events, galas, weddings, brand activations, and off-sites.



PERFORMANCES & INSTALLATIONS

Space for museums, arts organizations, and other partners to create stunning displays of creativity.

THE FUTURE OF SS COLUMBIA: EXCITING EXCURSIONS



HUDSON VALLEY DAY TRIPS

Day trips to Hudson River scenic attractions, museums and historic sites, such as Dia:Beacon and Bear Mountain.



MANHATTAN CRUISES

Day and evening trips in New York Harbor provide breathtaking views of the City skyline.



RIVER COMMERCE

Connect Hudson Valley farmers, makers and businesses to visitors from NYC and beyond.

THE FUTURE OF SS COLUMBIA: LEARNING EXPERIENCES



IMMERSIVE FIELD TRIPS

Interactive journeys filled with compelling demonstrations and instruction led by scientists and mariners.



DOCKSIDE ENGAGEMENT

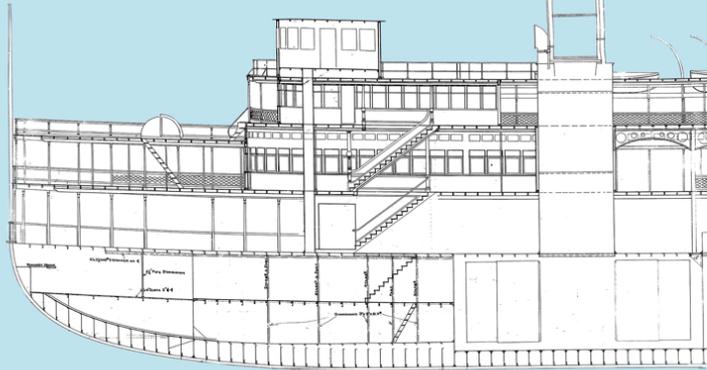
Hands-on exhibits educate visitors about steamboat technology, navigation, and the history of shipping on the Hudson River.



DAY CAMPS & MARITIME SCHOOLING

Education and experiential learning centered around STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) and basic maritime skills.

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I HAVE THE CONFIDENCE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT AS BOTH A DAY EXCURSION VESSEL AND A DOCKSIDE VENUE. THIS PROJECT IS A UNIQUE PUBLIC-PRIVATE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.
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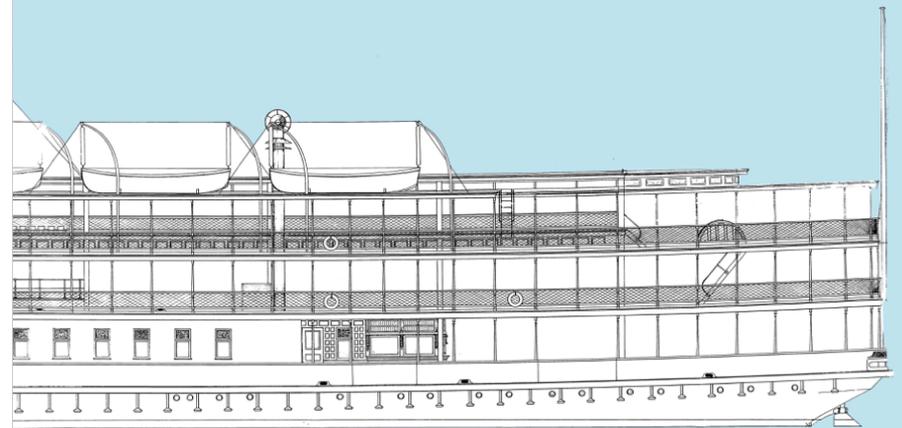
RICK SCARANO, CLASSIC HARBOR LINE

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WHEN IN SERVICE, COLUMBIA PROMISES TO BE A SUSTAINABLE OPERATION. I RECOGNIZE THAT COLUMBIA HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION AND REVENUE GENERATOR.

