

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY
Combined meeting of
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.
Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,
and
Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.
June 8, 2016
Kaatsbaan International Dance Center
Tivoli, NY
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

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

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Marra, Donald P., Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Chmar, Andrew, Putnam County Council Member
Downey Margaret, Dutchess County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

Council Members Present by Phone

Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Bucholsky, Kathleen, Columbia County Council Member
Galef, Sandra, Council Member, NYS Assembly Member

Delegates Present

Beard, Nancy, representing Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Cooper, Linda, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Ethier, Jamie, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State
Rooney, Frank, Joint Deputy Delegate for Commissioner NYS A&M
Taylor, Meghan, Joint delegate for President and CEO, Empire State Development
Wrafter, Eoin, Acting Delegate for Marcus Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive

Advisory Members Present

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association
Bicking, Andy, representing Rosenberg, Steve, Scenic Hudson

Greenway Staff Present

Campochario, Beth, Trails & Outreach Director
Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director
Jeanson, Daniel, Project Coordinator
Johnson, Shannel, Administrative Assistant
Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director/Finance Manager
Marchitello, Chris, Administrative Assistant
Mayo, Desirae, Greenway Intern

Call to Order

Chairman Barnabas McHenry and Acting Meeting Chairman Kevin Burke called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced new Dutchess County Council Board Member Margaret (Meg) Downey. Ms. Downey expressed her happiness with the appointment and her desire to work with everyone to advance Greenway principles and goals.

Chairman McHenry presented retiring Board Putnam County Council Member Andy Chmar with a proclamation recognizing his many contributions to the Greenway. A copy of Mr. Chmar's proclamation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Chairman McHenry introduced Tivoli Mayor Joel Griffith who welcomed everyone to Tivoli and gave an impassioned talk on the joys and challenges of having a vibrant college for a neighbor. He concluded by noting that Tivoli residents are grateful for Greenway funding that will provide a trail from Kaatsbaan to the Village's waterfront park.

Chairman McHenry introduced Gregory Cary, Co-Founder/Artistic Director, Kaatsbaan International Dance Center who welcomed everyone to Kaatsbaan and introduced a riveting film about the Chemistry of Dance. Following the film he noted that last year there were nineteen dance companies in residence and that since 2000 over 100 new productions have been created here. He concluded by noting that 53 of 71 acres are under a conservation easement, ensuring the historic look to the property will remain essentially unchanged for future generations to enjoy.

Presentations

David Church, Orange County Commissioner of Planning and Rob Lane, Regional Plan Association's Senior Fellow for Community Design presented a power point introduction to the Better Town Toolkit, a Web-Based Design for the Hudson Valley. This new website should be available in one to two weeks at designyourtown.org.

Jeff Olson from Alta Designs and John Behan from Behan Planning and Design presented on the progress made to date on the Greenway Trail Connection Study. They hope to have a presentation of a final draft for the next Board meeting.

Agenda Review

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

Minutes of March 23, 2016 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Minutes of June 2, 2016 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Jane Daniels (Wint Aldrich second) the March 23, 2016 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., and the Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. Combined Meeting and the June 2, 2016 Grants Committee Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

CFA Update- Meghan Taylor, Mid-Hudson Regional Director of NYS Empire State Development

Ms. Taylor announced that the sixth round of Consolidated Funding Applications is now open, with a deadline of 4 p.m. on July 29th. She noted that since the program's inception in 2011 some \$3.9 billion have been awarded to 4,100 projects which have created or retained 200,000 jobs. Among this year's program highlights is competition between all ten regions to select one community to compete for a single \$10 million grant for Downtown Revitalization.

Approve and welcome the Village of Highland Falls as a Greenway Compact Community

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione announced that the Village of Highland Falls, Orange County is seeking to become a Greenway Compact Community.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards- Greenway and Compact Grants

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

The Village of Highland Falls, Orange County is seeking Greenway grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a waterfront redevelopment feasibility study. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The Village of Irvington, Westchester County is seeking Compact grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 to implement one component of the Main Street Streetscape Master Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The Village of Mount Kisco, Westchester County is seeking Compact grant funding in the amount of \$12,500 to create a series of historical hiking trails within various green space locations and public streets. The Grants Committee recommends \$6,500.

The Village of New Paltz, Ulster County is seeking Greenway grant funding in the amount of \$7,000 to update Village and Town Master Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,000.

