

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY

Combined meeting of

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,

and

Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

March 13, 2013

**The Great Room of Kaplan Hall at the
SUNY Orange County Community College
Newburgh, New York**

Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Member
Brown, Kristin, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Member
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Acting Chairman, Greenway Conservancy
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
Marra, Donald, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Chmar, Andrew, Putnam County Council Member
Crabb, Mary, Orange County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
Putney, Freeman, Albany County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Delegates Present

Beard, Nancy, Non-Voting Delegate for Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS
Department of Environmental Conservation

Garcia, Freddy, Delegate for Conservancy Member Dennis Murray

Gorton, Bill, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory Members

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association

Greenway Staff

Campochiaro, Elizabeth, Trails and Community Outreach Director

Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director

Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director/Finance Manager

Call to Order

Council Chairman Barnabas McHenry called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Conservancy Chairman Sara Griffen led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced County Executive Edward Diana who welcomed everyone to Orange County and took note of the wonderful view of the Hudson River and Fishkill Ridge. He noted that the current construction at SUNY Orange is the largest ongoing construction project in the SUNY system and Kaplan Hall is the first LEED certified government building in Orange County. He concluded by thanking the Orange County planning Board for their work on the Orange County Compact.

Acting Chairman Griffen introduced City of Newburgh Mayor Judy Kennedy who welcomed everyone to Newburgh and noted the City has passed a resolution supporting the County's efforts to adopt the Compact.

Acting Chairman Griffen introduced SUNY Orange Business Solutions Coordinator Don Green who welcomed everyone to SUNY Orange County Community College. He invited everyone to tour the campus after the meeting.

Presentation: The Orange County Draft Greenway Compact

Chairman McHenry introduced Orange County Director of Planning David Church who introduced the Orange County Draft Compact and explained that the County is adopting the Compact as an amendment to the Orange County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Church reviewed the process to date which has included the analysis of county and municipal plans, early

outreach to Planning Board Chairs, development of a graphic concept, and ongoing reviews. The next steps are for the Greenway to approve the Compact at our June 12, 2013 meeting, approval by the Orange County Legislature and ongoing outreach to communities.

Mr. Church introduced Robert Lane, a Senior Fellow for Urban Design at the Regional Plan Association who reviewed the content of the plan which synthesizes municipal plans, the County Comprehensive Plan and the Orange County Design Manual. Mr. Lane showed how the plan aligns with Greenway principles and criteria, addresses strategies for Quality Communities, and provides an introduction to the Orange County Design Manual.

Mr. Church reviewed the planned outreach efforts to the twenty towns, nineteen villages and three cities comprising Orange County.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Griffen called for changes/additions to the agenda. There being none she moved onto the rest of the agenda.

Minutes of January 25, 2013 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 January 25, 2013 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Jennifer Schwartz Berky (Kevin Burke second) the January 25, 2013 meetings minutes were unanimously approved. Kristen Brown and Cindy Lanzetta abstained.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Greenway Council meeting to order and announced that Assemblyman Kieran Lalor of the 105th district has been appointed to the Council by Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb.

Resolution Establishing Greenway Lead Agency Status on SEQR for Orange County Compact

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione announced that the Greenway is seeking to act as Lead Agency on SEQR for the Orange county compact. On a motion from Mary Crabb (Bob Elliott second) the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Greenway Community Grants

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione announced the Grants Committee recommendations for Greenway Communities Grants.

The *City of Albany on behalf of the Historic Albany Foundation, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$4,900 for an Historic Structures Inventory.

The *City of Watervliet, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$9,100 for the Watervliet Bicycle Master Plan – Mohawk Hudson Bike Trail Improvement. The Grants Committee

recommended that the grant award require designation of the resultant bike trail as part of the Hudson River Greenway Trail System.

The *Town of Copake, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$9,000 for a Design and Development Plan for the Hamlet of Copake.

The *Village of Tivoli, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 to update Village zoning to comply with the Village Plan and Greenway Guides.

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Mary Crabb second) the Council unanimously approved the grants as recommended by the Grants Committee.

Greenway Indemnity update

Chairman McHenry updated the Council on the status of the two actions brought against the Greenway in Dutchess County as a result of the indemnity provision for participating compact communities. The Attorney General is representing the Greenway in these actions.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Griffen called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Approval to Apply for a grant on Behalf of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve

On a motion from Kristin Brown (Jane Daniels second) the Board unanimously endorsed an application to the University of New Hampshire for phase three of a Shorelines Study on behalf of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Advisory Board Appointment--Walkway Over the Hudson, Sally Mazzarella

Ms. Griffen announced the appointment of Sally Mazzarella from Walkway Over the Hudson to the joint Greenway Advisory Board.

