

**Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report
April 25, 2018
Scott Keller**

Empire State Trail (EST)

Andy Beers and Paul Glesta continue working on the Empire State Trail. A website for the trail is available at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/empire-state-trail>.

We have released a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), a trail maintenance plan, and a final concept plan for the Albany Hudson Electric Trail. We have also scheduled a public hearing on the DEIS. Visit <https://www.ahettrail.org/> for more information.

The Maybrook Trailway (previously called Beacon Line Rail Trail), running from Brewster to Hopewell Junction is being constructed by Metro North Railroad. A final concept plan has been released for this segment of the trail as well. Visit <http://maybrooktrailway.org/> for more information.



Success Files on PBS

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (NHA) will be featured on the PBS short-series *Success Files hosted by Rob Lowe*, which delivers cutting edge educational content for a short form documentary series. A 3 to 5-minute show on the NHA will run for a year and is anticipated to reach 60 million households. In addition to the educational segment covering the NHA, we will also receive a one minute video clip suitable for advertising and a slightly longer high end commercial and custom documentary for our use. Success Files will also target an email to their customer base with a link to the custom documentary, ensuring outreach to likely Hudson Valley visitors.

Hudson River Safety, Operations, and Navigation Committee and Steering Committee and Hudson River Anchorages

In January 2016, the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ asked the Coast Guard to designate 43 official anchorages in seven areas of the Hudson River, for vessels that have historically used the sites for short-term, safety reasons, such as darkness, fog, or breakdowns. The proposed placement of the Hudson Champlain Power Express cable through many of these areas, at relatively shallow depth, prompted this request. In response, the CG proposed rulemaking and opened public comment. This being the Hudson Valley, 10,200-plus comments were received, more than for any proposal, of any kind, in CG history. At this point the Coast Guard tabled the rule making process and decided to prepare a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment or PAWSA. A PAWSA is designed to identify major waterway safety hazards,

estimate risk levels, evaluate potential mitigation measures, and set the stage for the implementation of selected risk reduction strategies.

As part of the HR PAWSA process the Coast Guard convened two select groups of waterway users and stakeholders and facilitated structured two-day workshops to meet risk assessment objectives. Jerry Faiella, Frank Bergman, John Lipscomb and Scott Keller participated in the first workshop in Poughkeepsie and John and Scott in the second in Albany. Both were held last November. The Hudson River region covered in these workshops was from the new Governor Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge north to the Troy Dam. The CG released the PAWSA report Tuesday and identified the three most significant recommendations as: 1) creating a Hudson River Safety Committee; 2) increasing recreational boating safety information; and 3) clarifying and removing ambiguity from current regulations.

On January 25th, the Coast Guard and other interested parties convened an informational meeting at which the Coast Guard described what is entailed in a Harbor Safety Committee: they are intended to provide a forum for relevant stakeholders to address concerns identified by a PAWSA with non-regulatory action, collaboration, and coordination and they exist in numerous locations around the country, including New York Harbor, the Columbia River, and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor. After the Coast Guard presentation, three members of the NY Harbor Safety Committee explained how their committee is structured and operates.

Subsequent to this meeting representatives of ten stakeholder groups were invited to participate on the Hudson River Safety, Operations, and Navigation Steering Committee. The groups include 1) HR Pilots, 2) Recreational Power Boaters, 3) Ports, 4) Tug & Barge Association, 5) Terminal Operators, 6) Spill Response Operators, 7) Shipping Agents, 8) Communities/Waterfront Development, 9) environmental community, and 10) I sit on the Steering Committee representing human powered boaters. Additionally involved in an advisory capacity are a variety of federal and state agencies, including the Coast Guard. The Steering and General Committees advise the Coast Guard, but do not have any regulatory authority. They work to build consensus among the various stakeholder groups represented.

The Steering Committee has met twice, settled on a name for the committee (Hudson River Safety, Operations, & Navigation Committee or HRSNOC) and determined an operating region, with CG concurrence. The region the Committee will advise on includes the Hudson River from the George Washington Bridge north to Lock C-7 in Ft. Edward and its navigable tributaries, including the Mohawk River/Erie Canal as far west as Rome. Currently the steering committee is working on a charter and will shortly take up issues affecting all users, including the PAWSA report, the construction/deconstruction of the Mario M. Cuomo/Tappan Zee Bridges as they relate to navigation and other issues, the Champlain Hudson Power Cable, and, yes, eventually, the topic of anchorages.

American Indian and Dutch Heritage

Working with Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation staff, the Dutch Consulate, Conservancy Member Stefan Yarabek, and Allison Jungkurth, a graduate student at NYU, we have begun projects to 1) create a webpage for Dutch Heritage on our NHA website, 2) allow

NHA event submitters to select a Dutch theme for their event, and 3) to create a combined American Indian (which is the new, preferred term to refer to our native peoples) and Dutch Heritage Map Guide similar to the others in our series. The webpage and event submission are live and we have received a first draft of a database from Allison, which Stefan and I are reviewing.