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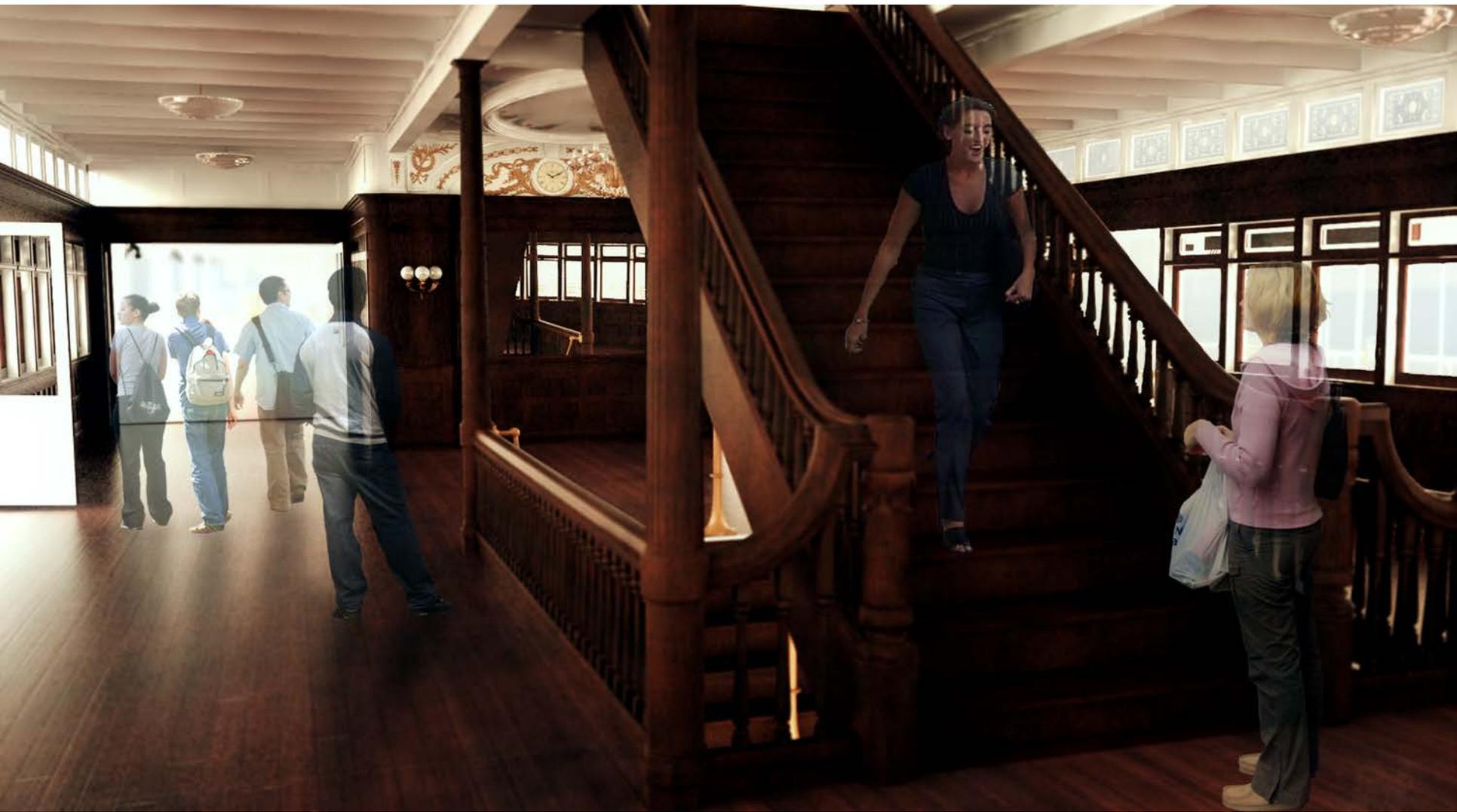




The SS Columbia rendering on the Hudson River.



SS Columbia Project



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COMING THIS FALL!
Hudson River Stories







Our work, our land,
our river, our food,
our downtowns, our
ideas, our future.

OurHudson
Shaping the future of the Hudson River Valley

Share your
ideas. Help
shape our
future.