Water Trail Outreach Grant Update

Acting Chairman Griffen and Trails and Special Projects Director Scott Keller updated the meeting on the progress so far on the Water Trail Outreach Grant. To date a working group has been formed, the grant is under contract, and the basic elements of the project have been defined. Next steps include a meeting of the working group to refine the project elements and to guide further actions.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Castiglione announced that Hudson River Days is set for July 20-21, with the Hudson River Estuary Program taking the lead on this event, and that Cycling the Hudson Valley will be held July 30 to August 4 and is in the always capable hands of Parks and Trails New York.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Palisades Women's Federation

Conservancy Member Jane Daniels announced that the Women's Federation for the Protection of the Palisades is working to prevent the construction of a building by LG Corporation that is four times the size allowed under current zoning. While not opposed to a building on the site, the current one is viewed as too large and a potential eyesore.

Tower of Victory Update

Chairman McHenry introduced Susan Smith from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission who updated everyone on the status of the Tower of Victory and the efforts to restore the roof. The Tower is located at Washington's headquarters, here in Newburgh and is an 1887 monument to peace. It is the only such monument on the United States. The roof was destroyed in a 1950 hurricane. The fundraising goal is \$1.5 million and they are one-third of the way to that goal already. Chairman McHenry, conservancy Secretary Kevin Burke, Newburgh Mayor Judy Kennedy and members of the audience all expressed a deep level of support for this project.

HRVNHA Budget and Legislative Updates

Mr. Castiglione stated that the National NHA program has been placed in a continuing resolution in the Senate Appropriations bill. This would not include the HRVNHA since our funding authorization has expired. The NHA Act of 2013 would add all NHA's and establish baseline funding. .

HRVNHA Economic Impact Study

Mr. Castiglione announced that the economic impact study for 2009-11 of the six northeast NHA's is complete. This study looked at the impact of the NHA and associated Greenway programs. The average annual economic impact of the Hudson River Valley NHA is in excess of \$584 million, accrues nearly \$67 million in tax revenues, and directly or indirectly creates or induces 6,530 jobs in the Hudson Valley. The combined NHA/Greenway budget in these three years averaged less than \$1 million or a return of \$67 for each \$1 invested by the state and federal governments.

Hudson River Valley Ramble

Mr. Castiglione noted that the Hudson River Valley Ramble will encompass the last four weekends of September. He encouraged Board members to seek out sponsorships and noted that the Hudson River Estuary Program has committed to a \$5,000 sponsorship.

Path Through History

Mr. Castiglione explained that each Regional Economic Development Council has a Path Through History Working Group. Mr. McHenry noted that Mr. Castiglione coordinates the program state-wide and Chairs the mid-Hudson Region working group. In the pipeline are

coordinated signs, a website, a mobile app, and a \$1 million grant program. Also Heritage Vision plans, and Path Through History Weekends coming June 1-2, and 8-9.

Teaching the Hudson Valley

Mr. Castiglione reported the 2013 Institute will be about Common Core Standards and will begin July 30.

Nature and Culture Initiative: Tiffany Windows Update

The Executive Director's report contains a mock-up of the Tiffany Windows webs page. This project is nearing completion.

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Trail

Twenty Hudson Valley sites have been identified for interpretation along the W3R trail. Each site will be using a commissioned original work of art.

Executive Director Report

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione's written Executive Director's report is appended to, and a part of these minutes.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.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
Mark Castiglione
March 13, 2013**

Tiffany Landscape Windows Exhibition

We continue to develop a web-based exhibition of Tiffany Landscape windows. The exhibit will include 12 sites that feature 19-20 Tiffany landscape windows.

We plan to create a downloadable PDF for each location (not more than one page back and front) that includes interpretation for the landscape window as well as a sketch map to orient people within the churches. They will also include appropriate contact info, addresses, and hours (or in most cases how you can schedule an appointment). We will also try to connect the landscape window with the location it depicts (if known). We will be encouraging people to make donations to the sites. Our goal is a summer 2013 Launch.

Heritage Weekend becomes Path Through History Weekends

Heritage Weekend has been a great success, and we thank all of those who have participated in this phenomenal program. Heritage Weekend will not take place in May, but will become part of an even greater effort to promote the unique history of our State, Path Through History Weekends!

The same heritage and cultural celebrations and special programming will now be held **June 1-2 and 8-9**. Please email us with questions about 2013 Path Through History Weekends at hrvg@hudsongreenway.ny.gov or register an event at www.paththroughhistoryweekends.com

Hudson River Days 2013 - July 20-21

Hudson River Day 2012 was so successful--with more than 40 events that spanned the length of the Hudson River Estuary--that in 2013, the fifth-annual celebration of our estuary and watershed will take place over a full weekend, July 20-21, 2013. Activities will include the

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First Church in Albany
110 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207
(518) 463-4449 • firstchurchinalbany.org

The oldest church in upstate New York, the First Church in Albany was founded in 1642 and incorporated in 1720 as the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. Beginning in 1910, the sanctuary in the current building was redecorated with the assistance of the Tiffany Studios. This redecoration included the addition of windows, architectural elements, and mosaics.

