

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.
December 14, 2022
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library and Museum
4079 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538
And Via Zoom
MINUTES

Attendance

Conservancy Members Present

Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Vice-Chair, Meeting Chair
Idleman, Sara, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
Olson, Sarah, Conservancy Secretary
Williams, Jeanne, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Brown, Kristin Cole, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Chair – present via Zoom
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer – present via Zoom
Murray, Dennis, Conservancy Member
Weiss, Daniela, Conservancy Member
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member – present via Zoom

Conservancy Delegates Present

Cocozza, Jennifer, for Conservancy Member Hon. Marcus Molinaro

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Carlquist, Jennifer, Putnam County Council Member
Downey, Margaretta, Council Chair
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Galef, Hon. Sandra, Council Member
Henry, Angela, Dutchess County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member – present via Zoom

Castillo, Carla, Council Member

Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member

McNamara, Mary, Ulster County Council Member – present via Zoom

Piscitelli, Anthony, New York City Council Member – present via Zoom

Schneid, Matthew, New York City Council Member – present via Zoom

Joint Delegates Present

Fernandez, Joanne, Joint Delegate for NYS Secretary of State

Wynter, Damali, Joint Delegate for Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Joint Delegates Present by Proxy

Cooper, Linda, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – present via Zoom

MacMillan, Lance, Joint Delegate for Commissioner of NYS Department of Transportation

Turturro, Kelly, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – present via Zoom

Advisory Members Present

Bicking, Andy, Scenic Hudson

Croft, Scott, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association

Greenway Staff Present

Arana, Cody, Assistant Event Coordinator

Beers, Andy, AHET Program Manager

Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director

Day, Shannon, Director of Operations

Jeanson, Daniel, Project Director

Keller, Scott, Executive Director

Introduction of Council Chair

Executive Director Scott Keller introduced Margaretta “Meg” Downey as the new Greenway Council Chair, appointed by Governor Hochul on September 26, 2022. This appointment fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Barnabas McHenry, now Founding Chair.

Council Chair Meg Downey thanked the Board for the welcome and spoke about her past and continued advocacy for the Greenway and the Hudson Valley. Chair Downey noted she looked forward to next steps.

Chair Downey then introduced the new Dutchess County representative to the Council Board, Angela Henry. Ms. Henry was appointed by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro of December 13, 2022, to fill the vacancy created when Ms. Downey was appointed Chair. Ms. Henry thanked the Board and Chairs for welcoming her onto the Board, and noted she was honored to join them.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Downey and Vice Chair Betsy Jacks, who is serving as Meeting Chair for the Conservancy, welcomed the Board and meeting attendees. ROVA Superintendent Amy Bracewell welcomed the Board and meeting attendees to the FDR Library and Museum, noting that there will be a special Civil Rights exhibit in June to honor the 75th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

Call to Order

Chair Downey and Meeting Chair Jacks called the meeting to order.

Adoption of Hybrid Open Meeting Resolution and Procedures

Executive Director Scott Keller explained that with the expiration of the Executive Orders authorizing remote-only public meetings in June, these kinds of meetings are no longer permitted. The Open Meetings law has been revised to allow a hybrid in-person/remote meeting in extraordinary circumstances, which are somewhat broadly defined. They include, but are not limited to disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting. In order to hold a hybrid meeting the Board must adopt the resolution and procedures included in the Board packet. These are based on models provided by the state. This will have to be adopted, retroactively to the start of this meeting, by both Boards before the meeting continues.

Chair Downey called for a vote. On a motion from Bob Elliott (Jane Daniels second), the Hybrid Open Meetings Resolution and Procedures were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program Presentation

Scott Keller introduced Dan Jeanson and Beth Campochiaro from the Greenway staff, who gave a presentation on the Greenway and National Heritage Area's various grants programs and the application process. Their presentation is a part of and appended to these minutes.

Agenda Review

Chair Meg Downey called for any comments on the agenda. No comments were made by Board Members. Scott Keller noted two additions to the agenda, one the welcome of new Dutchess County Board Member Angela Henry, and a Proclamation recognizing Assemblywoman Sandra Galef.