River Management Society

The Rivers Management Society (RMS) featured the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail on their National Rivers Project website in February, prime trip planning season for paddlers in snow country. RMS is a partner of the National Park Service in the National Water Trail program. February was the kickoff of their featuring a water trail on the site, <http://www.nationalriversproject.com/>.

Hudson River Train Tour App

Development of the app for use by Amtrak and Metro North riders continues and we are on target for a Memorial Day launch. The app's official name in app stores will be "Hudson River Train Tour." The icon will appear as shown to the right. The app features a variety of themed tours one can take while on the train, including What's Out the Window, Freedom and Dignity, Nature and Culture, Corridor of Commerce, and Voices of the Hudson. What's out the Window will allow users to identify what they are seeing from either side of the train. Voices of the Hudson are a series of ten stories on a variety of topics including the Underground Railroad in the Hudson Valley, Mahicanituck: A Native American Hudson River Origin Story, River of Ice: Ice Boating on the Hudson River, Clermont in the American Revolution, Mythic Creatures of the Hudson: Atlantic Sturgeon, Pirates of the Hudson, Bannerman's Castle, Storm King & The Environmental Movement, Underwater Museum (Revolutionary War Chains at Fort Montgomery and West Point), and Geology of the Palisades. The rest of the themes feature our designated historic sites by NHA theme. Earlier this month we hired BBG&G advertising to work with us to promote the app. BBG&G has strong relationships with both Amtrak and Metro North.



Great Hudson River Paddle

Last year the Greenway received a grant to recreate and sustain the Great Hudson River Paddle. We have selected Hudson River Expeditions in Cold Spring to lead the creation of a sustainable event that can survive long-term. The trips will be shorter, taking two consecutive years to make the journey from Albany to Manhattan. The 2018 version will cover Albany to Poughkeepsie and will be held August 1-5. See <https://www.hudsonriverexpeditions.com/greathudsonriverpaddle.html> for more information.

Staff Activities

Trails and Community Outreach Director **Beth Campochiaro** wrapped up the 18th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble and is beginning planning for the 2019 event. Her efforts in responding to our partners' questions and concerns, as well as making sure our promotional

efforts were timely and effective resulted in a highly successful Ramble. There were 243 diverse events during this year's Ramble.

Beth also worked on reviewing trail designations, preparing Board and Grants Committee meeting minutes, and Governor Cuomo's state agency assessment of climate change vulnerability. Beth received security ID training, attended trails roundtables, led the interview process for our new Assistant Event Coordinator, trained our new Assistant Event Coordinator, and met with stakeholders and grantees.

Project Coordinator **Dan Jeanson** is leading the effort to complete the Hudson River Line Mobile App and worked with our app vendor, OnCell, to build app and load content. Dan helped select our marketing vendor, BBG&G, and continued to develop theme and story ideas for inclusion in the app. He continues to work with Sound and Story and the Hudson River Maritime Museum to develop content.

Dan coordinated delivery and installation of a replacement stone marking the Henry Knox Cannon Trail crossing of the Hudson at the Albany riverfront at Jennings Landing. He finalized design for the interpretive panel which is complete and awaiting installation next to the stone in the spring. Finally, Dan managed the update and outreach of the application process for the National Heritage Development grants and prepared materials for the annual report we submit to the National Park Service quantifying our projects, grants, and programs. Dan also gave a SUNY Parks classroom presentation, attended trails roundtables, and conducted Assistant Event Coordinator interviews.

Administration and Grants Program Assistant **Shannon Day** continues the arduous process of organizing the Greenway and National Heritage area records for transfer to NYS Archives. Shannon is spending ½ day a week on this process and is working closely with Archives' staff. Shannon also handled all logistics and prep work for multiple Conservancy and a joint Board meeting, received security ID and agency ADA Compliance training, as well as attending an Accessible Meetings seminar. Shannon attended a Climate Initiative workshop, multiple building tenant meetings, and a state financial seminar as well.

Our new Assistant Event Coordinator **Cody Arana** started on February 8th. He has settled in and is working away on a variety of projects including creating and publishing the newsletter, working with Beth on the Ramble, and assisting in grants reviews.

Scott Keller attended more than thirty meetings and conferences and made several presentations. Highlighted among those were a Dutch Heritage Conference, the Lake Champlain NHC Annual International Meeting, two multi-day PAWSA's and two HR Harbor Safety meetings. Scott's received multi-day training in facilitation at a Parks for Every Classroom session conducted by NPS and met with staff from the Dutch Consulate to discuss ways to promote Dutch Heritage via the HRVNHA.

