

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.
October 14, 2015
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library
Hyde Park, NY
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Brown, Kristen, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Acting Meeting Chairman, Conservancy Treasurer
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Member
Molinaro, Marcus, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Griffen, Sara, Acting Chair, Greenway Conservancy
Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Secretary
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member
Ames, Edward, New York City Council Member
Chmar, Andrew, Putnam County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Gielisse, Victor A., Dutchess County Council Member
Mazzarella, Sally Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
Porr, Johanna, Orange County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Saland, Stephen, Council Member

Delegates Present

Cooper, Linda, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Ethier, Jamie, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State
Rooney, Frank, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Delegates Present by Phone

Brown, Dan, Joint delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of General Services

Delegates Present by Proxy

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

Advisory Members Present

None

Greenway Staff Present

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

Call to Order

Chairman Barnabas McHenry and Acting Meeting Chairman Kevin Burke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced Dutchess County Executive and conservancy Board Member Marcus Molinaro who welcomed everyone to Dutchess County. Mr. Molinaro noted the County's long relationship with the Greenway, discussed efforts to secure REDC funding, and reviewed redevelopment efforts centered in villages. He announced that Dutchess County will be launching an Agricultural Navigator Program in 2016 and concluded by noting that Governor Cuomo's REDC's provide an avenue for the Greenway to promote smart land use policies.

Mr. Molinaro introduced Assemblywoman Didi Barrett who welcomed everyone to her district and to Dutchess County. Ms. Barrett announced that she now chairs the sub-committee on regional tourism development and reviewed a power line proposal.

Acting Meeting Chairman Burke introduced Paul Sparrow, Director of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library and Museum. Mr. Sparrow welcomed everyone to the grounds and noted the astonishing potential of the area.

Agenda Review

Acting Meeting Chairman Burke called for changes and additions to the agenda. There were none proffered. Fran Dunwell announced the opening of new Hudson River Estuary Program grants.

Presentations

Chairman McHenry introduced Westchester County Council Member and *SS Columbia* project Co-Chair Bob Elliott who gave an overview of the project and introduced Liz McEnaney, the projects Executive Director, who gave a spirited presentation on the project. Ms. McEnaney's presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Minutes of June 10, 2015 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 October 8, 2015 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Jane Daniels (Linda von der Heide second) the June 10, 2015 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy Combined Meeting minutes and October 8, 2015 Grants Committee Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Meeting Chairman Burke called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Approving an Amendment to Health Care Flexible Spending Account

Finance Manager Scott Keller reviewed an amendment to the non-discrimination clause of the Conservancy's Flex Benefit Program. Mr. Keller noted that the company providing the flex benefit services has always had a non-discrimination clause, but that they have amended it and are requiring all participant organizations to adopt the amendment. On a motion from Jayne McLaughlin (Kevin Burke second) the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Fiscal Report

Mr. Keller reviewed the recently completed Sustainable Shorelines grants which over the past several years has passed through over \$1 million to develop science-based recommendations for shore zone management to preserve or enhance natural benefits while meeting engineering needs. Mr. Keller noted that our auditors, T.M. Byxbee recently performed the 2014-15 audit, which at this time has not revealed any issues,

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Awards

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione reviewed the Grants Committees' recommended 2015 Trail Grants Awards.

The *Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for planning of a 2-1/2 mile trail segment located along the Hudson River in the Town of Fishkill. The Committee recommends \$10,000.00

The *Palisades Park Conservancy, Inc., Orange County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to rehabilitate 1/3 mile trail located alongside the Silver Stream at Knox's Headquarters State Historic Site in New Windsor New York. The Committee recommends \$3,250.00.

The *Village of South Nyack, Rockland County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,200.00 for Erie Railroad Greenway Trail Signs. The Committee recommends \$5,200.00.

The *Town of Saratoga, Saratoga County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to design and construct a trail head at the southern terminus of the Saratoga National Historical Park Connector Trail. The Committee recommends \$10,000.00.

The *Town of Wilton, Saratoga County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$8,250.00 for development of the Town of Wilton Open Space, Recreation and Pathways Plan. The Committee recommends \$5,000.00.

The *D&H Canal Historical Society, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to rebuild the bridge over the loading quay between locks 16 & 17 on the D&H Canal Historical Society's National Historic landmark Five Lock Walk. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

The *Town of Marlborough, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,280.00 to construct a trail that will connect the upper portion of the park on Sands Avenue through the woods to the designated water trail campsite and the river. The Committee recommends \$4,000.00.