Proclamation Recognizing Joan Davidson

Wint Aldrich made remarks on the long career and advocacy of Joan Davidson and read the Proclamation recognizing her efforts.

Proclamation Recognizing Retiring Assemblywoman Sandra Galef

Chair Meg Downey noted that Assemblywoman Galef is retiring from both the Assembly and the Greenway Board and read a Proclamation recognizing her service to the Greenway. Assemblywoman Galef noted that she joined the Greenway just after Congressman Hinchey had left the Board, and that she had found it to be a great vehicle for projects in the Hudson Valley. Andy Bicking noted that Assemblywoman Galef had been a tremendous advocate and champion for the Greenway.

Chair Meg Downey called for a vote. On a motion from Betsy Jacks (Sarah Olson second), the proclamations honoring Joan Davidson and Assemblywoman Sandra Galef were unanimously approved. The proclamations are appended to and a part of these minutes.

Minutes of June 8, 2022 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Chair Meg Downey then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2022 Greenway Joint Meeting. On a motion from Linda von der Heide, (Jennifer Carlquist second) the minutes of the June 8, 2022 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.

Minutes of October 3 and December 8, 2022 Meetings of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

Chair Downey called for a motion to approve the minutes of both the October 3 and December 8, 2022 meetings of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee. On a motion from Sarah Olson (Wint Aldrich second) the minutes of the October 3 and December 8, 2022 meetings of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee were unanimously approved.

Minutes of December 5, 2022 Executive Session of the Greenway Conservancy

Vice Chair Betsy Jacks called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Executive Session of the Greenway Conservancy. On a motion from Cindy Lanzetta (Jane Daniels second) the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Executive Session of the Greenway Conservancy.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Vice Chair Betsy Jacks called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Update on Empire State Trail (EST)

Scott Keller provided an update on the EST. In September 2001 the Greenway asked Google Maps to include the Empire State Trail on their maps, which is now in place. AHET is co-labeled Albany Hudson Electric Trail and EST.

The EST Map Brochure has won a USA's American Graphic Design Award.

The first year of data from the trail counters installed along the trail have been collected. Andy Beers provided a summary of the data collected. His presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Approval of AHET Lawsuit Stipulation of Settlement

Executive Director Scott Keller announced that the Conservancy Board met in Executive Session on December 5, 2022 and approved a stipulation of settlement, which the Board just confirmed in accepting the Executive Session minutes. In the interim and after Mr. Keller had signed the stipulation, one of the plaintiffs raised an issue they had with some of the language around their access across National Grid's property. This issue had no relation to the Greenway's settlement, but on the advice of Counsel at the AG's office, the Board needs to vote on the revised stipulation, which has been sent to the judge.

Vice Chair Betsy Jacks called for a vote to approve the revised stipulation. On a motion from Jeanne Williams (Jane Daniels second), the revised AHET Lawsuit Stipulation of Settlement was unanimously approved.

Remove Deputy Executive Officer Role

Scott Keller explained that Andy Beers was named a Deputy Executive Officer when hired in 2017 giving him the ability to sign cooperative agreements, contracts, and claims for payment solely related to EST. With Andy's retirement in May of this year, the Board needs to formally revoke his status as a Deputy Executive Officer.

Orange County Heritage Trail Designation

Mr. Keller announced that Orange County had requested designation of the 19.5-mile Orange County Heritage Trail from Middletown to Harriman.

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants

Mr. Keller reviewed the applications for Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants which had been recommended for funding by the Grants Committee.

The Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance, Dutchess County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$12,000 for Calvert Vaux and The Point: Overlooked National Treasures Tours.

The Village of Upper Nyack, Rockland County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$100,000 for the River Hook Multi-Use Connecting Trailway.

The Friends of Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$12,000 for the South Ridge Trail Phase 1.

The Hopewell Depot Museum, Dutchess County is seeking \$15,250, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$15,425 for a Self-Guided Tour.

Hudson Crossing Park, Saratoga County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$26,000 for a Hudson Crossing Park Trails Enhancement Project.