The Village of Warwick, Orange County is seeking Greenway grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 to update the Village Comprehensive Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

On a motion from Andy Chmar (Linda von der Heide second) the Board unanimously approved the grants as recommended by the Grants Committee.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Burke recalled the Conservancy meeting to order.

Volunteer Recognition Certificate for Dan McLaughlin

Acting Chairman Burke presented a Volunteer Recognition Certificate to Dan McLaughlin. For nearly fifteen years, Mr. McLaughlin, who is retiring and moving out of state, has been an extraordinarily helpful

volunteer for both the water and land trails. A partial list of his efforts on behalf of the Greenway include his services as a guide on the Great Hudson River Paddle, as a Regional Director for the Hudson River Water Trail Association, and as a founder of the Walkway Over the Hudson's Ambassador Program that trains volunteers interpreters. Thanks to Mr. McLaughlin's efforts to secure designation requests, the Greenway was able to welcome several new water trail sites over the years. A copy of Mr. McLaughlin's certificate is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Conservancy Trail Grant Program

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the 2016 trail grant program which will have \$250,000 to award in four trail categories: construction, planning or design, rehabilitation or improvement, and education or interpretation. Applications are due September 9th by 4 p.m. and awards are expected to be announced at the Greenway's October meeting.

Approval HRNERR Three-Year Website Project \$15,000 Pass-Through

Acting Chairman Burke requested authorization to apply for a \$15,000 three-year pass-through grant on behalf of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve for the development of a shorelines stabilization website. On a motion from Kevin Burke (Jayne McLaughlin second) the authorization was unanimously approved.

State Fiscal Year Budget. 136k and 250k EPF Trail Grants

Acting Chairman Burke and Mr. Castiglione reviewed the proposed Greenway budget for state fiscal year 2016-17. On a motion from Jennifer Schwartz Berky (Cindy Lanzetta second) the budget was adopted unanimously.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Guidebook Update

Mr. Castiglione noted that the second edition of the Heritage Site Guidebook is at the printers.

Hudson River Valley Ramble 2016

Mr. Castiglione noted that preparations for the 2016 Ramble are underway under the leadership of Beth Campochiaro. This is the seventeenth year of the Ramble and it generates \$21 million a year in economic benefits.

Website Draft

Mr. Castiglione reported that the website design has being finalized and is in beta testing mode.

Water Trail Maps

Mr. Castiglione noted that the water trail maps are done and that everyone at the head table had received a copy. The maps are on sale at our water trail website <http://hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org/buymaps.php>.

Acting Executive Director's Report

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

New Business/Public Comment

Col. James Johnson (Ret.) announced that the newest edition of the Regional Review features Olana.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held October 26th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott S. Keller
Meeting Secretary

**Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report
6-8-16
Mark Castiglione**

Budget Update:

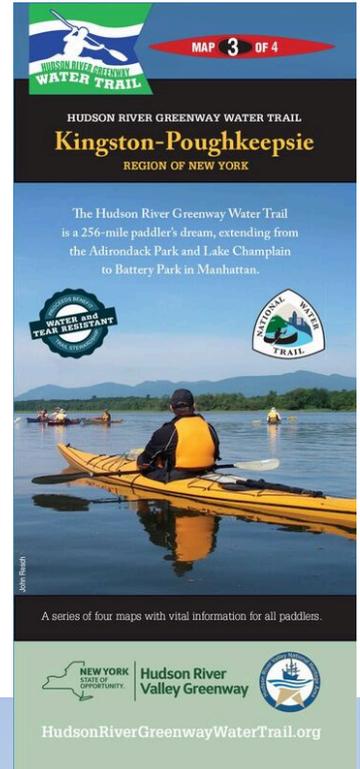
Governor's Budget includes \$250,000 for Greenway Trails

In addition to operations and grants funding equal to that of prior years, Governor Cuomo's executive budget included an unprecedented \$250,000 for Greenway Trails. Greenway staff have proposed several changes to the Conservancy Grant program to reflect this enhanced funding, including increasing the limits that organizations can apply for and the types of projects eligible. The funds were included in the Environmental Protection Fund budget and were passed by the state legislature in March. The adopted 2016-17 State Budget breakdown includes \$166,000 for Greenway Conservancy operations and \$321,000 for the Greenway Council including \$136,000 for local government grants. The adopted budget also re-appropriates \$828,000 in Council funds obligated to local government grants.