The *Village of New Paltz, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$11,000.00 to underwrite construction of an information kiosk and a bike rack as well as directional signs that guide users from Main Street, ½ mile along North Manheim Boulevard, to this southern Preserve gateway. The Committee recommends \$5,000.00.

The *Walkkill Valley Rail Trail, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$14,125.00 to provide attractive and informative signage along the 22+ mile Walkkill Valley Rail Trail. The Committee recommends \$10,000.00.

The *Teatown Lake Reservation, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$1,796.08 to install a new updated bridge over the Big Brook crossing within Kitchawan Preserve. The Committee recommends \$1,795.00.

The *Town of Yorktown, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to build a trailway connection from the North County Trailway in Yorktown's Railroad Park to Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) State Park. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

On a motion from Jayne McLaughlin (Kristin Brown second) the 2015 Trail Grants were unanimously awarded. Jane Daniels recused herself on the Teatown and Yorktown grants, Cindy Lanzetta recused herself on the Marlborough grant.

Water Trail Guidebook Update

Trails and Special Projects Director Scott Keller presented a draft version of Map 2: Saratoga Albany Region, reviewed the status of the website update project, and presented the just off the presses Hudson River Watertrail Association's guide to the water trail. The guidebook is now available for sale by the Hudson River Watertrail Association (www.hrwa.org).

Greenway Trail Gap Analysis

Mr. Castiglione updated the meeting on the status of the Gap Analysis Study to identify the steps needed to complete the land trail. The study is designed to fulfill the Greenway's Strategic Plan's goal to complete the trail system, to be a visionary document and to serve as an update to the 2004 Trail Vision Plan.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

Memorial of the late Abel Garraghan

Chairman McHenry announced the passing of former Council Board Member Abel Garraghan. On a motion from Sally Mazzarella (Andy Chmar second) the Boards of Directors approved a Proclamation to be delivered to Mr. Garraghan's family.

Recognition of John Clarke

Chairman McHenry introduced retiring Dutchess County Planner John Clarke who called the Greenway a wildly popular, bottom up, bipartisan, low cost government effort to create cooperation amongst local governments. He concluded by stating that the Greenway is government at its best and should be a model for the rest of the nation.

At the conclusion of his remarks Chairman McHenry, Acting Meeting Chairman Burke and Mr. Castiglione presented Mr. Clarke with a framed Hudson River School print.

Adopting the Town of Wilton as a Greenway Community

Adopting the City of Port Jervis as a Greenway Compact Community

Mr. Castiglione announced that the Town of Wilton is seeking adoption as a Greenway Community and the City of Port Jervis is seeking adoption as a Greenway Compact Community. On a motion from Wint Aldrich (Sally Mazzarella second) the Board welcomed the two new communities to the Greenway.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards- Greenway Community Grants

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

The *City of Hudson, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$3,700.00 to develop a city wide geographical info system (GIS) mapping of natural resources and land use. The Committee recommends \$3,700.00.

The *City of Port Jervis, Orange County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 to evaluate current and past Main Street plans, establish baseline conditions on Main Street and make recommendations for revitalizing Main Streets in three communities that will provide best practices for the broader Hudson Valley. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

The *Town of Gallatin, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,284.00 to develop GIS mapping to update their 2007 Comprehensive Plan Maps and create environmental and conservation mapping for public use on a web based platform. The Committee recommends \$6,284.00.

The *Town of Germantown, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to update the 2007 Comprehensive Plan. The Committee recommends \$5,000.00.

The *Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to update its zoning code by refining and mapping the areas that are included within the Scenic and Historic Overlay districts. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

The *Town of Salem, Washington County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to develop a Main Street Renaissance Plan focusing on economic development and aesthetic improvements. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

The *Town of Waterford, Saratoga County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to update its Comprehensive Plan and land use laws to achieve desirable development patterns. The Committee recommends \$5,000.00.

The *Village of Ellenville, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to prepare a Downtown Revitalization Plan for Center Street and Market Street in support of their efforts to leverage economic growth along nearby Canal Street. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

The *Village of Voorheesville, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to establish a brand and design theme for signage which will guide visitors and locals to the newly-established rail trail trailhead and to local business districts. The Committee recommends \$7,500.00.