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Putnam County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$5,000 for a Canopus Creek Preserve Trail Assessment and Improvement Plan.

Mohonk Preserve, Inc., Ulster County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$10,000 for the Split Rock Trail Loop.

The Town of Stillwater, Saratoga County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$24,000 for the Bemis Heights Historic Trail.

The Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$77,000 for Wappinger Greenway Trail Improvements at Reese Park.

The Town of Warwick, Orange County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$7,500 for the Mountain Lake Loop.

The Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Ulster County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$10,000 for Interpretive Signage on Public Lands.

Vice Chair Betsy Jacks called for a vote on removal of the Deputy Executive Officer title for Andy Beers, the trail designation, and the trail grant applications. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Kevin Burke second), the removal of the Deputy Executive Officer title, the trail designation and the trail grant applications were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chair Meg Downey called the Council meeting to order.

Communities Council Grants

Mr. Keller reviewed the Communities Grant applications which had been recommended for funding by the Grants Committee.

The Town of Clermont, Columbia County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$10,000 for a Comprehensive Plan Update - Phase 2.

The Town of Greenwich, Washington County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$15,000 for a Town & Village of Greenwich Comprehensive Plan, Phase 2.

The Town of Hurley, Ulster County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$10,000 for a Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Village of Philmont, Columbia County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, \$10,000 for a Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Town of Malta, Saratoga County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$15,000 for Saratoga Lake Special Stormwater Protection Standards .

The Town of Tuxedo, Orange County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$9,000 for a Route 17 Economic Development Study.

Communities Council Compact Grants

Mr. Keller reviewed the Compact Grant application which had been recommended for funding by the Grants Committee.

The Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$20,000 for a Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Meg Downey called for a vote on the Greenway Communities and Compact grants recommended by the Grants Committee for the October 2022 and December 2022 grant rounds. On a motion from Bob Elliott (Wint Aldrich second), the grants were approved unanimously.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

Chair Meg Downey and Vice Chair Betsy Jacks called the National Heritage Area (NHA) meeting to order.

National Heritage Area Heritage Development Grants

Executive Director Scott Keller reviewed the applications received which had been recommended by the Grants Committee.

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Putnam County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$5,000 for the Highland Lights event series.

The Historic Huguenot Street, Putnam County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$5,000 for a Virtual Tour Development Project.

The Fund for the City of New York, New York County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$7,500 for The Hudson Valley - A Cultural Guide.

The Thomas Cole National Historic House, Greene County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends \$7,500 for “Women Reframe American Landscape” Promotion.

Chair Meg Downey called for a motion on the Heritage Development Grants. Wint Aldrich and Skip Piscitelli recused themselves on the vote for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival grant. Kevin Burke recused himself on the vote for the Fund for the City of New York grant. Betsy Jacks recused herself on the vote for the Thomas Cole grant. On a motion from Bob Elliot (Assemblywoman Galef second), the Heritage Development Grants were unanimously approved.

Update on Reauthorization Bill S-1942

Scott Keller reviewed the progress of S-1942 which would extend the funding authorization for the Hudson River Valley and many other NHAs to 2036 and raise the HRVNHA’s funding cap from \$15 million to \$17 million. The bill has cleared the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the Senate and has been packaged as part of a larger bill. It is awaiting a vote now. If it does not pass by the end of this year, it will have to be reintroduced in the next Congress. Currently the HRVNHA funding authorization expires September 30, 2023.

Executive Director’s Report

Scott Keller gave his Executive Director’s report. Mr. Keller noted the difficulties experienced since the last in-person Board Meeting, and noted how it was very rewarding to meet in person for the first time in a few years. Mr. Keller thanked the staff for their dedication and hard work.

New Business

Chair Meg Downey asked if any Board member or member of the public had any new business.

Andy Bicking noted that the State budget is developing plans for the Environmental Bond Act.

Johanna Yaun announced the completion of a grant for a Newburgh walking tour and brochure for sites of significance to the history of Alexander Jackson Downing.

