

2002-2003 HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANTS

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR GRANT FUNDING

Community Interpretive Centers and Education Projects = \$318,500

Name of Applicant	County	Grant Funding	Comments
South Street Seaport Museum	New York	\$50,000	Restoring the boat "Marion M." to Coast Guard certification standards and equipping a marine science laboratory on board. The laboratory will provide opportunities for local families and school children to learn through experiences on the water.
The River Project	New York	\$25,000	Development of an interim plan to relocate The River Project's research and public education programs while Pier 26 is torn down and rebuilt. Grant funding will allow the River Project's work to continue.
Orangetown Historical Museum & Archives	Rockland	\$8,874	Creation of a 3D topographical model of the Sparkill Creek area to be used as an exhibit in the Orangetown Museum.
Municipal Art Society	New York, Kings, Queens, Bronx	\$25,000	Planning for the design of East River interpretive signs focusing on the Hudson River.
Mid-Hudson Children's Museum	Dutchess	\$100,000	Purchase of a new museum site in Poughkeepsie. The site will increase access to the Hudson River and nearby Fallkill Creek, as well as create a valuable, river-focused, educational resource.
Beczak Environmental Education Center	Westchester	\$25,000	Planning for the design of estuary-focused interpretive exhibits for the new Beczak Environmental Education Center.
National Audubon Society - Constitution Marsh	Putnam	\$9,626	Creation of an elementary educational program on Hudson River wetland habitat.
Oakwood Cemetery	Rensselaer	\$10,000	Creation of an interpretive sign to place at Oakwood Cemetery's highest point in Troy, overlooking the spectacular panoramic view of the river. Signage will interpret Troy's history and the influence of the river, and will be reproduced and used in local classrooms.
Lower East Side Ecology Center	New York	\$15,000	Planning for the design and development of educational workshops on estuarine ecology for school and youth groups. The workshops will be held at the East River Park interpretive center, whose renovation is nearly completed.
Arbor Hill Env. Justice Corp.	Albany	\$40,000	Purchase of a boat for water monitoring and education.
National Audubon Society - RamsHorn	Greene	\$10,000	Completion of the placement of interpretive panels along the existing trail system at RamsHorn Livingston Sanctuary.
Habitat Protection/Restoration Projects = \$169,975			
Rensselaer Co.	Rensselaer	\$100,000	Purchase of 67.66 acres adjacent to Papscanee Preserve. The acquisition of this property will provide multiple benefits for recreation, scenery, open space, interpretation, and habitat.
City of Newburgh	Orange	\$69,975	Acquisition of 12 acres and/or easements at Quassaick Creek to establish an urban nature trail and preserve. The project provides multiple benefits for habitat protection, recreation, and education, and adjoins existing protected open space, and links to the Greenway Trail.