As always, the entire staff participated in reviewing grants applications for National Heritage Area Development Awards and the Council Planning grants. Beth, Dan and Shannon are working with communities and non-profits to resolve expired grants. While many grantees

complete their projects on-time, some have more difficulty in doing so for a variety of reasons such as needing an extension, needing to secure more funding from other sources, or just forgetting to claim payment after the project is completed. Our staff works with these grantees to extend, complete, or return funds that will not be used.

Teaching the Hudson Valley

Annual Program Report from THV Program Manager Debi Duke

Debi Duke will be leaving the Teaching the Hudson Valley (THV) program in June. Debi founded the program along with numerous partners and former ROVA Director Sarah Olson. While she will be sorely missed, she is in the process of training her replacement, Michael Zwelling.

The Teaching the Hudson Valley Annual Program Report is appears below.



Teaching the
HUDSON VALLEY

Explore a place. Discover your world.

To: Scott Keller and Scott Rector, THVIPs
From: Debi Duke

Date: February 7, 2018
Re: 2017 calendar year report

EXPLORE AWARDS

TRIPS COMPLETED OR PAID | 2,708 students from seven counties to sites in nine counties

- Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, 120, grades 1-4, Greenburgh Nature Center (Westchester County)
- Catskill ES, Greene County, 125 fifth graders, Hudson River Maritime Museum, Ulster
- Hudson Valley Writing Project, 12 students aged 10-14 from multiple counties, Washington's Headquarters SHS (Orange County)
- J. W. Bailey MS, Kingston CSD, 280 sixth graders, Kirk Planetarium & Dorsky Museum of Art @ SUNY New Paltz (all Ulster County)
- Kingston City Schools & Wild Earth, 1,055; grades 5 & 6, Scenic Hudson land, Town of Esopus (both Ulster County)
- Kingston HS, 50, grades 9 & 10, Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz (both Ulster)
- M. C. Smith IS (Hudson CSD, Columbia County)
 - 160 fourth graders to New York State Museum (Albany)
 - 140, grades 3 & 4, Albany Institute of History & Art
- Orange County Community College (SUNY Orange), 30+ art students to Thomas Cole National Historic Site (Greene County)
- Ossining UFSD Saturday Academy, 30, grades 6-12, Sunnyside & Old Dutch Church (school and sites are in Westchester County)
- Ralph Smith ES (Hyde Park CSD) 75 first graders, Montgomery Place (both Dutchess)
- Sheafe Road ES (Wappingers CSD, Dutchess), 98 4th graders, Olana SHS (Columbia)
- South Avenue ES (Beacon CSD) 175, grades K-2, Common Ground Farm (both Dutchess)
- South End Children's Café, Albany, 30, K-12, Grafton Lake State Park (Rensselaer)
- St. Denis-St. Columba (Dutchess) 30 seventh graders, Boscobel (Putnam)
- Vails Gate STEAM Academy (Newburgh ECSD, Orange County)
 - 50 second graders, Kowawese Unique Area at Plum Point (Orange County)
 - 18 fifth grade science club members, Black Rock Forest (Orange County)
 - 150, grades 3-5, to Black Rock Forest and Kowawese Park for NYS DEC's Day in the Life of the Hudson River (all Orange County)
- Viola ES (Ramapo CSD, Orange), 80 5th graders, Esopus Meadows (Ulster) w/Clearwater

AWARDS OUTSTANDING (as of Dec. 31) | 784 students from 6 counties to sites in 8 counties

- Annur Islamic School, Capital District, 55, preK-grade 2, Olana SHS, Columbia¹
- Country Children's Center, 200, grades K-7, Hudson River Museum (all Westchester)
- CultureConnect (Dutchess) 15, grades 6-9, ArtOMI (Columbia)
- Delaware Community School, Albany CSD, 75 4th graders, DEC's NYS Day in the Life @ Rensselaer Boat Launch, Troy
- George Washington School, Kingston (Ulster County), 24, grades 1-3, Montgomery Place (Dutchess), YMCA Farm Project (Ulster), + related place-based in-class programming
- Ichabod Crane Primary, Valatie (Columbia), 120 first graders, NYS Museum, Albany
- M.C. Smith, Hudson CSD (Columbia County)
 - 150 fourth graders, Henry Hudson Planetarium, Albany
 - 125 third graders, Albany Institute of History & Art
- Newburgh Free Academy, NECSD, 100, grades 9 & 11, Washington's Headquarters State Historic Sites, both school and site are in Orange County
- St. Denis-St. Columba, Dutchess County, 40, grades 6 & 7, Boscobel, Putnam County

Withdrew after awards were made (1) Bulkeley MS, Rhinebeck CSD, Dutchess, 80 7th graders: Esopus Meadows Environmental Center, Olana State Historic Site, and Home of FDR or John Burroughs' Slabsides (2) Sargent ES, Beacon CSD, Dutchess, 55 fourth graders, Clearwater