Priscilla Brendler of Greater Hudson Heritage Network thanked the Greenway and National Heritage Area for their support of the Transformative Tools and ABCs of Collections program, a joint project of the National Heritage Area.

Jane Daniels encouraged all Board Members to get out on the Empire State Trail, which she and her husband Walt have been walking, working toward a goal of traversing the entire trail by foot.

Jennifer Carlquist gave an update on the feasibility study for a Cold Spring to Garrison trail.

Wint Aldrich noted that the HR Estuary Program, with support from the Greenway, had produced a very useful guide to Creating and Maintaining Hudson River Views.

Future Meetings

The 2023 Joint Board meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, March 8, 2023
- Wednesday, June 14, 2023
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Adjourn

Vice Chair Betsy Jacks called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion from Angela Henry (Sarah Olson second), the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary

Funding Opportunities with the Hudson River Valley Greenway and Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area



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Greenway and National Heritage Area (NHA) Intro

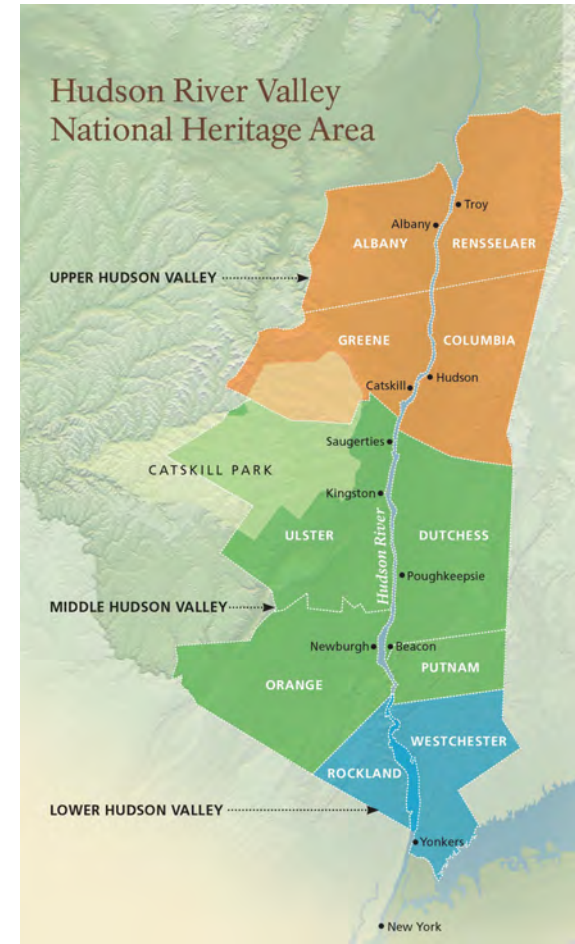
- Greenway created by NYS Legislature in 1991
 - To continue and advance the state's commitment to the preservation, enhancement and development of the world-renowned scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources of the Hudson River Valley while continuing to emphasize economic development activities and remaining consistent with the tradition of municipal home rule.
 - Municipalities and organizations take the lead on projects and the Greenway assists with grants and technical assistance, when possible.
 - Five Greenway Criteria: Natural & Cultural Resource Protection, Regional Planning, Economic Development, Public Access, Heritage & Environmental Education
- NHA Designated by Congress in 1996
 - Recognize, preserve, and promote the natural and cultural resources of the Hudson River Valley through voluntary partnerships with communities, citizens, and local, state, and federal agencies emphasizing public access, economic development, regional planning and interpretive programs.
 - Three NHA Themes: Freedom & Dignity, Nature & Culture, Corridor of Commerce

Greenway Area:

- Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Ulster, Washington, Westchester, municipalities in Greene County outside of the Catskill Park, and those portions of New York and Bronx counties adjacent to the Hudson River and within the city's waterfront revitalization program area pursuant to Executive Law Article 42.