Local Scenic Resources Projects = \$100,000			
Metro North Railroad	Dutchess/ Putnam	\$50,000	Removal of approximately 315 derelict utility poles from Garrison to Beacon on the Hudson Line in the scenic Highlands. Removal of the poles will vastly improve the view from the train as well as surrounding highways.
NY Restoration Project- High Bridge Scenery Project	New York	\$20,000	Restoration of scenic views of the Harlem River in historic Highbridge Park in northern Manhattan.
Town of Cortlandt	Westchester	\$30,000	Undertaking an ecological study and scenic overlook enhancements at Hillpoint Park.
Community Conservation and River Stewardship Projects = \$250,000			
Hudsonia, Ltd.	Dutchess	\$45,000	Undertaking of biological diversity mapping for three towns in the Fishkill Creek watershed. The project will include GIS maps and databases, reports, and workshops.
National Audubon Society of New York	Albany	\$33,000	Development of a riparian protection and stewardship plan for the Normanskill Creek in Albany County. Areas along the Normanskill will be inventoried and categorized by use and conservation potential.
Dutchess County Environmental Management Council	Dutchess	\$42,000	Assessment of watersheds in Dutchess County to determine the relationship between land use and water quality. Assessment includes land use analysis, impervious surface assessment, geology (soils and bedrock), point sources of pollution, and population density.
Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc.	Ulster	\$30,000	Design and construction of a GIS-Based Model Watershed Management and Protection Plan of the Swarte Kill and Black Creek watersheds. The project will promote public awareness and will build on previous mapping efforts by SUNY Ulster in the Black Creek.
Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Putnam County Water and Soil Conservation District	Putnam	\$15,000	The survey and inventory of stream corridors in the Town of Philipstown. The information will be used for outreach to the town and to the landowners.
Serpentine Art and Nature Commons, Inc. (SANC)	Richmond, New York	\$10,000	Development of a feasibility study to correct erosion problems at Serpentine Art and Nature Commons (SANC), an urban preserve. This project is an important component of larger plan to preserve and restore the hillside land, which offers dramatic views of the Hudson.
Lower Hudson Coalition of Conservation Districts (LHCCD) through Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District	Greene	\$15,000	Implementation of a stormwater education program tailored to meet the unique needs of communities in all 10 counties bordering the Lower Hudson River, as well as the NYC area. The project will educate communities on prevention of non-point source pollution resulting from stormwater runoff.
Town of Woodstock	Ulster	\$15,000	Development of a preliminary management strategy for the Sawkill Watershed by documenting stream corridor conditions and the conceptual design for a severely degraded stream reach in the Town of Woodstock. The project will include the baseline monitoring of water quality, riparian vegetation, aquatic habitat, macroinvertebrates and fish along the river corridor.
Westchester Land Trust	Westchester	\$5,000	A land preservation project to secure easements in the Eastern Westchester Biotic Corridor, a significant biodiversity area.
New Yorkers for Parks	New York	\$15,000	Creation of a Natural Areas database for use as a public informational resource to educate New York City residents about the importance of select natural areas along the Hudson River Estuary.

Town of Montgomery	Orange	\$10,000	Preparation of a comprehensive plan to deal with riverfront protection along the Wallkill River Corridor. The project will help to protect the Wallkill and serve as a model for tributary conservation in other Hudson River watershed towns.
W. Haywood Burns Env. Education Center	Albany	\$15,000	Funding of an Urban Watershed Conference.
River Access Projects = \$296,500			
City of Troy	Rensselaer	\$25,000	Design of a boat launch facility at Ingalls Avenue in the City of Troy. It is expected this site will get very high use due to a large fishery near the Troy Dam.
New York Restoration Project	New York	\$25,000	Completion of the final architectural design for a floating community boathouse at Swindler Cove Park on the Harlem River. The boathouse will be used for rowing programs targeted toward inner-city youth.
Town of Coeymans	Albany	\$15,000	Planning for the design of the Town of Coeymans Riverfront Enhancement Project and construction of a canoe/kayak boat launch at Coeymans Landing Park.
Village of Hastings on the Hudson	Westchester	\$40,000	Construction of a boardwalk and a small boat dock in Marinello Cove. The project will provide the only public boating and fishing access in the Village of Hastings.
Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance	Bronx, New York, Kings, Westchester	\$84,000	Construction of 10 community floating docks in five Hudson River locations, including the Harlem & East Rivers and Upper New York Bay. Five of the docks will feature a special wheelchair access design for people with disabilities.
City of Peekskill	Westchester	\$100,000	Construction of a fishing pier to increase fishing access on the city's land at Annsville Creek. The project helps to complete a Greenway Trail from Peekskill to Cortlandt.
Village of Irvington	Westchester	\$7,500	Construction of a canoe/kayak boat launch as part of the Greenway Water Trail.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANT FUNDING: \$1,134,975

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANTS			
Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District	Putnam	\$10,000	Assessment of water quality and stream habitat in Foundry Cove Brook and upper Peekskill Hollow Brook.
Ulster County Environmental Management Council	Ulster	\$10,000	Obtain aerial photos of main stem riparian segments on the Rondout River, Black Creek, and Wallkill River.
Dutchess County Environmental Management Council	Dutchess	\$40,000	Completion of a watershed conservation plan for Fishkill Creek.
Westchester County Department of Planning	Westchester	\$40,000	Development of a watershed conservation plan for Croton Bay.
Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District	Orange	\$40,000	Creation of a Wallkill River watershed conservation plan.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANTS: \$140,000