MORE FIELD EXPERIENCES

Bus on Us "legacy" grants -- 455 students from two counties to Dutchess County sites (1) Berea & Montgomery ES, Valley Central CSD, Orange, 170, grades 4 & 5, FDR Home & Presidential Library (2) Heritage MS, Newburgh ECSD, Orange, 270 8th graders, FDR Home & Presidential Library (3) St. Peter (Dutchess), 20 4th graders, FDR Library (4) Unionvale MS/Dutchess BOCES, 15 special needs students, Vanderbilt NHS

Writing about Place | 50 students from two counties to Orange & Dutchess County sites (1) Cornwall MS, 25, grade 5, Black Rock Preserve, both Orange County (2) Riccardi ES, 25, grade 2, Saugerties Lighthouse and Cantine Field, all Ulster County **Pending**: Newburgh Free Academy, NESCD, Orange County, 9th graders, Mount Beacon, Dutchess County

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hudson Valley Writing Project/SUNY New Paltz | THV co-sponsored and coordinated logistics for *Courageous Writers* teacher workshops in February, March, and April. In the summer, when the Writing Project brought MS and HS students to Hyde Park for their own *Courageous Writers* program, THV intern Kelly Escarcega provided staff support while broadening her own horizons.

Miscellaneous institutes and conferences | THV co-sponsored and provided professional development certificates for two summer programs (1) *Ecology in Context: Forest Biodiversity in*

¹ The school enrolls students from throughout the region, but has a Schenectady address. We were able to make the grant with THV funds held by the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historical Association.

the Hudson Valley, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 10 MS and HS teachers. (2) *Using Gardens to Build Community*, Poughkeepsie Farm Project, 34 participants from a dozen school districts and community groups. | *Park for Every Classroom*, Dec. 5-8, about 40 NPS educators from the NE Region; THV consulted on program, managed logistics, coordinated panel, and more.

Online book groups facilitated by THVIP Susannah Renzi | Spring: five educators discussed *National Parks: America's Best Idea* by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns. Summer: six educators delved into *Learning to Make Choices for the Future: Connecting Public Lands, Schools, & Communities through Place-Based Learning and Civic Engagement* by Delia Clark, an NPS associate and consultant for many years. Readers contributed activities and essays to THV blog².

Samuel Dorsky Museum, SUNY New Paltz | THV invited to serve on new education committee

#THV2017, July 25-27 | [Building Community with Place-Based Learning](#), 120+ participated in some part of the three day program. 43 completed an evaluation -- 25 K-12 educators and 14 site staff. Seven presenters were K-12 or college educators, six came from museums or historic sites, three from environmental organizations, and others from arts and community groups. Workshops were all evaluated as “good” to “super.” Two field experiences received only “super” ratings.

Workshops | (1) March 25, 14 teachers and historic site staff joined Susan Stessin-Cohn, co-author, *Runaways from Slavery in New York's Hudson River Valley 1735-1831* | (2) Nov. 7, *Using Hyde Park Sites*, THV hosted 100+ secondary teachers from Wappingers Central Schools for a day of learning about Hyde Park heritage sites. THV planned and coordinated the program and logistics³. Presenters included NPS and National Archives staff and a NYC teacher working with the Zinn Education Project. Participants also had opportunities to tour NPS and NARA sites.

(3) Dec. 4, *Teaching about Wildlife Migration*, 140+ teachers and non-formal educators, daylong program co-hosted by THV and NYS DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. Presenters came from the Estuary Program, Cornell Lab of Ornithology & Dept. of Natural Resources, National Estuarine Research Reserve, NYS Water Resources Institute & Office of Parks, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Fresh Air Fund, & Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory.

FUND RAISING | Applied for and received (1) \$750, *Stewart's Shops Annual Holiday Match Program* for field experiences (2) \$550, *Park for Every Classroom Spark Grant* to help develop an education plan at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS, and (3) \$5,000, *Barnabas McHenry Award* with Molly Scott, a Marist graduate who double majored in English and women's studies, to finish our women's history resource.

MATERIALS | New website section: [What is place-based learning?](#) and related [bibliography](#) | [Resources from #THV2017, Building Community with Place-Based Learning](#) | [Resources from Teaching about Wildlife Migration](#) | During the summer SCA Kelly Escarcega updated THV's guide to teaching about diversity in the Hudson Valley. Debi is now editing it and working with a graphic designer. | See above re: THV's resource guide on Hudson Valley women.

² For example: [Minnewaska State Park: A Place of Wonder](#) by Colleen Vitti, Rondout Valley CSD, and [Sharing place-based ideas . . . With colleagues and students](#) by Martha Schultz, Dutchess BOCES special education teacher.

³ Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi, director, ELA/social studies 7-12 and ENL K-12, who initiated the program, wrote: “I cannot begin to tell you how amazing yesterday turned out to be.... I have not yet stopped receiving kudos.... Thank you for all your hard work. You have an amazing team....”