National Heritage Area:

- Excludes Saratoga, Washington, New York and Bronx Counties



How Greenway/NHA Grant Funding Works

- Matching 1:1 Grants – All Greenway grants must be matched dollar for dollar, and Greenway funding cannot exceed 50% of the project cost
- Match can be cash or in-kind
- Trail, Community, and Compact grants may not be matched with other State funds
- NHA grants and sponsorships may not be matched with other Federal funds
- In-kind:
 - Staff time
 - Volunteer hours (IndependentSector.Org /or professional rate)
 - Non-monetary contributions such as materials or services
- Grant writing costs and fixed operations costs (salaries, rent, etc.) are ineligible for grant funding
- Grants are paid on a REIMBURSEMENT basis

New for 2023: HRVG Online Grants Platform



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- Applications for all Hudson River Valley Greenway and Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage grant programs have moved to an online application process hosted by Good Grants.
- All applicants are now required to submit grant applications on the new online platform in order to apply for funding.
- All information will be filled out online, and applicants may save their work and return later to continue the application, up until the grant deadline.
- When a grant is awarded, grantees will submit claims for payment, upload final reports and photos, and request extensions or rescopes through this platform.

Login Page

- 1 New users **Register** an account.
- 2 Returning users **Log in**.
- 3 Start your application (you may save it in-progress without submitting it).
- 4 Submit your application to be reviewed.
- 5 Users with existing grants open your grant and go to the **Grantee Reports and Requested** tab to upload payment requests, signed MOU's or extensions, or to request changes to your grant.

For any questions, please contact us by [email](#) or call 518-473-3835.



Register

First name

Last name

Email

Password

Must be at least 12 characters, including a number, an upper- and a lower-case letter and a special character.

Confirm password

I have read and agree to the [privacy policy](#), [cookie policy](#) and [terms of service](#).

I agree to receive notification and communication emails or SMSs from Hudson River Valley Greenway/National Heritage Area. You may withdraw your consent at any time. Checking this is required in order to receive grant communications.

Log in

Email or mobile

Password

Remember me

[Forgot password](#)

or log in with

Evaluation and Scoring

- Applications are reviewed by staff, and then a legislatively created Grants Committee comprised of Greenway Board members make funding recommendations to the the Boards of Directors, who approve the grant awards.
- All Council/Compact Planning and Conservancy Trail Grants must address at least one of the 5 Greenway Criteria (see page 3).
- NHA Heritage Grants and Sponsorships must address one of the 3 Themes of the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (see page 8).
- Application Evaluation Criteria are given to applicants in each grant program's guidelines.

National Heritage Area Grants

- Provide seed money up to \$7,500 to organizations for the purposes of programming, interpretation and marketing that support the mutual goals of the HRVNHA and applicants
- In 2022, a total of \$55,000 is available in this program
- Achieve the goals of the National Park Service and the NHA Management Plan
- Resonate with the themes of the NHA and must address at least one of them:
 - Freedom and Dignity
 - Nature and Culture
 - Corridor of Commerce



National Heritage Area Grant Categories

- Marketing and Promotion
 - Promote heritage sites as tourism destinations through innovative marketing
 - Demonstrate increased visitation
 - Promote multiple heritage sites or partners
- Programming and Interpretation
 - Educate the public about our history
 - Experiential programming
 - Use technology to engage new audiences
 - Living history programs and reenactments

Eligibility for NHA Grants

- Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations
- Project must occur within the border of the NHA
- Must complete previously awarded Heritage Development Grants before applying for new funding
- A signed resolution from the applicant organization's governing board is required

www.hudsonrivervalley.com/heritage-development-grants

NHA Sponsorships

- Cultural, heritage, recreational, and educational events
- Must resonate with the [themes of the NHA](#) (see page 8)
- For limited-run and smaller events (single date, weekend, etc)
- Events must take place within the [NHA area](#)
- Awards limited to \$2,500 per sponsorship
- 1 for 1 match, in-kind hours eligible to count toward match
- Other federal funds cannot be used toward match
- Non-profits and municipalities eligible to apply

www.hudsonrivervalley.com/sponsorships

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants

- One of the Greenway's goals is to help create a trail system between NYC and the Capital Region
- Connecting downtowns, historic sites, open spaces, access to the river
- Land and Water Trails
- Trails are designated as part of the Greenway System, but ownership and management is maintained locally
- Trail Grants are the main way we can fund projects to further the trail program