On a motion from Fran Dunwell (Andy Chmar second) the Board unanimously approved the Greenway grants.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Hudson River Valley Ramble

Mr. Castiglione noted that the 2015 Ramble saw a social media increase of 46% to 400,000 visits, feedback from participants averaged 4.85 out of 5.00 and 160 organizations participated.

Guidebook Redesign Draft

Mr. Castiglione noted that the redesign of the guidebook is ongoing and is being done, in part, to meet National Park Service design standards.

Website Draft Design

Mr. Castiglione reported that the website design is being finalized.

Teaching the Hudson Valley Institute

Mr. Castiglione reported on another successful Teaching the Hudson Valley Institute. He thanked Debi Duke, who could not attend the meeting.

Col. Jim Johnson reviewed Hudson River Valley Institute events.

Acting Executive Director's Report

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

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held October 14th. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott S. Keller
Meeting Secretary

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14 October 2015
Hudson River Valley Greenway Meeting







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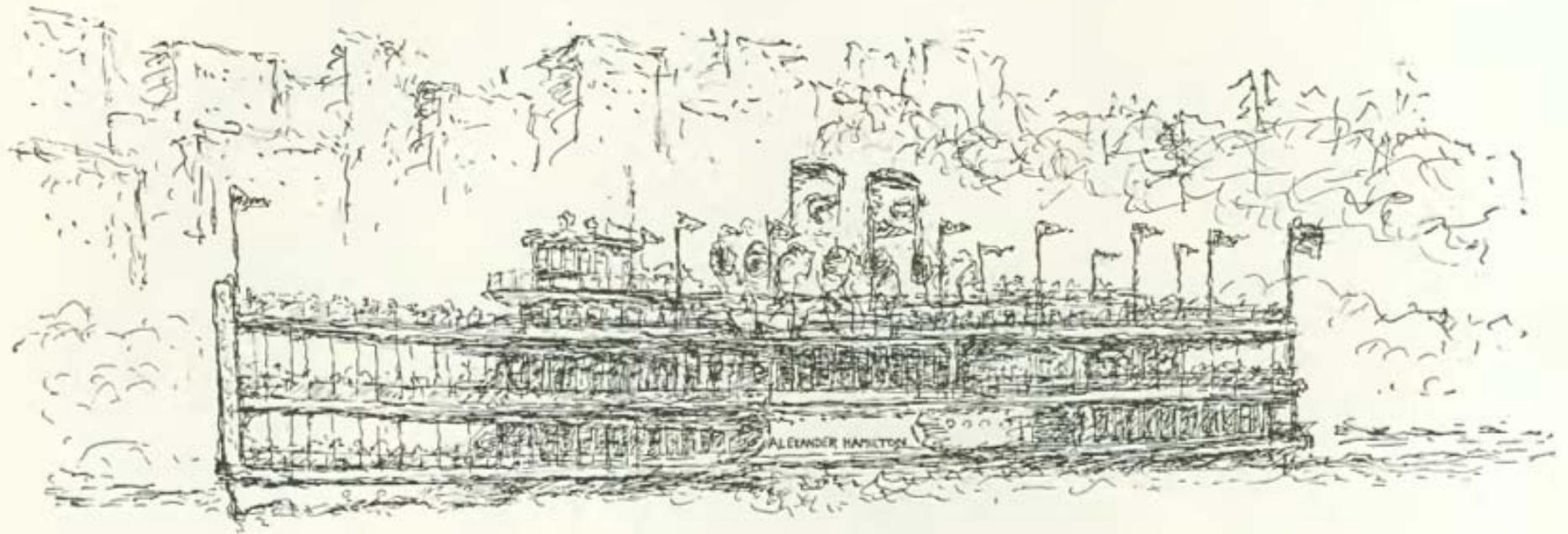