WRITING ABOUT PLACE | In January winners for the 2016-17 school year were announced [here](#) and with a [media release](#). They came from Newburgh Free Academy, Cornwall MS, and Riccardi ES (Saugerties). From January through May, THV blog published nine pieces of student writing including all the winning entries. The Palisades Park Conservancy and Scenic Hudson featured students in their newsletters and the *Times Herald Record* picked up the story. One high school winner wrote about Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. In November 2017 more than 50 students submitted writing for this year's contest.

OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS | Email list: 3,200+ educators, site staff, librarians, and more; about 300 new in 2017; 30 emails sent. We also occasionally send to ROVA's list. **Facebook**: 1,250 friends; about 100 new in 2017. We post most days and typically reach around 200 with a few posts peaking over 1,000. **Twitter** (@TeachingHV): 800+ followers; 3,100+ people see one or more of our tweets in a typical month. **Instagram**: 300+ followers.

THV blog | Posted 35 times including guest posts by eight site staff and teachers; 10 related to the summer institute (many of them interviews with presenters conducted by SCA Kelly Escarcega); seven showcasing students who wrote about or visited significant places in the Valley; and six about the region's weather, e.g., storms, environment, and science, e.g., the summer eclipse.

SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

THV shares resources, advice, and other support and assistance with teachers, site staff, youth groups, and others throughout the Valley and further afield. Aware that THV is meant to serve Heritage sites, as well as schools, we also look for opportunities to promote their initiatives. And, we sometimes explore possibilities that never result in projects. It is challenging to estimate time spent on these activities or give an exact count of groups and people touched; here is a sample:

Arts groups | Catskill High Peaks Music Festival | The Art Effect (formerly Mill Street Loft and Spark Media Project) | Creative Arts Therapy Center | Jacob Burns Film Center | Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival | O+ Festivals/Kingston

Community/business | Good Work Institute | Hudson Valley Seed | Kingston YMCA Farm Project | Rye YMCA | Hyde Park Community Garden & Kids Garden | Dutchess County & Heart of the Hudson Girl Scouts | Barnes & Noble | Greater Hudson Heritage Network | Dutch Consulate | Glynwood | Girls Who Code | Early Childhood Institute of the HRV | Hudson Area Library | Dutchess County's Human Rights Commission | Hudson Valley GLSEN

Environmental | Cornell Institute for Climate Smart Solutions | Scenic Hudson | Omega Institute's Center for Sustainable Living | Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak | Rensselaer Plateau Children's Forest (partnership of Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, & Grafton Lakes State Park) | New York Sea Grant | Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies | Dutchess County's Recycling Program

Higher education | Bard College Center for Environmental Policy | SUNY New Paltz Multicultural Education Program | Marist College Environmental Science & Policy Dept. | Learning in Informal & Formal Environments Center, University of Washington | Institute for

Resource Information Sciences | New York Geographic Alliance | Vassar College | Bank Street College of Education | Mohonk Preserve

Historic sites and museums | Jay Heritage Center | Samuel Dorsky Museum, SUNY New Paltz | NYS OPRHP including Connect Kids | Fact Not Fiction America: History Minute & History Train | D & H Canal Museum | Mid-Hudson Heritage Center | Albany Institute of History & Art | Glebe House | Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill | FDR Presidential Library/NARA | Museum Association of New York (MANY) | Preservation League of New York State | Thomas Cole National Historic Site | Historic Hudson Valley

SPECIFIC TO GREENWAY, HERITAGE AREA, NPS/ROVA | As suggested above, THV is always on the lookout for partners, civic engagement opportunities, and prospects for building relationships. When I plan programs, participate in programs organized by others, or provide resources and assistance that potential is on my mind not just for THV but for its parent groups, particularly ROVA and the Heritage Area.

For much of 2017, THV strategized with the education specialist at MAVA and ROVA including but not limited to helping obtain and manage Heritage Area funds for MAVA's youth program. We also tried to apprise partners' staff of relevant professional development opportunities, e.g., THV secured a discount for ROVA's home garden intern to attend a three-day workshop and we invited partners to present at #THV2017, waiving registration fee for all staff and interns.

On request, THV shares contact information and lists with our parent groups; alternatively, we use lists, social media, and website to share information directly. THV also provides information and expert input on education and other topics, e.g., ROVA's chief of interpretation turned to THV for feedback on the advisability of having a wheelchair for visitors to "experience."

THV tries to stay connected with national and regional programs of NPS and the Heritage Area. Among those we had ongoing contact with and/or promoted in 2017 are Every Kid in a Park, Essex National Heritage Area (Massachusetts) including hosting them in Hyde Park for a day, and a half; Erie Canalway National Heritage Area Corridor; NE Region/National Heritage Areas Blog, and Park for Every Classroom.

THV's coordinator serves on ROVA's Green Committee helping, among other things, to plan and carry out its Earth Day event. From time to time, she also consulted with ROVA environmental educator Susanne Norris, Rivers and Trails' Karl Beard, and other ROVA-based NPS staff.