www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding

- In 2001 the Hudson River Greenway Trail System was awarded \$1 million to establish the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail
- From the Adirondacks to Battery Park in Manhattan (256-miles)
- Goal of providing access points every 10-miles and camp sites every 15-miles
- Currently there are 118 sites
- Designated a National Water Trail in 2012

www.HudsonRiverGreenwayWaterTrail.org



Trail Grant Categories

- **Construction:** Projects to construct trail segments/water trail sites or trail links that further the goals of the Greenway Trail Program.
- **Design:** Projects to complete feasibility studies, design or plan trail segments/water trail sites or trail links
- **Rehabilitation/Improvement:** Projects, including trail amenities, to improve trails/trail segments/water trail sites
- **Education/Interpretation:** Projects, including but not limited to: trail signs, kiosks, mobile tours, websites or apps, guides, trail mapping, cartography, brochures, conferences, or workshops
- **Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction:** Projects to repair trail damage from catastrophic events such as flooding
- **Trail Maintenance:** Equipment, supplies or materials required to maintain a section of the Empire State Trail or other designated section of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail

Trail Grant Eligibility

- Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations from within the Greenway area
- Must complete previously awarded Greenway Trail Grants before applying for new funding
- Water Trail Grants:
 - Launch, campsite and day use site owners located along the Hudson River and Champlain Canal, within the designated Greenway Area
- A signed resolution from the applicant organization's governing board is required
- Trails and Water Trail Sites will be required to request designation as part of the Greenway Trail System



Trail Grant Funding Range

- Trail Grants
 - Trail Construction: Up to \$250,000
 - Trail Design or planning: Up to \$75,000
 - Trail Rehabilitation or Improvement: Up to \$100,000
 - Trail Education or Interpretation: Up to \$25,000
 - Natural Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction: Up to \$250,000
 - Trail Maintenance: Up to \$25,000

- Water Trail Grants
 - Construction, Design or Planning: Up to \$250,000
 - Rehabilitation or Improvement: Up to \$100,000
 - Education or Interpretation: Up to \$25,000
 - Natural Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction: Up to \$250,000
 - Trail Maintenance: Up to \$25,000

Community Planning Grants

Grants for Greenway Communities to achieve the five Greenway Criteria:

- Natural and Cultural Resource Protection
- Regional Planning
- Economic Development
- Public Access (to the Hudson River through the Greenway Trail network)
- Heritage and Environmental Education

Community-wide planning projects given priority.

Council Grants are limited to a maximum of \$10,000, with Compact Grants eligible for higher amounts. In 2022, a total of \$136,000 is available in this program.

Community Planning Grant Eligibility

- Municipalities located within the Greenway area that have passed Community resolutions adopting the 5 Greenway criteria; and communities who have adopted their county's Greenway compact into local law (Compact Communities/Participating Greenway Communities)
- Non-profits can be listed as co-applicants with a Greenway Community, but the community must act as the fiscal agent for the grant.
- Must complete previously awarded Greenway Council/Compact Grants before applying for new funding
- A signed resolution from the applicant organization's governing board is required

www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding

DO'S & DON'TS

Do

- Open with the project
- Be precise and concise
- Include maps, drawings, renderings
- Explain how the project connects with our goals/criteria
- Give correct budget detail
- Sustainability and lasting impact
- Contact Greenway staff ahead of the grant deadline for technical assistance with grant applications and project ideas.