Can we get more water jobs back? Can you help us
improve? Why don't the schools use more locally produced
food? What can we do to improve downtown? Can the old
factory buildings be used? **What are kids used to the bank
when they grow up?** Will they be able to afford it? Why
don't our schools, libraries and other areas use local food?
What are your ideas for action?
Near Hudson Children's Center, can we get an art or music studio?
Near Hudson River and Liberty Center's historic Park?
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THE SS COLUMBIA PROJECT

is an effort to restore a historic steamboat at the Kingston, NY waterfront beginning in 2018. Imagine the tourism potential of this 1,500-seat vessel, once it begins plying the waters between Manhattan and the river port towns. Would Kingston be ready for these tourists disembarking at the waterfront? How can we ensure that businesses all over the city and beyond benefit from projects like this?



Come learn about the SS Columbia and its potential for Kingston.

Tuesday, April 25, 8:30am-9:45am

Hudson River Maritime Museum

50 Rondout Landing Kingston, NY 12401

RSVP by April 24: pat@courtneystrong.com

A complimentary breakfast will be served.



Hudson River Maritime Museum
KINGSTON, NEW YORK



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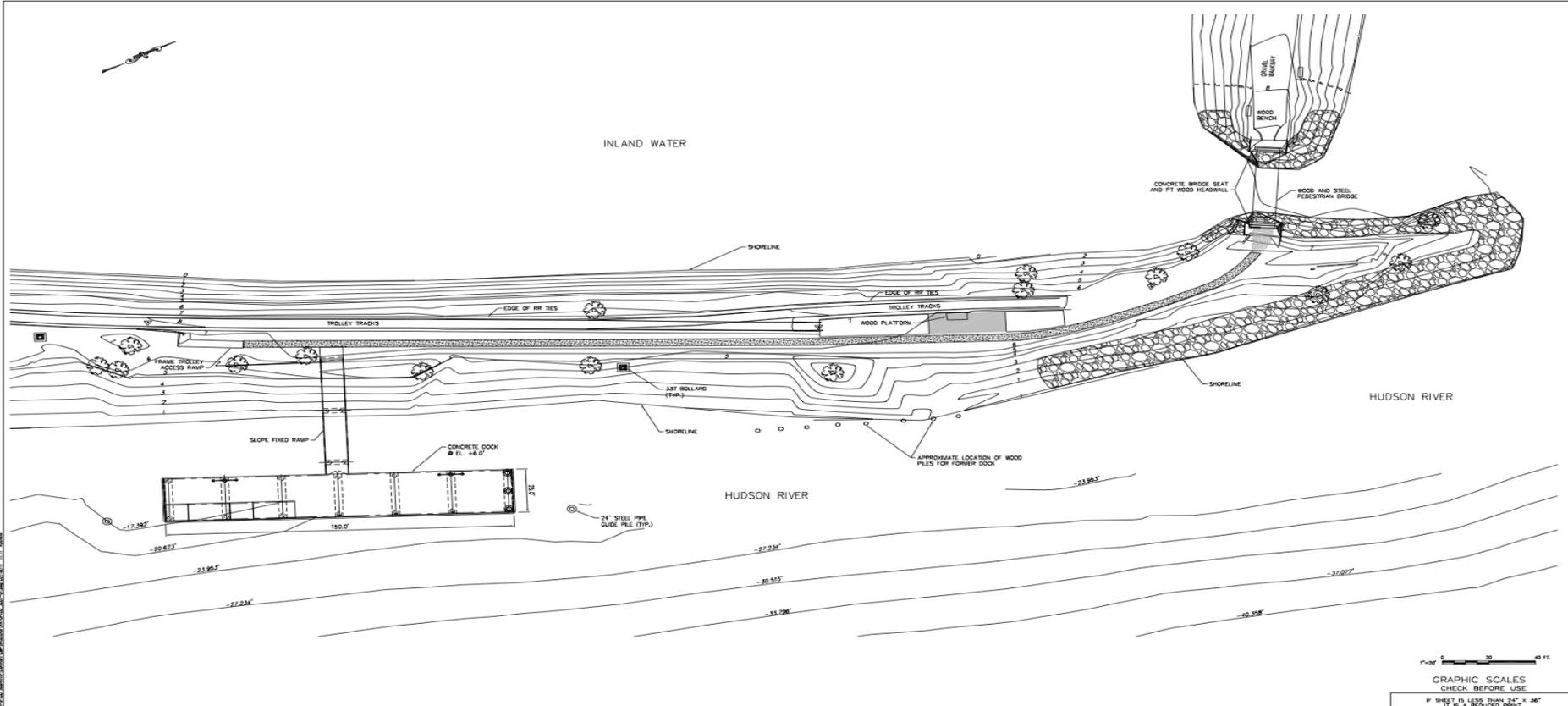