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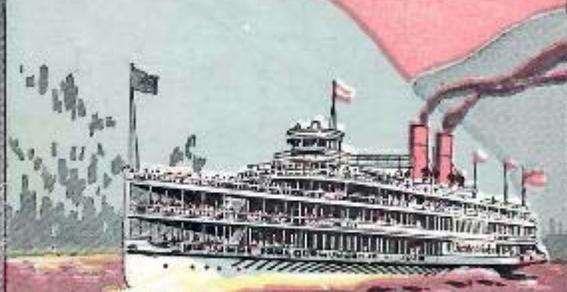
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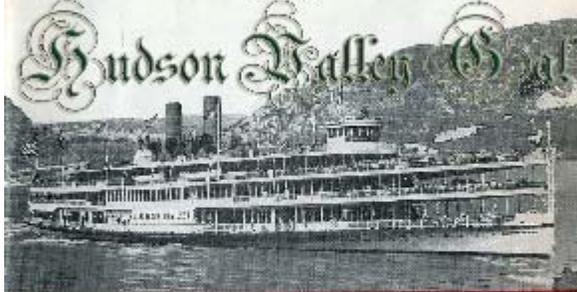
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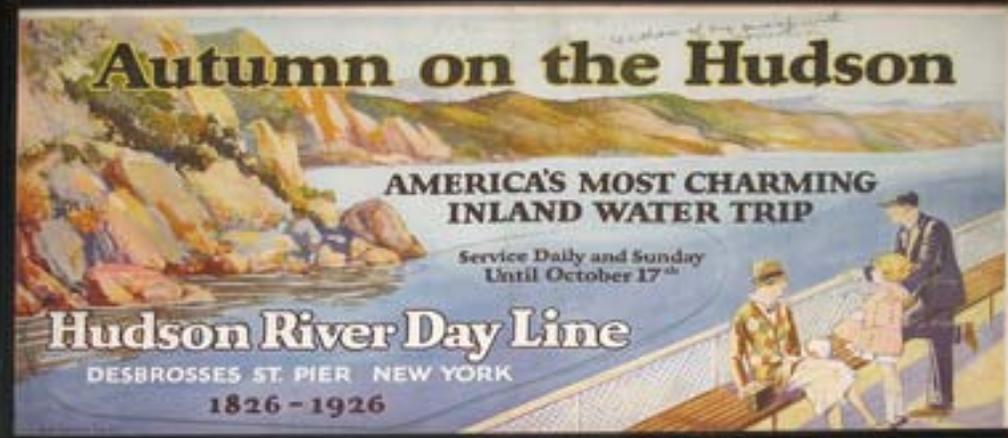


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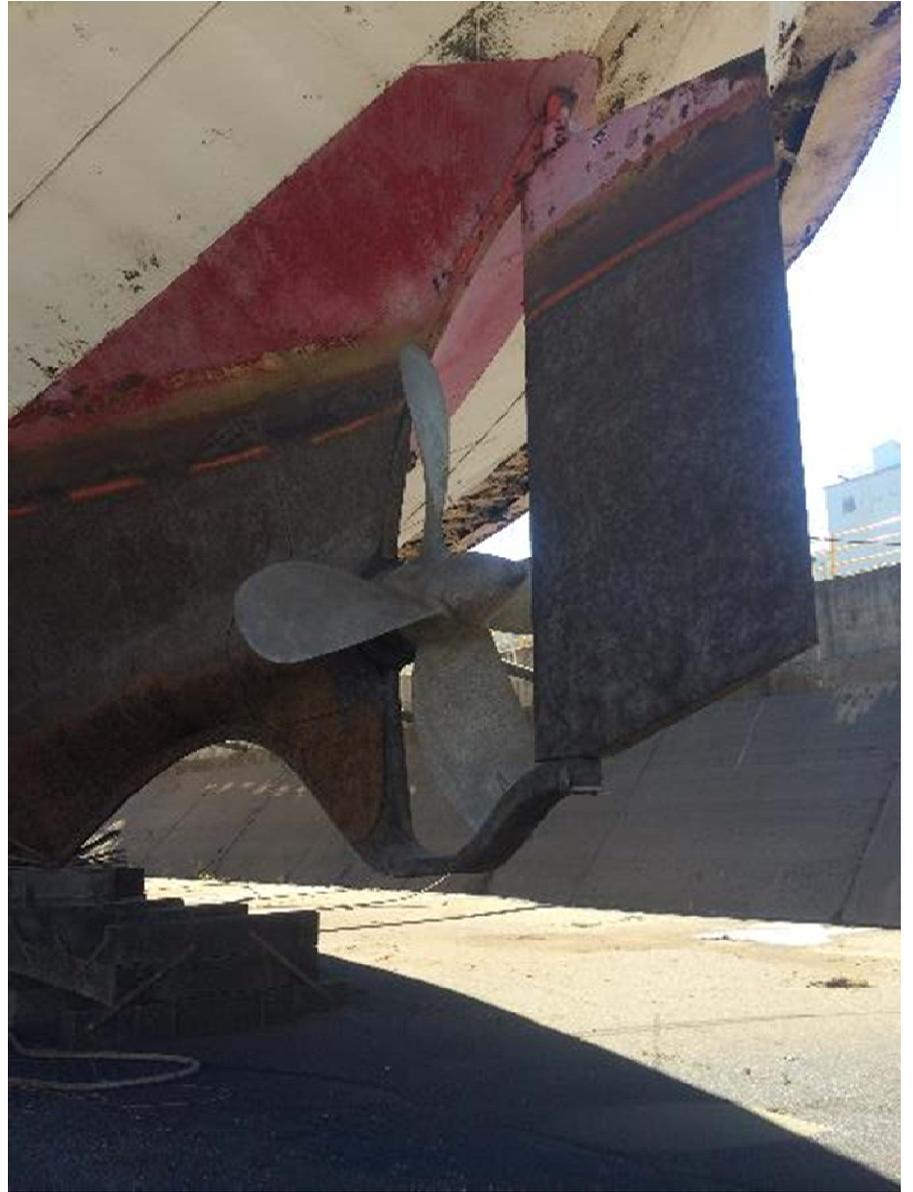