SAMPLE THVIP ACTIVITIES | Susannah Renzi attended reception celebrating merger of Mill Street Loft & Spark Media Project | six THVIPs met with Debi to plan #THV2017 | Christina Connors & Susannah Renzi distributed info about #THV2017 at NYS Assoc. for Computers & Technologies in Education conference | Erika Sanger & Debi tabled at Greater Hudson Heritage Network's Heritage Fair | Beth Humphrey, educator, Woodstock Artists Assoc. & Museum, attended the Library of Congress's Teaching with Primary Sources eastern regional conference

Grants Program Update

Grants Completed Since the Last Board Meeting						
Grant Type	Grantee	Project	Amount Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Conservancy	Town of Lloyd	Highland Landing Park Kayak Launch	\$ 2,403.97	\$ 7,573.50	1/16/2008	11/3/2017
Conservancy	Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Comprehensive Graphic Communication System for Education Materials on Albany County Rail Trail	\$ 7,093.02	\$ 12,800.00	10/12/2011	11/22/2017
Conservancy	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Improving the Ice Caves Trail	\$ 4,994.40	\$ 6,637.02	10/26/2016	11/22/2017
NHA	Hudson Highlands Land Trust	HHLT 2017 Take-A-Hike! Program	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,912.00	3/22/2017	11/22/2017
NHA	Hudson River Sloop Clearwater	All Aboard Public Sailing Program	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 19,112.40	3/22/2017	11/22/2017
Conservancy	Scenic Hudson, Inc.	Fabricating and Installing Interpretive Signs	\$ 2,628.26	\$ 2,628.26	10/26/2016	12/12/2017
NHA	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Interpreting the Tower of Victory at Washington's Headquarters SHS	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 4,040.51	3/11/2015	12/12/2017
NHA	Friends of Philipse Manor Hall	Immigration in Yonkers, Phase 1:1945-Present	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,112.62	3/23/2016	12/12/2017
Council Planning	City of Troy	Uncle Sam Trail Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,127.50	1/14/2016	12/12/2017
NHA	Historic Albany Foundation	Historic Walking Tour Mobile Phone App	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	3/28/2014	12/13/2017
NHA	Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival	Benedict Arnold's New York	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,099.55	3/22/2017	1/29/2018
Conservancy	Poughkeepsie Alliance, Inc.	Waterfront Connectivity Project: Phase 1.5	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 17,934.72	10/26/2016	2/5/2018
Conservancy	Town of Marbletown	O&W Rail Trail Map and Brochure	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,145.00	10/26/2016	2/5/2018
NHA	Olana Partnership	Historic Landscape Tours	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,341.24	3/22/2017	2/5/2018
Conservancy	John Burroughs Association	Slabsides Gateway Project	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,510.63	10/17/2012	2/22/2018
Totals			\$ 63,342.65	\$ 115,474.95		

Grants Awarded				
Grant Type	Grantee	Project	Amount Awarded	Award Date
Conservancy	Friends of Five Rivers	Nature's Accessible Backyard Trail, Trail-Based Environmental Education Garden Project	\$5,500.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Columbia Economic Development Corporation	Boston and Albany Rail Trail Study	\$12,750.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Friends of Lindenwald	Martin Van Buren Park Trail Improvements	\$5,000.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Thomas Cole Historic House	Connecting the Thomas Cole Site with SkyWalk	\$19,900.00	11/6/2017
Conservancy	City of Beacon	Beacon Hudson River Trail	\$39,500.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Friends of Mills Mansion	History Hidden in the Woods: Exploring Surviving 19th Century Structures and Landscape at Staatsburgh State Historic Site and its Environs Along the Hudson	\$4,050.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Village of Wappinger Falls	Lower Wappinger Creek Community Boathouse	\$20,000.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Orange County Water Authority	Wallkill River Water Trail	\$8,850.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Granite Mountain Preserve: Public Access Improvements	\$15,000.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Town of East Greenbush	East Greenbush Town Park Connection Trail	\$12,000.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Town of Stillwater	Champlain Canalway Trail Action Plan Update	\$17,000.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Kingston Land Trust	Hasbrouck-Delaware Parklet Landscape Implementation	\$20,000.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Town of Lloyd	John Burroughs Black Creek Trail Phase I Implementation: Bicycle Segment	\$39,950.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Feeder Canal Alliance	Feeder Canal Education and Interpretation Project	\$5,500.00	10/18/2017
Conservancy	Town of Fort Ann	Battle Hill Trails Master Plan	\$20,000.00	10/18/2017
Council Compact	Town of North East	Town of North East/ Village of Millerton Comprehensive Plan Update	\$25,000.00	10/18/2017