Kingston Matrix

	In place	To be developed	Not needed	NOTES
Infrastructure				
Docking berth	x			Preliminary design for HR dock by City
Layby berth	x			In talks w/ HRMM
Transporation				Rondout - 1.6 mi, uptown - 3 mi
Trolley at Kingston Point	2			Weekends only, 11-4
				Kingston Point to Rondout, trail to uptown under development
Waterfront trail	2 x			Shabby cars and drivers
Taxi service	2			
Ride share	x			
Local bus	2 x			Trolley-style bus, city buses
Regional bus				UCAT, not near waterfront
Train	3			Rhinecliff, across the river
NYC bus	3			Trailways depot uptown
				Approx 50 spots nearby, business park has addl, but 15 min walk up hill
Parking	1 x			
Shuttle to parking	x			
Shuttle to city center	x			
Bicycle rental	1 x			small rental shop in Rondout
Car rental	2 x			not near waterfront
Lodging				
Beds in Rondout	2 x			54 beds at BnBs
Hotels uptown	1 x			Uninteresting chain hotels
Hotels w/in 20 miles	3			Varied
BnBs in Kingston	x			206
BnBs w/in 20 miles				300+
Dining				
Restaurants in Rondout	2			Fourteen as of 3/17; approx. 840 seats
Trendy restaurants in Uptown Kingston	3			Approx. thirty as of 3/17: approx. 1600 seats
Shopping				
Near waterfront	1 x			Antiques, home decor
Uptown	2			
Tourist attractions				
Walk to				
HRMM	2			No evening programs
Trolley Museum	1			Small museum, basic ride to Kingston Point
ASK	2 x			More classes than events
Smorgasburg	2			One weekend/mo only

Reher Center for Immigrant History	x			Not yet open
Midtown				
UPAC	1			Occasional events; partnering in 2017 w/ Smorgasburg
Uptown				
Senate House	3			
Old Dutch Church	3			
Fred Johnston Museum	3			
Persen House	2			
Historic District	3			
Forsyth Nature Center	3			
Within 10 miles				
Woodstock				
Saugerties				
New Paltz				
Staatsburgh				
Rosendale/High Falls				
Tivoli/Clermont				
Within 30 miles				
Catskill Mts				