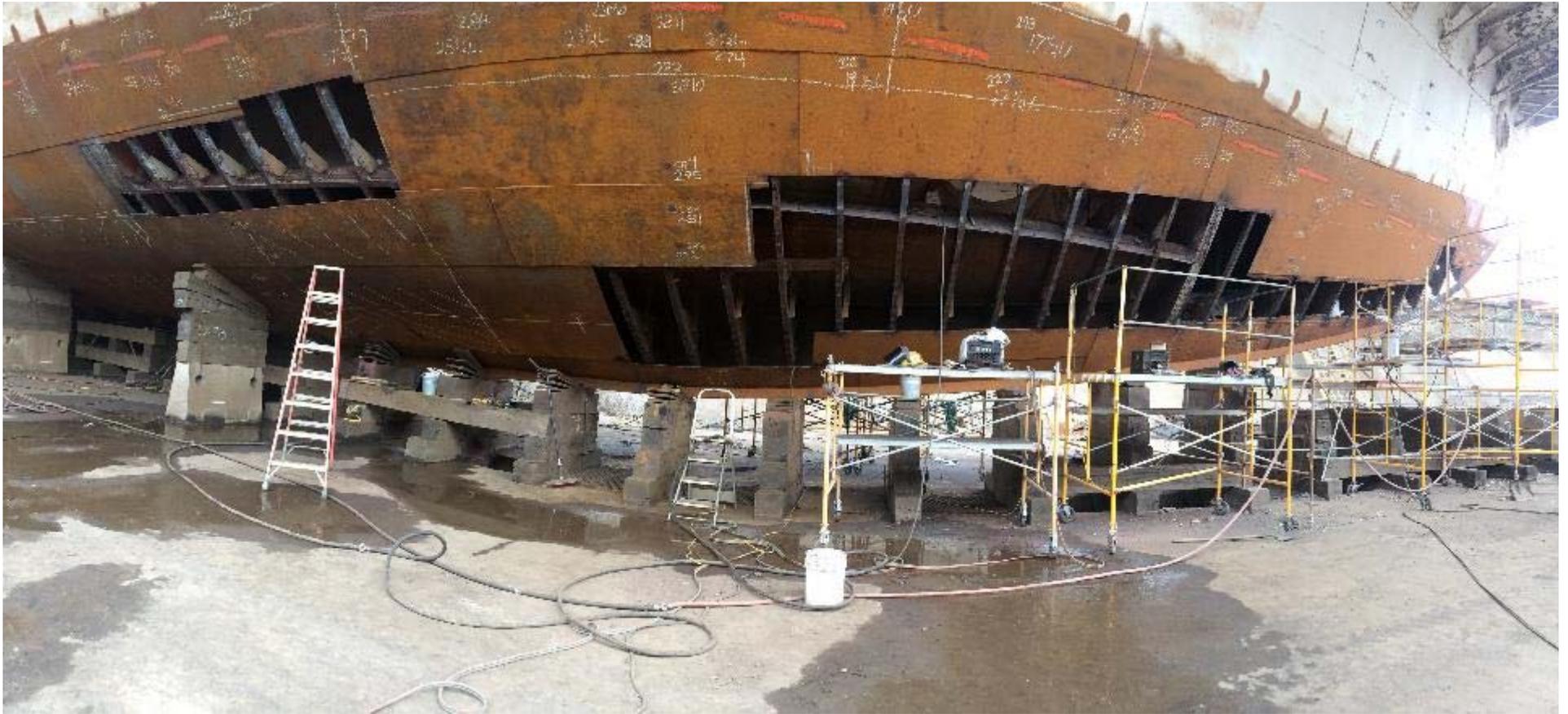














































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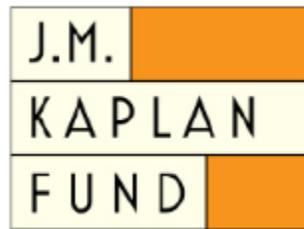