The Sumner Memorial Window (1912) is installed near the main entrance of the parish house and depicts a forest scene with a mountain stream. In addition to birch and redbud trees, the scene includes water lilies and Tiffany's trademark iris.

The Tiffany Studios also provided ornamental windows in 1917. These green and beige windows are located throughout the sanctuary.

In addition to windows, Tiffany designed sanctuary architectural elements (1910) that include the railing and lectern in the chancel as well as the glass screen and swinging doors at the rear of the sanctuary. Tiffany also designed mosaics (1910) in the vestibule on the ground floors for each of the church's two towers.

Top: Ornamental window from 1917.
Left: Sumner Memorial Window & detail.

2nd Annual Great Hudson River Fish Count, as well as festivals, swims, kayak outings, sails and more! More information at www.hudsonriverdaysny.org.

The 9th annual *Cycling the Hudson Valley*—July 3-August 4, 2013

Cycling the Hudson Valley participants will pedal their way through one of the most picturesque river valleys in the world. The Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Olana State Historic Site, and West Point are just a few of the many interesting stops along the way. Rich in history, culture, wineries, and gourmet cuisine, the Hudson Valley offers fantastic bicycling. The 200 mile tour, which includes five panoramic bridge crossings, will ride along designated bike routes, scenic roads, and off-road trails, including the renowned Manhattan Waterfront Greenway along the west side of Manhattan.

Sponsorships being Accepted for the 2013 Hudson River Valley Ramble!

The 14th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble will take place September 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, 2013. We hope you will participate by hosting or attending an event! Further details will be sent this spring, so mark your calendars now! Sponsorships for the Hudson River Valley Ramble are now available, and more information can be found online at <http://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/Contactus/ToSponsor.aspx>.

Erie Insurance Sponsors 2013 Hudson River Valley Ramble

Erie Insurance provided the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area with a \$5000 sponsorship for the Ramble. With locations in Albany and Newburgh, Erie was very excited to be able to contribute to this outstanding regional event. We are so pleased to welcome Erie Insurance as a Gold Sponsor of the Ramble, as they help us to continue our mission of connecting people with the beautiful landscape and inspiring history of the Hudson River Valley.

Trails:

Greenway Water Trail Receives \$90,000 Regional Economic Development Grant

The Regional Economic Development Councils recently announced their 2012 awardees, including the Greenway, which was awarded a \$90,000 grant to promote use of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. The Water Trail, which spans 3 Regional Economic Development Council Regions, was recently designated a National Water Trail by the Department of the Interior. The Greenway is pleased to work with the Regional Councils on such an important economic development project.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Economic Impact Study findings:

A recent economic impact study of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area commissioned by the National Park Service yielded eye-opening results. Impact numbers both nationally and regionally demonstrate the tremendous return on investment that National Heritage Areas offer. This timely data helps us make a strong case for renewed federal funding.

- *Annually, NHAs contribute \$12.9 billion to the US economy, supporting 148,000 jobs, and generate 1.2 billion dollars in Federal taxes.*
- *The Hudson River Valley NHA annually contributes \$584,986,026 million to NY's economy, supports 6,530 jobs, and generates over \$66.6 million in tax revenue.*
- *Our Hudson River Valley Ramble event annually generates an estimated \$21 million in economic impact*

Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT Interpretive Project: The National Park Service along with project consultants Pannier Graphics and the Gecko Group have identified 20 sites for interpretation along the W3R trail in Orange, Rockland and Westchester Counties. The project team will once again consult with stakeholders in the development of the interpretive text.

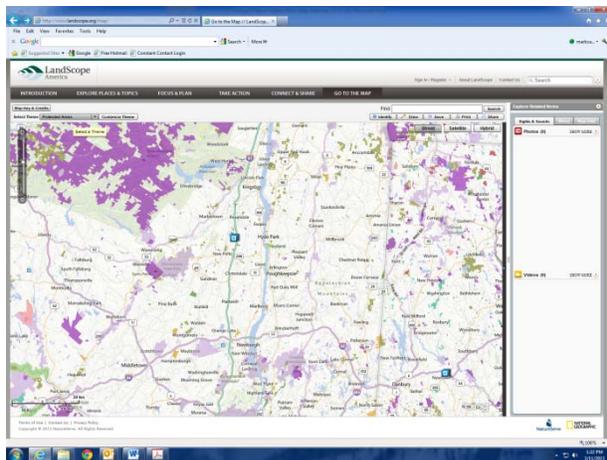


Teaching the Hudson Valley

THVIP program implemented: Our evaluators suggested that THV expand its reach by creating an “ambassador” program. As a result, 10 educators representing all THV constituents and nine of our 11 counties have been “enrolled.” A first meeting was held and work is underway.