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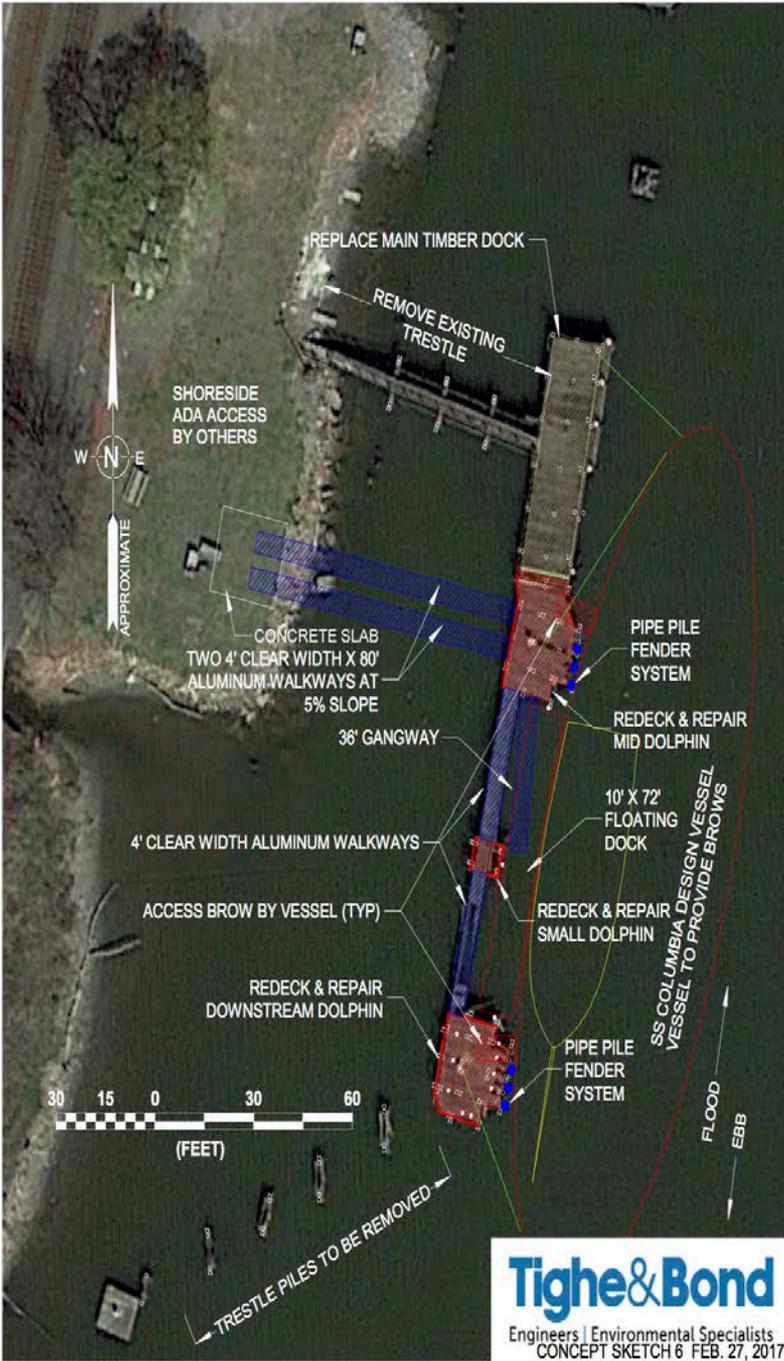
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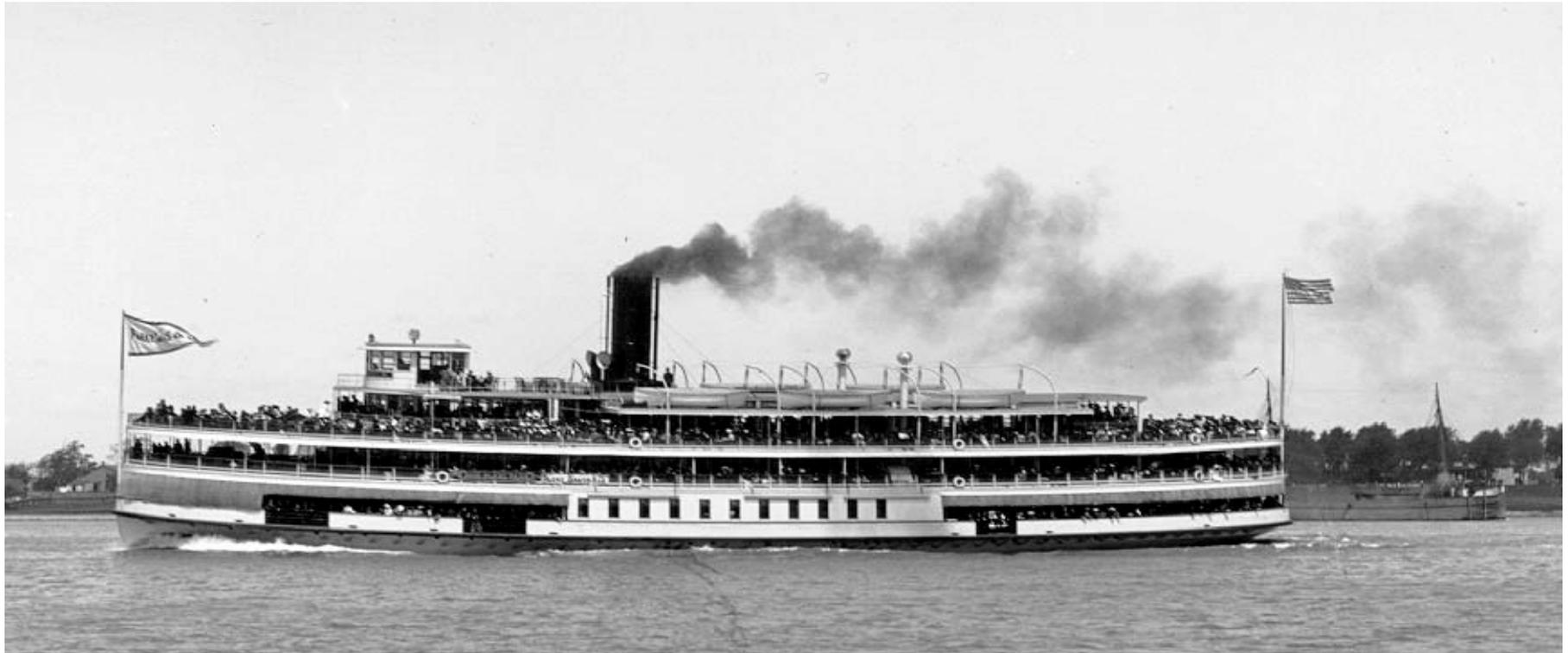
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Poughkeepsie Matrix