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Phase 1: The Shore-Up (2014 – 2015)

Total number of rivets repaired: 950

Since September 2014, *Columbia* has been out of the water in the graving dock at Toledo Shipyard in Toledo, Ohio. Our crew, working closely with US Coast Guard inspectors, has repaired rivets and replaced nearly 40% of the hull.

Phase 2: The Arrival in New York State (2015)

Statute miles the ship traveled to get to Buffalo: 235 miles

In September 2015, *Columbia* landed for the first time in New York State when it travels the 235 miles from Toledo to Buffalo. A flotilla of boats greeted *Columbia* when it arrived in Buffalo Harbor.

Phase 3: The Tow to the Hudson River (2016)

Statute miles the ship will travel to get to Kingston: 950 miles

In August 2016, *Columbia* will journey from Buffalo through the Great Lakes, up the St. Lawrence River, down the Atlantic Coast (*Columbia's* first dip in salt water!), before arriving to a celebration in New York City before heading up the Hudson River to a shipyard in Kingston, NY to continue restoration work.

Phase 3: The Restoration (2016 – 2018)

The SS *Columbia* will undergo a bow-to-stern, wheelhouse-to-hull, environmentally-sustainable restoration. This includes figuring out how to green her steam engines! The restoration will take 16-20 months to complete once capital funding is secured.

Phase 4: Relaunch! (2019)

Thank You!



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Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report
10-14-15
Mark Castiglione

16th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble A Great Success!

Four beautiful weekends this September were filled with activities from hiking to kayaking to kite flying and more. This 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. View our Ramble Facebook page to see event photos.

Highlights:

- **Website traffic up 43%**
- **78% of website visitors were new users**
- **Facebook 'likes' up 46%** (2332 'likes' on August 10, 3400 on October 8);
- **Facebook posts reached over 400,000** people.
- **Event satisfaction 4.85 out of 5**
- **77% of Ramble partners reported**

Again, we would like to thank our sponsors, partners, event leaders, and all the Ramble participants who made the 2015 Hudson River Valley Ramble a fantastic success. In particular we'd like to thank the National Park Service, I Love NY and Empire State Development, the Hudson River Estuary Program, NYS DEC, the New York New Jersey Trail Conference for providing financial assistance for this year's Ramble.



2015 Path Through History Weekend Grows: The number of PTH Weekend events grew to more than 330 events which represented a 60% increase over the same weekend last year. Once again, the Greenway assisted I Love NY/Empire State Development with administration of the state-wide Path Through History Weekend held June 20-21. The Greenway again partnered with the Greater Hudson Heritage Network to



manage day-to-day administrative and communication tasks for the event. Their partnership and hard work contributed significantly to the growth of the event. **PTH Weekend 2015 will be June 18th – 19th 2016.**

<http://www.iloveny.com/paththroughhistoryweekend/>

National Park Service Washington-Rochambeau Route Waysides Unveiled

In September, National Park Service Wayside exhibits were delivered to 15 locations throughout the lower Hudson Valley, marking their significance on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary National Historic Trail. The Route is one of the newest National Historic Trails in the nation and marks the route the Continental Army and allied French forces traveled from Rhode Island to the final victory over the British at Yorktown, Virginia during the American War of Independence.

(6th Annual Revolutionary War Weekend at Fishkill Supply Depot in NY) Credit: Marilyn Gabriel



On Saturday,

September 19th, as

part of the 6th Annual Revolutionary War Weekend event, the Fishkill Historical Society (FHS) and Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD) unveiled the display panels marking the Fishkill Supply Depot site's inclusion in the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. Research has uncovered Fishkill's clear connection to the French forces that served in the Revolution.