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Council Compact	Town of Red Hook	Amend Zoning Law for Natural Resource Protection	\$10,000.00	10/18/2017
Council Planning	Town of Shawangunk	Shawangunk Waterfront/Comprehensive Plan Update	\$10,000.00	10/18/2017
Council Planning	Village of Menands	Village of Menands Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy & Comprehensive Plan	\$9,900.00	10/18/2017
Council Planning	Village of Victory	General Schuyler Saw Mill Park	\$5,000.00	10/18/2017
Totals			\$304,900.00	

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Project Director **Dan Jeanson** is leading the effort to complete the Hudson River Line Mobile App described earlier. Dan also updated the Council Grant Application and associated Grant Guidelines with accessibility guidelines in mind, attended the "YATSI" (Young Abolitionist Teen Scholars' Institute) presentation on August 9th. The students enrolled in this 5-week program learned about the abolitionist movement and presented group and individual projects completed over the summer program. This project was supported by a 2018 Heritage Development Grant. Dan also attended the Dutchess Trails Roundtable, the Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee meeting, and two Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council meetings.

Dan is working to simplify the budget request portion of our grant applications, which will soon be the same for any of our grant programs.

Grants and Finance Coordinator **Shannon Day** attended the launch of the Hudson River Train Tour app at Penn Station and manned a booth promoting the app to passersby. Shannon worked with the NYS FOIL office to add a NY FOIL request form to our website, took CPR/AED training, completed our agency-wide internal controls certification, completed our bi-annual Domestic Violence in the Workplace Report, assisted with audit preparations and was interviewed by the auditors, volunteered for and began training in the Greenway's finance system and took on some of that

workload and attended Building Tenant Committee meetings. Finally, Shannon has completed the task of cataloguing all Greenway records. We are currently waiting on NYS Archives to approve our retention schedule so that we may determine which records will be transferred to the archives, and which should be destroyed.

Assistant Event Coordinator **Cody Arana** began training on the Content Management Software for the new website, participated for a day in the Great Hudson River Paddle, and writing and publishing our newsletters. The majority of his time was spent working on the Ramble, including preparing and posting social media postings, writing press releases, creating and distributing guide kits, redesigning our comment card, creating an on-line survey, and editing the website.

Scott Keller attended numerous meetings and conferences and made several presentations. Included among these was a NOAA review of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, attended the New York By Rail Trade Show, participated in filming for the Success Files videos, attended a Hudson River Harbor Safety Steering Committee meeting, and toured the AHET trail with the Chairmen, Jane Daniels, and Andy Beers.

Scott also attended the Change of Command Ceremony for the US Coast Guard's Captain of the Port of New York, attended a reenactment of the King's "hot dog summit" picnic at Top Cottage with the Chairmen, was interviewed for a new audio piece on the Water Trail for our Train Tour app, participated in a series of meetings with OPRHP and the Shared Dutch Heritage office of the Dutch Consulate, participated in a Hudson River Regional Workshop with the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program, and participated in a Hudson River Estuary Program 2020-2030 Action Agenda planning and strategy session for the Access metric.

Finally, Scott participated in an open house about the Coast Guard's Operation Safe Hudson aboard the 197 foot patrol boat *Shrike*. In addition to going out on the *Shrike* and viewing a launch and recovery of a zodiac raft, tours of a Saugerties based buoy tender and a medium response boat were given. In response to the Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment released earlier this year, the Coast Guard is making a concerted effort to patrol the Hudson and to educate all boaters about safe boating do's and don'ts. The crews seemed quite excited to see a different part of the Sector New York coverage area and were enthusiastic about promoting boating safety.

The Conservancy's annual audit was performed in late July, with Beth Campochiaro, Shannon Day and Scott participating. The findings were clean with no items in the management letter. The audit will be presented for acceptance by the Board at our November meeting.

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With both joy and sadness, we said goodbye to a two long-time partners, who retired over the summer. Betsy Blair, founding Manager of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve retired in mid-June. Betsy had served with the Reserve since the mid-1980s. Debi Duke, founding Manager of the Teaching the Hudson Valley Program, retired at the same time. Without Debi we would not have a Teaching the Hudson Valley program.

We also bade farewell to Chairman McHenry's Executive Assistant, Chris Marchitello. Chris retired after 38 years in public service. Chris has been an integral part of the Greenway since 2003. Chris's leaving has led to the closing of the Greenway's office in Manhattan.

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Michael Zwelling has taken over Teaching the Hudson Valley and is working to learn all about the program. Michael continues the NPS tradition of providing us with smart people who are a pleasure to work with.