Infrastructure	In place	To be developed	Not needed	NOTES
Docking berth		x		Future discussions about enhancements to barge dock
Transportation				
Waterfront trail	2			Waterfront Kaal Rock Park Promenade, Park, Park by water's edge, Walkway over the Hudson
Taxi service	3			5 within main portion of town, 5 in reasonable limits, Google Maps 3/3/17
Ride share		x		
Local bus	3			6 Routes on Weekdays, Main Street, Northside, Southside. Galleria. Shopper's Special route. Special route. Two on Saturday, Main street. Galleria.
Regional bus				
Train	3			
NYC bus	1			Coach USA, leaves twice daily
Parking	2			Handful of designated parking lots, particularly by the station.
Shuttle to parking		x		
Shuttle to city center	2			
Bicycle rental	1			One within town, another further out within driving distance
Car rental	2			Approx 4 options within the outer limits of town
Lodging				
Hotels near waterfront	1			Two large chain hotels as of 3/17
Hotels uptown	2			Three medium chain hotels as of 3/17
Hotels w/in 20 miles	3			70+ as of 3/17
BnBs in Town	2			Approx. 38 as of 3/17
BnBs w/in 20 miles	3			Approx. 132 as of 3/17
Dining				
Restuarants	2			Approx 56 as of 3/17
Waterfont	2			Approx five as of 3/17
Shopping				
Waterfront	1			Very little
In town	2			Plentiful, but spread out
Tourist attractions				
Walk to				
Walkway Over the Hudson				
Mid-Hudson Children-s Museum				
Uptown				
Elanor Roosevelt Center at Val Kill				
Within 10 miles				
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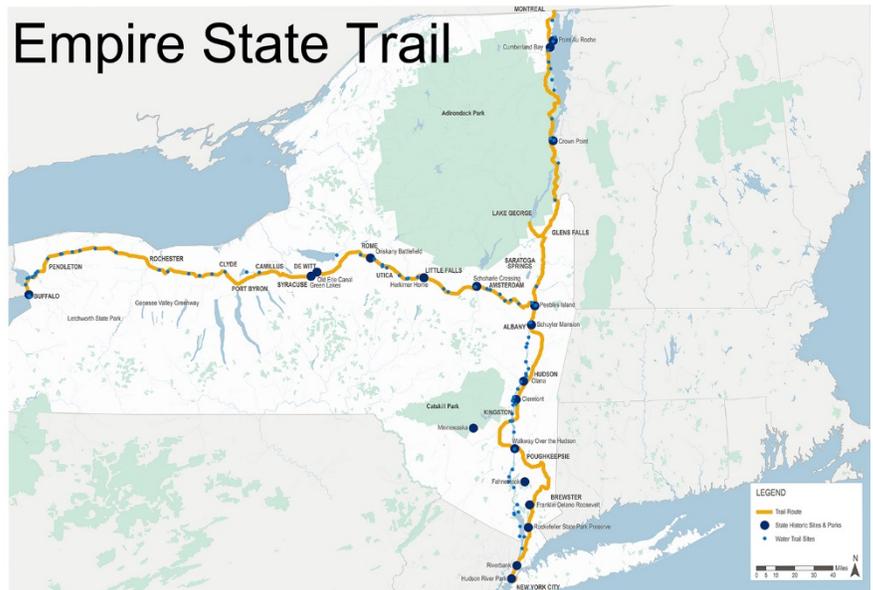


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Scott Keller

Empire State Trail

At his State of the State address on January 10th, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proposed completing the Hudson River Valley Greenway and Erie Canalway trails by 2020 to create the Empire State Trail, the largest state multi-use trail in the nation. To achieve this, the state will develop 350 miles of new trail in three phases to create a 750-mile pathway for hiking and biking along scenic vistas and through charming, historic communities. The Empire State Trail will span much of the state, from the New York Harbor up through the Adirondack Mountains to the Canadian border – and from the shores of Lake Erie along the historic Erie Canal to the heart of the Capital Region.



As the budget process continues, Greenway staff has spent time since the Governor's announcement working with NYS OPRHP, Alta Planning, and numerous partners to lay the groundwork to implement the Governor's vision, pending legislative adoption.

Greenway Website Update

The existing Greenway website's architecture was last updated in 2009 and is showing its age. Along with a desire to have New York State host the site, which requires a specific web architecture, we have begun working with New York State's web gurus to update our main website. The Greenway issued a request for proposals to update and recode the website into this new format. In the coming weeks Greenway and state staff will review proposals and select a vendor to implement this project.

Hudson River Comprehensive Restoration Plan

From thehudsonweshare.org: The Hudson River Comprehensive Restoration Plan seeks to improve ecosystem function and health, enhance regional economic potential and reduce the risk to waterfront communities by building resiliency when coping with the impacts of sea level rise and other weather-related events. This plan will provide a framework to guide future strategic action and investment in the Hudson River and its shoreline. The development of a Hudson River Comprehensive Restoration Plan is being led by Partners Restoring the Hudson, a coalition of over 30 agencies and organizations active in the Hudson River Estuary between the Tappan Zee Bridge and the Troy Lock and Dam.

The Greenway is an active participant on the River Access Target Ecosystem Characteristic Report, one of twelve functional reports providing the basis for the plan, and is providing coordination between the Greenway program and the outreach and planning efforts.

Economic Impact Study Update

In 2013 Tripp Umbach authored an Economic Impact Study on the National Heritage Area and Greenway programs for the three years ending in 2011. That study showed the NHA/Greenway generating nearly \$585 million in economic impact and directly and indirectly creating 6,500+ jobs per year. We have engaged Tripp Umbach to update the study for the years 2013-2015 and hope to have results at our June Board meeting.

Staff Activities

Trails and Community Outreach Director Beth Campochiaro continued to prepare for the upcoming Hudson River Valley Ramble along with overseeing the efforts of Steve Smollin. Beth met with New York by Rail to discuss partnerships for the Ramble and potential tourism packages for heritage visitors, hikers, and paddlers. She also participated in meetings on the Greenway's website update, edited the newsletters, worked with the Champlain Canalway Working Group as they discussed possible routes the Empire State Trail might take, and is leading Greenway efforts on the Hudson River Restoration Plan. She also reviewed trail designation requests and began the process of revising our designation request package, which has not been done this century.

Project Coordinator Dan Jeanson reviewed the first few scripts and recordings for the Hudson River Line Window Seat Tour, attended a meeting with National Park Service staff to discuss Trails and Rails program participation in the Tour, and participated in meetings about the Greenway's website update and the update to our Economic Impact Study. In addition Dan reviewed numerous grant payments requests prior to payments being authorized.

Administration and Grants Program Assistant Shannon Day is taking over some duties from the Acting Executive Director and spent significant time receiving state training for her new roles. She also became a public notary so we no longer have to go searching every time we need one! She has hit the ground running on her new grants duties and is freeing the rest of the staff to concentrate on other issues.

Assistant Event Coordinator is Steve Smollin created two newsletters, worked on gathering information for potential New York by Rail tourism packages, and reviewed website responses, in addition to assisting with the Ramble.

As always, the entire staff participated in reviewing grants applications for the Council and the National Heritage Area.

2017 Hudson River Valley Ramble

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

Again, we would like to thank our sponsors, partners, event leaders, and all the Ramble participants who made the 2016 Hudson River Valley Ramble a fantastic success. 2016 Ramble sponsors included the New York State Division of Tourism "I Love NY"; The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program; The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; The National Park Service; the Appalachian Mountain Club;

Upstater Magazine; The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference; Columbia County Tourism; Downing Film Center; Rose & Kiernan; and Central Hudson

Perfect Your Historic Site Experience with Greater Hudson Heritage Network

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



Historic Housekeeping will be offered:

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

Creating Best Ever Visitor Experiences will be held:

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

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

Museum Association of New York Conference

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

Teaching the Hudson Valley Program Report from THV Program Manager Debi Duke

Grants Awarded

- Bulkeley Middle School, Rhinebeck, 80 seventh graders to Esopus Meadows EEC, Olana State Historic Site, Home of FDR or John Burroughs Slabsides
- Sheafe Road Elementary, Wappingers Falls 98 fourth graders to Olana State Historic Site

Accomplishments of the THV Program included:

- Receiving and reviewing proposals for this summer's institute, "Building Community with Place-Based Learning."

- Receiving a \$750 grant from Stewart's Shops for Explore Awards. This is the third consecutive year Stewarts has provided funding for Explore Awards and we thank them.
- Selecting a Student Conservation associate, Kelly Escareaga from Arkansas, to assist Debi Duke this summer.
- Choosing one candidate from Marist College from among six interviewed from four area colleges for a joint THV/student application to the Open Space Institute for the Barnabas McHenry Award.

GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATE

Grants Completed Since February 1, 2017

Grant Type	Community	Project	Grant Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
National Heritage Area	Albany Institute of History & Art	Capital Region in 50 Objects Book	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,920.00	3/23/2016	3/3/2017
Council Planning	Town of Chatham	GIS Datasets for Groundwater Resource Mapping	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,568.40	10/8/2014	2/13/2017
Council Planning	Town of Sand Lake	Rensselaer Plateau Greenway Communities Signage Project	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,157.91	6/10/2015	2/13/2017
Totals			\$13,000.00	\$17,646.31		

Grants Awarded Since February 1, 2017

Grant Type	Community	Project	Grants Awarded	Award Date
Council Planning	Town of Blooming Grove	Town of Blooming Grove Comprehensive Plan	\$7,500.00	2/1/2017
Council Planning	Town of Chatham	Comprehensive Plan Implementation	\$7,500.00	2/1/2017
Council Planning	Town of Cornwall	Update Town of Cornwall 2011 Comprehensive Plan	\$10,000.00	2/1/2017
Council Planning	Town of New Scotland	2017 Comprehensive Plan Update	\$10,000.00	2/1/2017
Council Planning	Village of Haverstraw	Haverstraw Riverside Development Concept Plan	\$7,500.00	2/1/2017
Council Planning	Village of Millerton	Eddie Collins Park Revitalization Plan	\$5,000.00	2/1/2017
Totals			\$47,500.00	