Don't

- Open with a lengthy description of your org/site
- Copy/paste from an application to another entity
- Fluff with unnecessary info
- Apply for a limited run event
- Apply again for a previously funded program in subsequent years (programs should become sustainable)

For Technical Assistance

Email: grants@hudsongreenway.ny.gov

Call: (518) 473-3835

On the web

Greenway Planning & Trail Grants: www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding

NHA Grants: www.hudsonrivervalley.com/heritage-development-grants

NHA Sponsorships: www.hudsonrivervalley.com/sponsorships



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Certificate of Highest Merit

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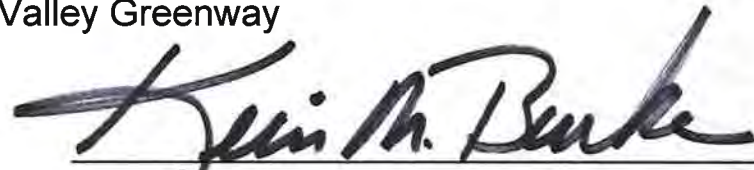
Joan K. Davidson

For her lifetime of accomplishment on behalf civic betterment, cultural enrichment and environmental protection in the City and State of New York and especially in her home turf of the Hudson River Valley. Her leadership at the J.M. Kaplan Fund and at its associated program Furthermore, as New York State Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and on countless non-profit boards and committees, always advancing the commonwealth with imagination and perseverance, has made her a motivating and inspiring presence in our midst.

Presented this 14th day of December 2022
by the Hudson River Valley Greenway



Margaretta "Meg" Downey
Chair
Hudson River Valley Greenway
Communities Council



Kevin M. Burke
Chair
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson
River Valley, Inc.

Proclamation Commending
Assemblywoman Sandra Galef
For Distinguished Service
to the
*Board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway
Communities Council*


WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef was appointed to the Greenway Council on the thirteenth day of May 1993 and has faithfully attended the meetings and participated in the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef has provided the citizens of the Hudson River Valley with time, effort and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef has resigned from the Board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway do hereby pause in their deliberations to honor and commend Assemblywoman Sandra Galef for twenty-nine and a half years of dedicated service to the communities and citizens of the Hudson River Valley Greenway; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be provided to Assemblywoman Sandra Galef by the Greenway as a symbol of appreciation.


Meg Downey, Council Chair


Betsy Jacks, Conservancy Vice Chair

Adopted December 14, 2022

HRVG Trail-Counter Program

- In the fall of 2021, HRVG initiated a long-term program to collect trail visitation data on the 260-mile Hudson Greenway Trail/Empire State Trail from NYC to Washington County.
- HRVG purchased 10 automated infrared “Eco-Counters,” and donated 2 additional counters to Walkway Over the Hudson State Park.
- Our program complements Parks & Trail New York’s longstanding Erie Canalway Trail count program.



First Year Counter Sites

Counters installed October 2021:

1. Champlain Canalway Trail – Fort Ann
2. Champlain Canalway Trail – Waterford
3. AHET Trail – North Greenbush
4. AHET Trail – Village of Nassau
5. AHET Trail – North Chatham
6. AHET Trail – Village of Kinderhook
7. Wallkill Valley Rail-Trail – New Paltz
8. WRS Dutchess Rail Trail – Hopewell Jct
9. Maybrook Trailway – Brewster
10. North County Trail - Elmsford



First Year Results

12-Months Data:

- A total of 541,950 trail users passed by the 10 counters.
- Ranged from 10,291 visits on the CCT at Fort Ann, to 121,451 visits on the WRS Dutchess Rail Trail at Hopewell Junction.
- In addition, 497,652 visits recorded at the Walkway Over the Hudson (9-months data).



Year-Two Counter Sites

In November 2022, we moved our counters to:

1. Champlain Canalway Trail – Halfmoon
2. AHET Trail – North Greenbush
3. AHET Trail – Town of Schodack
4. AHET Trail – Niverville
5. AHET Trail – Town of Stuyvesant
6. Kingston Point Rail Trail – City of Kingston
7. Hudson River Rail-Trail – Town of Lloyd
8. Maybrook Trailway – Holmes/Pawling
9. North County Trail – Yorktown Heights
10. Van Cortlandt Park – Bronx



Next Steps

1. HRVG is preparing a public report detailing first-year trail data for the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail.
2. We have initiated discussions with Parks & Trails New York and the Canal Corporation regarding possible joint Hudson Valley/Erie Canalway reporting.
3. In 2024, after 3 years of data collected, HRVG will have sufficient data to calculate total projected trail visitation along the 260-mile Hudson Valley Greenway Trail.