(North Salem Wayside Ribbon Cutting) L to R: Supervisor Warren Lucas, Vice Chair of



Historic Preservation Gail Pantezzi, Town Historian Susan J. Thompson Credit: Susan J. Thompson

History Happy Hour at the Schuyler Mansion Gardens

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area sponsored History Happy Hour at Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site on September 24th. History Happy Hour targets history enthusiasts to socialize and experience history in a new and fun way. History Happy Hour is an outgrowth of the city of Albany's volunteer heritage tourism initiative, convened by Mayor Kathy Sheehan. Community leaders and a variety of stakeholder organizations, historians and tourism professionals are represented on the initiative's committees, which work to cultivate a community to support heritage tourism in the city and introduce Albany's historic resources to new audiences. History Happy Hour was hosted by Friends of Schuyler Mansion, and partners include: the Albany Institute of History & Art, Historic Albany Foundation, and the City of Albany Office of Special Events & Cultural Affairs, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Museum Association of New York (MANY), Albany Heritage Center Visitors Center, and Partners for Albany Stories (PAST).

Project and Program Updates

New Public Access at Nutten Hook Unique Area

On June 19th, officials from the Hudson River Valley Greenway, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Town of Stuyvesant were joined by community members and dignitaries to announce new public access and public amenities at the Nutten Hook Unique area in Columbia County. Site improvements, include two new picnic areas, gravel parking areas, and an informational kiosk. Other improvements to be completed later this year include an ADA accessible pathway and a kayak launch. The site is also the latest addition to the 256-mile Hudson River Greenway Water Trail, The Nutten Hook Unique Area is part of the larger Stockport Flats area, which includes a five-mile length of Hudson River shoreline dominated by freshwater tidal wetlands. For more on this story, please see these articles by the [Register-Star](#) and the [Times Union](#).



National Heritage Area Guidebook Re-print: The HRVNHA first published its “Heritage Site Guidebook” 2010. The current update also includes a complete redesign of the guidebook. The newly designed layout is currently being edited and new guidebooks will be ready for purchase in the spring.

NHA Website Update: Greenway staff and our website consultants have been working steadily on updates to www.hudsonrivervalley.com.

Several drafts of the website 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.

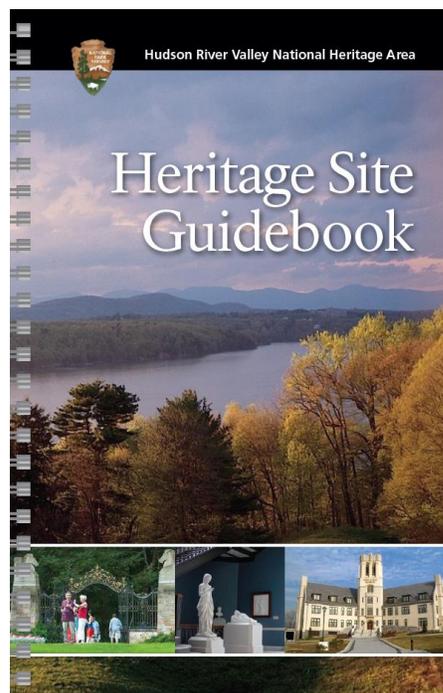
Teaching the Hudson Valley Update by Debi Duke

(Photo by Bill Urbin)

Explore Awards:

Trips Completed: 1,036 students from six counties to sites in nine counties

- Borden MS, Wallkill CSD (Orange), 240, grade 8, Bear Mt. State Park (Orange & Rockland)
- Chatham Kids’ Club (Columbia County), 30, grades K-6, Albany Pine Bush Preserve
- Copper Beech MS, Lakeland CSD (Westchester), 50, grade 7, Glynwood (Putnam)
- Cocksackie ES, Cocksackie-Athens CSD (Greene), 50 ES, Cohotate Preserve (Greene)
- M.C. Smith IS, Hudson CSD (Columbia County)
 - 147, grade 3, to Children’s Museum of Science & Technology (Rensselaer County)
 - 120, grade 4, to NY State Museum (Albany)



- Marbletown ES, Rondout Valley CSD (Ulster County), 85, grade 3, Esopus Meadows Environmental Center (Ulster County) with Clearwater Tideline Program staff
- Onteora MS, Boiceville (Ulster), 100, grade 8, Clermont State Historic Site (Columbia)
- Titusville IS, Arlington CSD (Dutchess County) 120, grade 4, Hudson River Maritime Museum (Ulster County)
- Westchester Exceptional Children's School, North Salem, 80 students, all ages, Teatown Lake Reservation (Westchester County)
- Young Writers' Program, Hudson Valley Writing Project, 14, grades 6-9 (various counties) to Revolutionary War sites (various counties)