2013 Summer Institute, “Place Based Learning & Common Core”: July 30-August 1, in Hyde Park, with one day of field experiences. The deadline for workshop and field experience proposals is March 20.

Field trip grants: Three Explore Awards were made this quarter, benefitting about 250 elementary and middle school students. Students will visit Washington’s Headquarters and New Windsor Cantonment; Hilltop Hanover Farm; and Mohonk Preserve. THV also manages Bus on Us for the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites and the FDR Presidential Library. During this quarter we made three awards to bring 100+ elementary students to Hyde Park from Troy and Kingston.



Professional Development: Using Primary Sources to Teach the Hudson Valley: The first of two five-part courses began during this quarter with 16 participants from six counties; cosponsored with SE NY Library Resources Council with funds from the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Eastern Region, Waynesburg University. | *How’s the Hudson Doing?* The March 5 program attracted 80+ teachers and site educators. Co-sponsored with DEC’s Hudson River Estuary Program. Coming up in May: Program(s) with *The Tracing Center on Histories & Legacies of Slavery* cosponsored

with Historic Huguenot Street and/or Putnam History Museum.

GIS Mapping: Scenic Resources Project to use Nat. Geo “Landscapes” Platform

The Purpose of this project is to update existing GIS datasets including conserved open space including land protected by the state, federal, municipal, and not-for-profit entities; Greenway Trails including both land and water trails; significant water resources; significant fish and wildlife habitats; River access sites; designated scenic areas and scenic byways; to create a complete inventory of scenic views and viewpoints and create a system for their identification, categorization, and prioritization; and to create a searchable database of these features that allows for sorting by category and attribute. Andrew Meyer from the DEC Estuary program continues to move the project forward.

Dutchess County's New Greenway Guide

Dutchess County Planning has introduced a new Greenway Guide for public review, Building Bicycle Networks. This is the latest in a new series of Greenway Guides developed by Dutchess County Planning, which include such topics as Centers and Greenspaces; Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps; Rural Roads; and Slower, Safer Streets. This guide offers design recommendations to encourage bicycling in a variety of contexts. Greenway Guides are part of the Dutchess County Greenway Compact, Greenway Connections. Completed in 2000, Greenway Connections has been adopted as a voluntary program of land use policies and guidelines by the County and 29 of 30 Dutchess County communities. The Greenway Compact is entirely voluntary, respects local home rule, and relies on incentives and guidelines rather than requirements. *Greenway Connections* was created as a living document, to which additional guides could be added in response to changing circumstances and needs.

Legislative Update

Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Reauthorization Bill(s)

The Senate Bill for extension is being advanced by Sens. Reed and Portman. A Counterpart Bill is being sponsored by Rep. McGovern (MA) and will be introduced shortly. Attention is also focused on the next continuing resolution and budget process. In addition, Sen. Gillibrand sponsored an individual extension bill for the HRVNHA program and hosted a hearing on the matter. The Governor's Washington office is apprized as is the Congressional Delegation.

Greenway Pursuing National Heritage Area Program Bill (Unchanged): Co-sponsored by Members Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Charles Dent (R-PA), the National Heritage Area Act of 2013 – HR 445 will create a system of National Heritage Areas similar to the National Park system. Currently, the 49 National Heritage Areas are all independent partners with the National Parks Service. This bill will establish clear roles for the NPS and establish base funding for Heritage Areas within the NPS budget. The bill was introduced on 2-1-13.

Grants

Grants Completed since 1-25-2013

County	Community	Project	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Grant Award Date
Rensselaer	Town of Pittstown	Historic Farmsteads Historic Sites nominations	Council_Planning	\$8,000.00	\$16,900.00	6/9/2011

Grants Awarded since 1-25-2013

County	Community	Project	Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Project Total	Grant Award Date
Columbia	Town of Greenport	Update of Comprehensive Plan	Council_Planning	\$7,500.00	\$20,000.00	1/25/2013
Dutchess	Town of Fishkill	Hudson Fjord Hike/Bike Trail Master Plan	Council_Planning	\$11,000.00	\$45,500.00	1/25/2013
Putnam	Village of Cold Spring	Strengthening the LWRP including Sea Level Rise/Climate Change	Council_Planning	\$6,000.00	\$74,000.00	1/25/2013
Westchester	Town of New Castle	Public Outreach & Education for the New Castle Comprehensive Plan Update	Council_Planning	\$6,000.00	\$20,000.00	1/25/2013
					\$159,500.00	

Board Updates:

Welcome New Board Members:

Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor –(AD- 105) has been appointed to the Board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council by Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb.