

2003-2004 Hudson River Estuary Grants

Name of Applicant	County	Grant Funding	Comments
Interpretive Centers and Education Projects - \$496,976			
Beczak Environmental Education Center	Westchester Ulster	\$72,800	Creation of a pilot project to develop teaching programs using internet video telecommunications. The programs will link two live student field trips from different riverfront locations and provide them to off-site wired classrooms.
The Hudson River Museum	Westchester	\$40,577	Creation of traveling learning kits for loan to schools. The kits will include 3D topographic models representing the Hudson River from Troy to New York Harbor.
Mid-Hudson Children's Museum	Dutchess	\$30,000	Creation of new outdoor educational programs and enhancements to existing indoor educational exhibits at the Museum's new Hudson River waterfront site in the City of Poughkeepsie.
Hudson River Park Trust	New York	\$50,000	Renovation of the Aquamarine Environmental Education Center located on the Hudson River within the Hudson River Park in Manhattan. The Aquamarine Center will provide an all-weather facility to serve field trip groups, and to house lab equipment and other resources.
Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary	Putnam	\$4,280	Purchase of three new canoes and equipment to conduct guided, interpretive canoeing programs on Hudson River waters.
Cornell Cooperative Extension	Greene	\$4,890	Creation of the Historic Catskill Point Summer Youth Camp program. The program will focus on the Hudson River estuary's ecology, history and culture.
New York City Audubon	New York	\$29,400	Creation of the Harbor Herons Education project to focus on island environments of the East River branch of the Hudson River estuary, with special attention on the birds that utilize the islands as nesting sites.
The Junior Museum	Rensselaer	\$30,000	Creation of the Hudson River Exploration project to interpret the unique resources of the Hudson River. The project will be designed to complement and link the Museum's existing Hudson River Exhibit with activities located on the Hudson River in Troy.
Museum of the Hudson Highlands	Orange	\$25,000	Creation of educational multi-session school programs to develop elementary-aged school children's understanding and appreciation of the Hudson River estuary. The programs will include field trips to the Kowawese Unique Area at Plum Point and will provide traveling river science kits.
The River Project	New York	\$50,000	Creation of an in-water exploration program featuring scuba divers with audio/visual equipment. The program will offer live underwater video broadcasts to audiences on land. Footage from the underwater events will be used to produce a narrated tape of life beneath the surface of New York Harbor, and to develop field trip curricula for outreach events and web sites.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum	Ulster	\$30,000	Creation of an educational river environment exhibit and development of exhibit-related curricular materials for schools about Rondout Creek and the Hudson River. The museum will also establish a more extensive guided boat tour program near the mouth of the Rondout Creek.
Columbia Land Conservancy	Columbia	\$20,000	Creation of a hands-on, science-based educational program that will include opportunities to explore the Hudson River estuary and its plants, animals, habitats and other natural resources at publicly accessible riverfront sites.
Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research	Westchester	\$10,000	Creation of an environmental pollution education program to teach middle school science students in Westchester County about the history and the effects of pollution on the environment of the Hudson River.
New York Sea Grant	Ulster	\$12,929	Production and placement of a series of recreational boater interpretive signs at Hudson River marinas and yacht clubs. Signage will highlight environmental or cultural aspects of the estuary relative to the location of the signs.
South Street Seaport Museum	New York	\$10,000	Purchase of environmental program equipment for The Harbor School Enrichment program. The program will study estuary conservation, maritime history, culture and the environment of New York City and its surrounding waters.
Research Foundation of SUNY/Stony Brook	Putnam	\$25,000	Creation of a multi-media production using web-based technology and DVDs to communicate research and environmental information about the Hudson River estuary to the public. The production will focus on the tidal coves and marshes in the areas of Constitution Marsh and Foundry Cove.
Dutchess County Water Authority	Dutchess	\$12,100	Development of an education program designed to offer diverse opportunities for exploration of the Fishkill Creek watershed environment. The program will be age-appropriate for grades K-12.
Scenic Hudson Land Trust	Dutchess	\$20,000	Development of an interpretive plan for signage at six selected signature parks between New York City and the Capital Region. The plan will coordinate and unify information about each park's uniqueness and the role it serves within the larger ecological and historical context of the Hudson River Valley.
Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corp.	Albany	\$20,000	Placement of NYS Department of Health fish consumption advisory signs in six major urban areas, including the cities of Troy, Albany, Catskill, Hudson, Saugerties and Kingston. The signs will educate subsistence anglers about Hudson River fish consumption.
Stewardship Category - \$186,145			
NYC Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Group	New York	\$25,000	Development of a Natural Areas Mapping Inventory Plan to identify natural areas in Highbridge Park. The Plan will allow New York City to focus future efforts on the removal of invasive plants, erosion reduction, natural habitat improvements, and increased public safety within the Park.
Westchester Land Trust	Westchester	\$10,000	Expansion of a successful land preservation project to secure easements to protect biodiversity in Westchester County.

Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District	Greene	\$25,000	Development of a Wetlands Habitat Management Plan to manage and protect critical natural areas in the Route 9W commercial corridor area of Greene County.
NYC Parks and Recreation	Bronx	\$75,000	Implementation of a slope stabilization project at Riverdale Park. The project will restore steep slopes to reduce erosion and non-point source pollution to Alder Brook and the Hudson River.
Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District	Columbia	\$2,500	Development of a Hudson River Study Program to teach school-aged children about the watershed they live in and how it ultimately influences the overall health of the Hudson River.
New York State Thruway Authority	Rensselaer	\$16,145	Development of a public education and outreach initiative through the expansion of The Hudson River Exhibit located at The Junior Museum in Troy. The initiative will promote public awareness of non-point source pollution, and watershed and tributary conservation.
Pace University	Westchester	\$20,000	Development of a Municipal Stormwater Impact project to raise awareness of how land use regulations can create significant stormwater problems. The project will deliver practical techniques to improve municipal regulation of stormwater, and will serve as a model for other communities' stormwater management.
Town of Gardiner	Ulster	\$2,500	Assessment of groundwater analysis to update aquifer recharge maps. The study could potentially help to improve understanding of the relationship between groundwater and how it impacts the Walkkill River.
Hawthorne Valley Association	Columbia	\$10,000	Planning for a pilot program to engage students and the public in researching the interaction between biodiversity and historic and current farmland management techniques.
Watershed and Tributary Conservation = \$111,975			
Orange County Water Authority	Orange	\$25,000	Implementation of a project that focuses on protecting the Hudson River estuary by demonstrating the impacts development has on water quality and groundwater.
Dutchess County Environmental Management Council	Dutchess	\$38,450	Implementation of the Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council goals. The goals include a low impact development and impervious surfaces workshop, and a forested buffer identification project.
Groundwork Yonkers	Westchester	\$23,525	Creation of an intermunicipal agreement to implement a watershed action plan initiative on behalf of the Saw Mill River Coalition.
Marist College	Dutchess	\$25,000	Development of an intermunicipal agreement to preserve and restore Fallkill Creek watershed.

River Access: Fishing Swimming, Boating = \$212,000			
Village of Buchanan	Westchester	\$75,000	Implementation of the Lent's Cove Fishing Access project. The project includes improvements to amenities at Lent's Cove Park, and the addition of fishing access to the Hudson River.
New York Restoration Project	Bronx	\$53,000	Development of a hand boat launch on the Harlem River at Roberto Clemente State Park.
City of Peekskill	Westchester	\$50,000	Completion of the Jan Peek lower trail system to provide enhanced public access to Annsville Creek.
City of Beacon	Dutchess	\$34,000	Reconstruction of an existing boat launch to enhance waterfront development and to provide improved access to the Hudson River.

Total Amount of Hudson River Estuary Grant Funding: \$1,007,096