

2004 HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANTS
Community Habitat Conservation and Stewardship

Name of Applicant	County	Grant Total	Description
The Nature Conservancy	All	\$30,000	Development of partnerships with Hudson Valley conservation organizations to prioritize regional biodiversity conservation strategies and bio-diversity efforts.
Town of Yorktown	Westchester	\$30,000	Creation of an inter-municipal agreement to preserve bio-diversity in the townships of Cortlandt, New Castle, and Putnam Valley.
Hawthorne Valley Association	Columbia	\$15,625	Development of an alliance of farms to protect and monitor biodiversity and encourage the establishment of habitat corridors on agricultural land including the creation of three farm-specific habitat management plans.
Town of New Paltz	Ulster	\$13,325	Creation of two community-supported plans to conserve 125 contiguous acres of the Millbrook Preserve, a forested wetland. One plan for preservation and one for monitoring and stewardship.
The National Audubon Society	All	\$30,000	Creation and distribution of a CD ROM containing information on Estuary Important Bird Areas information.
Town of Milan CAC	Dutchess	\$8,805	Creation of a map of critical water resources in the Town for incorporation into a comprehensive plan and land use law.
Westchester Land Trust	Westchester	\$3,000	Development of a program to adopt land use and planning regulations to protect biodiversity through conservation easements in three towns in eastern Westchester.
E.N. Huyck Preserve	Albany	\$3,000	Development of GIS maps for a regional habitat conservation plan in the towns of Rensselaerville and Berne.
New York City Parks- Natural Resources Group	Bronx	\$44,500	Wallenberg Forest habitat restoration and slope stabilization project.
Open Space Planning, Inventory and Acquisition			
Town of Wappinger	Dutchess	\$25,000	Development and implementation of an open space plan to enhance public access to the Hudson River on the grounds of a 99-acre historic estate known as Carnwath Manor.
Town of Marletown	Ulster	\$23,000	Development of an open space plan to prioritize natural resources, land conservation, and the management of water resources in the Hudson River watershed.
City of Rensselaer	Rensselaer	\$77,250	Acquisition of an easement from Amtrak for implementation of the Rensselaer Riverwalk Trail project.
City of Troy	Rensselaer	\$50,000	Acquisition of land parcels on Ingalls Avenue for the construction of a park. The park will include a boat launch, fishing access, and historic interpretive facilities.

Community Interpretive Centers and Education Projects			
Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES	Westchester	\$10,929	Construction of a large, portable, scale model of the topography of the Hudson River watershed from Albany to New York Harbor. The model will demonstrate the water cycle and non-point pollution, and will be available for loan to over 80 schools for use at public events.
Town of Lloyd	Ulster	\$20,000	Establishment of a Black Creek watershed public access and interpretation site linked to the Hudson Valley Rail Trail.
City of Hudson	Columbia	\$15,000	Development of a Hudson North Bay interpretation and education program serving local high school students. A select group of students will mentor younger children in summer youth programs.
Columbia Land Conservancy	Columbia	\$20,000	Creation of a hands-on, science-based Hudson estuary education program in collaboration with other local interpreters.
New York City Audubon Society	New York	\$10,000	Continuation of educational boat rides to heron rookeries in New York Harbor.
West Harlem	New York	\$25,000	Development of an independent, not-for-profit environmental education and research center to educate Northern Manhattan residents about the urban environment, and the Hudson River and other urban waterways.
Mid-Hudson Children's Museum	Dutchess	\$25,000	Creation of new and expanded experiential Hudson River exhibits located on the Hudson waterfront.
New York City Soil & Water Conservation District	New York	\$20,000	Development of partnerships to provide estuary education outreach programs to schools. The programs will encourage field trips to The River Project at Pier 26.
Municipal Art Society of New York City	New York	\$12,366	Creation of an educational exhibit featuring important ecological characteristics of the estuary. The exhibits will be placed at four New York City ferry landings on a rotating, temporary basis.
Beczak Environmental Education Center	Westchester	\$20,000	Expansion of public programming at the newly renovated Beczak Environmental Education Center.
Constitution Marsh Sanctuary	Putnam	\$11,722	Creation of an outdoor educational program focusing on aquatic life and the ecological values of tributaries.
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission	Albany	\$25,000	Planning grant for the development of an Albany Pine Bush watershed exhibit showing the connection between the Pine Bush Preserve and the Hudson River estuary.
Museum of the Hudson Highlands	Orange	\$15,000	Development of a Hudson River Science Institute teacher training program.
New York Restoration Project	New York	\$15,000	Development of an aquatics environmental education program focusing on the ecology of the Harlem River.
Constitution Island Association	Putnam	\$10,000	Planning for the design of a Constitution Island Education Center to increase awareness and understanding of the Island's scenic and natural resources.

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Lower East Side Ecology Center	New York	\$20,000	Development of public educational programs to increase understanding of estuary ecology. Programs will include workshops, field trips, underwater video presentations, internships, and learning center displays.

Hudson River Access			
Town of Rhinebeck	Dutchess	\$53,850	Rehabilitation of an existing public boat launch.
Town of Bethlehem	Albany	\$83,700	Construction of a public, handicapped accessible fishing platform.
Beacon Sloop Club	Dutchess	\$75,000	Construction of a floating, recreational wading pool.
Lyndhurst/ Historic Hudson Valley	Westchester	\$100,000	Restoration of a pedestrian bridge to access the Hudson River over railroad tracks.
Scenic Hudson Land Trust Inc.	Ulster	\$75,000	Development and construction of the Esopus Meadows Point Preserve Water Trail site offering hand launched boating and fishing access, environmental education, recreational hiking and wildlife observation.
Town of Ulster	Ulster	\$10,000	Design of a handicapped accessible fishing platform at the Town Park.
City of Peekskill	Westchester	\$100,000	Completion of the Annsville Trail system.
Shorewalkers	New York & Bronx	\$9,000	Creation of a web-based and printed walking brochure on Harlem River access opportunities.
City of Kingston	Ulster	\$20,000	Purchase of beach cleaning equipment for Kingston Point Beach.
Town of Marlborough	Ulster	\$25,000	Feasibility study for a canoe/kayak boat launch at Dock Road.

Watershed Planning and Implementation			
Orange County Water Authority	Orange	\$35,000	Development of the Moodna Creek watershed management plan
Westchester County Planning Department	Westchester	\$30,000	Development of the Croton Bay inter-municipal watershed agreement to implement the Croton Bay Watershed Action Plan.
Dutchess County Environmental Management Council	Dutchess	\$20,000	Development of a Fishkill inter-municipal council to implement the natural resource management plan being developed by the Fishkill Watershed Planning Committee and the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council.
Westchester County Planning Department	Westchester	\$20,000	Development of a Pocantico Creek watershed management plan.
SUNY Research Foundation	Albany	\$35,000	Development of a feasibility study and restoration plan focusing on “daylighting” Patroon Creek in Tivoli Lake Preserve.
Riverkeeper	Putnam	\$25,000	Development of a watershed action plan for the protection and restoration of Peekskill Hollow Brook.

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Groundwork Yonkers	Westchester	\$15,000	Development of a community-based watershed constituency, and completion of an inter-municipal watershed agreement for the Saw Mill River.
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