Hudson River Valley Greenway

Greenway Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project:

Water Trail enthusiasts were joined at Kingston Point Beach by Kingston Mayor Steve Noble and other dignitaries on May 25 to announce a suite of tools that will make it easier for residents and tourists to explore the Hudson River from the Adirondack Park to New York City. They include a new [Hudson River Greenway Water Trail Four-Map/Guide Set](#), a new mobile responsive [website](#), and the latest edition of [The Hudson River Greenway Water Trail Guide](#). The announcement was followed by a paddle led by Mayor Noble on the Hudson River and Rondout Creek. This project was funded through a \$90,000 grant from [Empire State Development](#) to promote use of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. Individual maps are \$9.95 and map sets are \$36.95. <http://www.hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org>



Greenway Trail Connections Study

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Connections Study continues. The steering committee met in April (pictured right) to outline preliminary connections ideas. Greenway staff and consultants Alta Planning + Design and Behan Planning and Design will hold two [Trail Connections Workshops](#) to solicit public input on the project. The meetings will be held June 8 from 2-4pm at [Scenic Hudson's River Center at Long Dock Park in Beacon](#) and on June 9 from 2-4pm at the [Albany Public Library's Washington Ave Branch](#). Information collected will help the Greenway and partners identify a trail route that exists today, and potential future segments and connections that would complete the Greenway trail, stretching from New York City to the Adirondacks. A new "[wikimap](#)" is now live and allows members of the public to add segments and points of access that are either unknown to the project partners or are desired by the user. Please see the project website for more information



<http://hrvgconnectionplan.weebly.com/>

Greenway to Announce \$250,000 Trail Grant Round

The Greenway will make available \$250,000 in matching grants under the 2016 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant program. The funds were included in this year's historic \$300 million dollar EPF budget. Grants. The program funds trail construction, planning and designs, rehabilitation, amenities, and interpretation. The upper limit for grant awards has been doubled to \$40,000. Priority is given to projects that contribute to a connected north/south Greenway Trail between New York City and the Adirondacks. The Greenway Trail system includes more than 770 miles of land and water trails. The grant round will be announced mid June and due in early September.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

17 Organizations Awarded \$60,000 in Grants for Heritage Tourism and Education

On May 6th, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area representatives and partner organizations were joined by Congressman Paul Tonko at an event to [announce 17 Heritage Development Grant awards](#) to regional historic and cultural institutions. More than \$60,000 was awarded to organizations in support of educational and interpretive programs.



[17th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble Event registration closes on June 15](#) for events to appear in the printed guidebook. Four beautiful weekends this September will be filled with activities from hiking to kayaking to kite flying and more. Last year's Ramble featured more than 200 events hosted by more than 160 partner organizations. We are especially grateful to all of our wonderful Ramble event leaders and organizations who have dedicated their time and effort to making this an exceptional event. Check out our [Facebook](#) to see more photos of the events.



Hudson River Line Window Seat Tour

The effort to create a mobile audio tour of the Hudson River line continues to progress. In April, the National Heritage Area hosted a meeting in Hyde Park with partners to frame out the project elements. Partners included, Scenic Hudson, Amtrak, NPS Trail and Rails program, Hudson River Maritime Museum, the Sound and Story Project, Orange County Historian Johanna Yaun and others with a keen perspective on interstation and technology. Subsequent meetings were held with NPS of New York Harbor and the NPS Harper's Ferry Center. The NHA has engaged the Story Project to develop the mobile responsive audio tour for Hudson Line Trains. The tour will amplify the live interpretation already provided by the NPS Trails and Rails program volunteers and make the story of the Hudson River and Hudson River Valley accessible at any time.



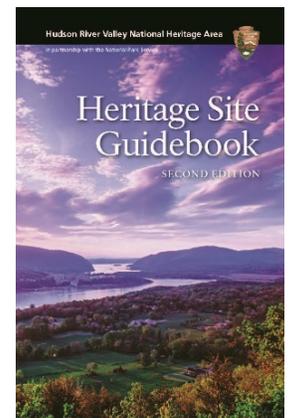
National Heritage Area Guidebook Re-print

The HRVNHA first published its "Heritage Site Guidebook" in 2010. The current update also includes a complete redesign of the guidebook. The newly designed layout is currently in production and new guidebooks will be ready for purchase in July.



Great Estates Pass

Dutchess Tourism's kick off meeting for the Great Estates Pass with and six partner heritage sites was held in early June. The pass will allow access to all six partner sites at an aggregate 20% discount. Passes will be available through TripAdvisor, Dutchess County Tourism and at partner sites. The project is funded through grants from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



National Heritage Area Website Update Over the last six years, the HRVNHA website has received nearly 250,000 visitors and over a million page views. Since its launch, technologies and media practices have changed dramatically and the website requires a complete overhaul in order to keep pace with ever-evolving technology. Greenway staff and our website consultants have been working steadily on updates to www.hudsonrivervalley.com. Several drafts of the layout have been reviewed and the consultants are in the process of building and coding the new site. The website will be mobile responsive and benefit from many new tools that will enhance the user experience. New website anticipated summer 2016.



Heritage Area Sponsors Second Annual Hudson Valley Heritage Fair

The second annual Hudson Valley Heritage Fair occurred on May 1st was a great success. The fair included hands-on table displays of artifacts and living history presentations from a variety of organizations. Exhibitors included Hudson Valley cultural organizations, historical societies, historic sites, and tourism agencies. The Hudson Valley Heritage Fair was spearheaded by Dutchess County historian Will Tatum and was a joint project of the Mid-Hudson Valley Path Through History Workgroup, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Greater Hudson Heritage Network, and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



Albany Pine Bush Celebrates Heritage Site Designation at 10th Lupine Fest

In March the Albany Pine Bush became a designated heritage site. The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission chose the 10th annual Lupine Fest to celebrate the high honor by unveiling a new National Park Service Passport Cancellation Station in the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center.



Grant Programs Update
Grants Completed

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Total Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Communities	City of Albany OBO Buckingham Pond Conservancy	Buckingham Pond Targeted Natural Resource Inventory	\$8,275	\$13,225	4/16/2014	5/20/2016
Communities	Town of Lloyd	Black Creek Access for Canoes and Kayaks	\$7,500	\$13,000	10/17/2012	4/5/2016
Conservancy	Town of Philipstown	Hudson/Fjord Alternative C Analysis	\$5,000	\$45,000	10/21/2008	3/28/2016
NHA	The Research Foundation OBO the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz	Hudson Valley Visual Art Collections Consortium Planning Project	\$2,425	\$77,575	3/28/2014	3/28/2016
NHA	Albany Institute of History & Art	Top 50: The Story of the Capital Region	\$4,000	\$196,179	9/1/2015	3/28/2016
NHA	Thomas Cole Historic House	Reinventing the Interpretation of Thomas Cole's Home	\$5,000	\$405,000	3/11/2015	3/28/2016
TOTAL			\$32,200			

Grants Awarded

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Communities	Village of Highland Falls	Waterfront Redevelopment Feasibility Study	\$10,000	6/8/2016
Communities	Village of New Paltz	Update Village/Town Master Plan	\$7,000	6/8/2016
Communities	Village of Warwick	Update Village Comprehensive Plan	\$10,000	6/8/2016
Compact	Village of Irvington	Hudson River Access Improvements and Main Street Enhancements	\$10,000	6/8/2016
Compact	Village of Mount Kisco	Historical/Educational Hiking Trails	\$6,500	6/8/2016
TOTAL			\$43,500	

**Proclamation Commending
Andrew T. Chmar
For Distinguished Service
to the
Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council**

WHEREAS, Andrew T. Chmar was appointed to the Greenway Council on the fourth day of June, 2010 by the Putnam County Executive and has faithfully attended the meetings and participated in the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Andrew T. Chmar was appointed to the Greenway Grants Committee and has faithfully attended the meetings and participated in the awarding of grants; and

WHEREAS, Andrew T. Chmar has provided the citizens of the Hudson River Valley with his time, effort and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Andrew T. Chmar is moving to North Carolina and has resigned as a member of the Greenway Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway do hereby pause in their deliberations to honor and commend Andrew T. Chmar for his six 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 Andrew T. Chmar by the Greenway as a symbol of appreciation.

*Barnabas McHenry,
Council Chair*

*Kevin Burke,
Acting Conservancy Chair*

Adopted June 8, 2016

Volunteer Recognition Certificate

Presented to

Daniel P. McLaughlin, Jr.

For his dedication and commitment to the Hudson River Valley Greenway
and his tireless efforts over the last thirteen years to create and promote the

Hudson River Greenway Water Trail

Presented this 8th day of June 2016

by the Hudson River Valley Greenway

Barnabas McHenry
Chairman
Hudson River Valley Greenway
Communities Council

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