Grants Program Update

Grants Completed Since the April 25, 2018 Board Meeting						
Grant Type	Grantee	Project	Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
NHA	Friends of John Jay Homestead	Red Barn Discovery Center	\$4,000.00	\$10,388.57	3/11/2015	4/24/2018
Council Compact	Village of Tivoli	Waterfront access walkway and Montgomery Street improvements	\$13,461.23	\$13,461.25	6/7/2012	4/30/2018
Council Planning	Town of Pine Plains	Trails and Bikeway Concept Plan	\$6,532.82	\$6,532.82	6/12/2013	5/14/2018
Conservancy	Teatown Lake Reservation	Kitchawan Bridge Repair	\$1,795.00	\$2,911.55	10/14/2015	6/13/2018
Conservancy	Winnakee Land Trust, Inc.	Rhinebeck Trails Project	\$14,800.00	\$30,002.42	10/26/2016	6/13/2018
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Conservancy	Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.	Interpretive Signage at Greenport Conservation Area	\$7,500.00	\$8,180.05	10/26/2016	7/19/2018
Council Planning	Town of Fort Ann	Old Champlain Canal Lock 17 Trail	\$5,974.05	\$5,974.06	6/3/2014	7/26/2018
Council Planning	Village of New Paltz	New Paltz Village-Town Master Plan	\$7,000.00	\$7,380.00	6/8/2016	8/3/2018
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NHA	Friends of Clermont	Harvesting History: The Teaching Garden at Clermont	\$5,000.00	\$7,804.79	3/23/2016	8/17/2018
Totals			\$79,563.10	\$120,193.51		

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Council Compact	City of Port Jervis	Zoning Code Gap Analysis	\$10,000.00	4/25/2018
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Council Planning	Town of Saratoga	Sword Surrender March Trail: Garnsey Trailhead	\$10,000.00	4/25/2018
Council Planning	Town of Durham	2018 Comprehensive Plan Update	\$10,000.00	6/6/2018
Council Planning	Town of Fort Edward	Birding Center Market Analysis	\$2,500.00	6/6/2018
Council Planning	Town of Pine Plains	Comprehensive Plan Review and Revision	\$7,200.00	6/6/2018
Council Planning	Town of Salem	The Georgi on the Battenkill's Corridor Connection Project	\$6,000.00	6/6/2018
Council Planning	Town of Halfmoon	Vosburgh Road Preserve	\$10,000.00	6/18/2018
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NHA	D&H Canal Historical Society	Improving Access to Five Locks Walk	\$4,850.00	4/25/2018
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NHA	Palisades Parks Conservancy	Stony Point: Public Access to History Education and Scenic Viewpoints	\$3,500.00	4/25/2018
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NHA	St Agnes Cemetery	St. Agnes Cemetery Visitor Enhancement Program	\$5,000.00	4/25/2018
NHA	Thomas Cole Historic House	In the Footseteps of the Hudson River School: Finding Inspiration in Landscape	\$5,000.00	4/25/2018
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Conservancy	Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Granite Mountain Preserve: Public Access Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$18,965.78	10/18/2017	9/24/2018
Community Planning	County of Rensselaer	Update Rensselaer County's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan	\$3,850.05	\$21,279.13	1/18/2012	9/24/2018
Community Planning	Village of South Nyack	Planning Consultant for South Nyack Comprehensive Plan	\$6,750.00	\$12,706.25	8/20/2010	10/4/2018
Community Planning	Town of Germantown	Town of Germantown Comprehensive Plan Update	\$5,000.00	\$9,500.00	10/14/2015	10/4/2018
Totals			\$53,085.05	\$91,155.04		

Grants Awarded at the September 12, 2018 Board Meeting

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Conservancy	Rockland County	Rockland County Empire State Trail Enhancement Project	\$40,000	9/27/2018
Conservancy	City of Albany	Southend Connector; Linking Albany's Multi-Use Trails	\$75,000	9/12/2018
Conservancy	Friends of Lindenwald	Martin Van Buren Nature Trail Improvement to Repair and Replace Drainage Culverts and Remove Hazardous Trees	\$4,900	9/24/2018
Conservancy	Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.	Yellow Trail Improvements at Greenport Conservation Area	\$17,500	9/12/2018
Conservancy	The Olana Partnership	Olana Carriage Road Gates	\$10,000	9/12/2018
Conservancy	City of Poughkeepsie	College Hill Connection	\$75,000	9/12/2018
Conservancy	Winnakee Land Trust, Inc	Saw Kill Red Hook Trailhead Project	\$75,000	9/12/2018
Conservancy	Greene Land Trust	Mawignack Preserve Trail Interpretive Signs	\$7,500	9/12/2018
Conservancy	Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc	Granite Mountain Phase 2: Trails - Public Access to the Northern Peak	\$70,000	9/24/2018
Conservancy	Town of Moreau	Townwide Trails Concept Plan	\$7,500	9/12/2018
Conservancy	D&H Canal Historical Society	Trail Feasibility Study	\$10,000	9/12/2018
Conservancy	Town of New Paltz	Henry W. DuBois Road Improvements	\$75,000	12-Sep-18
Compact	Town of Poughkeepsie	Comprehensive Plan Update	\$20,000	12-Sep-18
Community Planning	Village of Greenwich	Showing off the Battenkill	\$10,000	12-Sep-18
Community Planning	Village of Whitehall	Comprehensive Plan	\$10,000	12-Sep-18
Totals			507,400	