Grants made, Trip or reimbursement pending: 649 students from 5 counties, sites in 3 counties

- Harry L. Edson ES, Kingston CSD (Ulster), 100, grade 2, Sharpe Reservation (Dutchess)
- Ketcham HS, Wappingers CSD, 20 11th & 12th graders to Tivoli Bays (both Dutchess)
- Krieger ES, Poughkeepsie CSD (Dutchess County), 50, grade 5, Long Dock Park (Dutchess County) with Scenic Hudson educator
- Vails Gate Magnet, Newburgh CSD (Orange), 50, grade 3, to Mohonk Preserve (Ulster)
- Viola ES, Ramapo CSD (Rockland), 74, grade 5, Esopus Meadows (Ulster) w/Clearwater
- Westchester Exceptional Children's School, 75 K-12 to Philipsburg Manor (Westchester)
- Wild Earth Wilderness School & M. C. Miller MS, Kingston CSD (Ulster), 250 5th graders to former Town of Ulster IBM rec facility now managed by Scenic Hudson
- Young Rhinebeck (Dutchess County) 30 7th and 8th graders to Samuel Dorsky Museum (Ulster) and Walkway Over the Hudson + Lehman Loeb Art Center (both Dutchess)

Summer Institute: July 28-30 |130 people participated in some part of *Teaching for Engagement in the Hudson Valley: The Next 100 Years Depend on It*. That's down from 150 in 2014 and 135 in 2013, 138 in 2011, and our all-time high of 194 in 2010. 45% of those completing the survey work in schools; 18% are environmental, historic site, or museum educators. 60% said the institute is a "good value" compared to other professional development options.

Trails

Greenway Trail Gap Analysis RFP: An RFP for this project has been released and is available on the [Greenway's website](#). The goal of the project will be to identify gaps in the Hudson Valley's trail network and to identify likely connections, either on road or off road, to designate a Greenway Trail from New York City to Albany. In addition, some promotional materials will be developed that will help draw attention from both public and private funders. Deadline for proposal submission is November 18th.



Greenway Water Trail Promotion/Trip Planning Project: Final designs for the Water Trail map guide series are in development and the final draft of the website is nearly ready for launch. This project is funded through a \$90,000 grant from Empire State Development to promote use of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. Greenway staff will be consulting with stakeholders as these elements become more refined. The grant timeline for this project has been extended through summer 2015.

Grants Updates

Grants Awarded

Community	Grant Type	Project	Description	Grant Awarded
County of Albany	Council Planning	Lawson Lake Barn Rehabilitation	Funding for repairs to the caretaker's barn at the Lawson Lake County Park. Park available by community organizations and to the general public.	\$5,000.00
Town of Sand Lake	Council Planning	Rensselaer Plateau Greenway Communities Signage Project	Seeking funding to bring awareness to the Rensselaer Plateau through a signage program. Communities will work with Plateau partners to create a logo and a sign that will be installed along roadways, trails, and gateways identifying the Plateau.	\$5,000.00
Village of Tarrytown	Council Compact	Tarrytown Station and Waterfront Transit Oriented Development	Planning and zoning framework that will provide redevelopment of scenarios for the area surrounding the Metro North train station and nearby water front.	\$15,000.00
Town of Somers	Council Planning	Somers Complete Streets Project	Requesting funding to build an off street trail to connect Reis Park, Primrose Elementary, Somers High School, Somers Middle School, Town Hall, and Towne Center at Somers.	\$10,000.00



Grants Completed

Grantee	Grant Type	Project	Grant Awarded	Completed Date
Albany Institute for History & Art	NHA	Making of the Hudson River School online exhibition project	\$3,326.00	01-Sep-15
Village of Voorheesville	Council Planning	Village of Voorheesville Main Street Renaissance Project: main street master plan	\$8,500.00	25-Sep-15
Town of Hyde Park	NHA	Walking Tour of Hyde Park Historic District	\$2,484.53	06-Aug-15
Putnam History Museum	NHA	West Point Foundry Exhibition	\$5,000.00	14-Aug-15
Town of Clarkstown	Council Planning	The Rockland Farm Alliance Farmland Expansion Program	\$9,000.00	06-Aug-15
Hudson Crossing Park, Inc.	Conservancy	Enhancements to Hudson Riverwalk Sensory Trail & Canoe/Kayak Launch	\$5,000.00	04-Sep-15