

Hudson River Estuary 2008-2009 Grant Awards		\$1,297,782	
Name of Applicant	County	Grant Award	Description
1. Community and Interpretive Centers and Education		\$409,857	
Arm-of-the-Sea Productions	Ulster	\$21,000	<i>Mutual Strangers: Henry Hudson and the River That Discovered Him</i> will incorporate mask characters and large puppet figures in an educational theater piece marking the 400 th anniversary of Hudson=s visit.
New York City Department of Education	New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond	\$60,000	<i>Hudson River Estuary Awareness Program 1609-2009</i> will use an environmental perspective to create a K-12 social studies curriculum focused on geography and history, using primary source documents, maps, photos, art, and natural resource data about the Hudson. Recognized urban ecologists will join master teachers and curriculum developers from NYC DOE in the project, which will educate a huge urban student audience about the estuarine waters around the city.
Siena College	Albany	\$37,500	<i>The Urban Environmental Health and Justice Initiative</i> will create an urban environmental education program emphasizing direct experience with the estuary and its Patroon Creek and Kromma Kill tributaries. Working with local middle and high schools, project will establish 3 after-school 4-H Earth Clubs based on a model successfully implemented in Syracuse.
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County	Dutchess	\$52,500	<i>Dutchess No Child Left Inside Program</i> will engage Beacon and Poughkeepsie youth in ecology enrichment and leadership training. Older teens will be intensively trained to offer field trips, after-school programs, and recreation experiences to a much larger audience of elementary and middle school students.
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies	Dutchess	\$45,107	<i>The Changing Hudson: Dissemination and Assessment</i> will strengthen a curriculum development project for high school and community college students to link science education with actual scientific research on the estuary. Helps fulfill target 3 of the Estuary Action Agenda.
Town of Lloyd	Ulster	\$100,000	<i>Environmental Education Center at Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park</i> , created through repair and restoration of existing building on the site, would house exhibits on river ecology and waterfront history as well as host workshops and lectures. Facility would fill a gap in a 25 mile stretch of the river=s west bank with no public access for education.
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater	Dutchess	\$93,750	<i>Clearwater Center for Environmental Leadership and Justice</i> will be established by renovating facilities at Beacon=s University Settlement Camp and engaging youth ages 11-16 in environmental education, leadership, problem-solving, and green job training. Youth will be recruited from Beacon, Newburgh, Yonkers, Peekskill, and Harlem.
2. Open Space Planning and Acquisition		\$152,500	
T/Marlborough	Ulster	\$100,000	<i>Milton Agway Overlook Park</i> - Acquisition project to facilitate a fee acquisition of a 14.5 acre property on the Hudson River for the purposes of providing new access to

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			the Hudson River and creating new public recreation opportunities. This project will provide access to the Hudson River in an town where there is currently no direct public access to the Hudson.
T/ Pleasant Valley	Dutchess	\$22,500	<i>Town of Pleasant Valley Open Space Plan</i> - A planning project to develop and implement an Open Space and Farmland Protection Plan for the Town of Pleasant Valley. This project will document, inventory and recommend strategies to protect biodiversity, water resources, scenic resources and viable farmland. The plan will further identify areas prone to flooding while improving landowner awareness of mitigation strategies along the Wappinger Creek, a tributary to the Hudson River.
Ulster County	Ulster	\$30,000	<i>Ulster County Open Space Plan Implementation-Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Update and Expansion</i> - Planning project that will facilitate implementation of the recently adopted Ulster County Open Space Plan (2007) by expanding and updating the County=s Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) database and make it accessible to municipalities, non-profits and the public via
3. Community-Based Habitat Conservation and Stewardship \$265,400			
Friends of the Dyken Pond Center, Ltd.	Rensselaer	\$60,000	<i>Rensselaer Plateau Conservation Plan</i> - This project will collect baseline biological data, develop maps, and conduct public outreach to develop a regional conservation plan for the Rensselaer Plateau, has been identified as a Significant Biodiversity Area by the Estuary Program and an Important Bird Area by National Audubon Society. The proposal seeks to use consensus-building to engage the ten municipalities of the region in the creation and adoption of a comprehensive plan, to secure the economic and ecological vitality of the Rensselaer Plateau.
The Nature Conservancy	various	\$20,000	<i>Rising Waters: Solutions for Climate Change in the Hudson Valley</i> - This proposal supports the development, production, and initial distribution of a regional strategic plan for climate change adaptation in the Hudson Valley.
Town of Clinton	Dutchess	\$60,000	<i>Significant Habitats in the Town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York</i> - This project will complete a detailed biodiversity assessment of the entire town, including significant and rare habitats, key connections for wildlife movement, and carbon sequestration capabilities of certain habitats. This grant will support the completion of the entire town, and provide data to be used for planning, land-use decision-making, and eventually to inform a new zoning ordinance.
Hudsonia	various	\$25,300	<i>Biodiversity Assessment Short Course</i> - This grant will fund conducting two sessions of Hudsonia=s 3-day Biodiversity Assessment Short Course and development of outreach materials to support Hudson Valley community leaders engaged in land-use planning and decision-making. The course teaches map interpretation skills,

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Groundwork Yonkers	Westchester	\$28,100	<i>Phase II: Restoration Implementation at Farragut Avenue</i> - This project supports long-term restoration goals of the Saw Mill River watershed by developing a "connector" plan to link protected lands at two sites in the Saw Mill corridor; continue volunteer restoration and stewardship projects, including tree plantings and invasives removal; and conduct a bioblitz and river clean-up to connect residents to the river.
Town of Gardiner	Ulster	\$27,000	<i>Gardiner Wetlands and Watercourse Law</i> - The purpose of this project is to develop a draft wetlands and watercourse amendment to the 2008 Town of Gardiner Zoning Law.
Town of Hyde Park	Dutchess	\$30,000	<i>Maintaining the Momentum: An Expansion of the Community Education and Biodiversity Preservation</i>
Teatown Lake Reservation	Westchester and Putnam	\$15,000	<i>Vernal Pool Mapping & Assessment Project</i> - This project proposes to engage Conservation Advisory Council members and citizen scientists in the conservation of woodland pools in the Hudson Valley, with a pilot in seven communities in Westchester and Putnam counties. The project scope includes outreach, training and field assessment of pools by citizen scientists.
4. Watershed Planning and Implementation		\$203,025	
Hudson Valley Regional Council	Orange	\$54,525	<i>Developing Sustainable Tributary Strategies</i> - This project will assist a number of municipalities in Orange County to develop legal and technical guidance materials to address priority water resource issues, as well as hold a regional forum to showcase the results of their work. The project team expects to share experience and learn from watershed efforts in the Upper Susquehanna and New York City drinking water supply programs, as well.
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater	Dutchess	\$52,500	<i>Assessing Watershed Restoration Opportunities in the Fall Kill Watershed</i> - Through this grant, Clearwater, in partnership with the Fall Kill Committee, will carry-out a number of creative outreach, coordination, and technical projects, specifically implementing priorities of the Fall Kill Watershed Management Plan. The project team will conduct an analysis on stormwater sources in Poughkeepsie, conduct educational programs with low
Hudson Basin River Watch	Washington/Columbia	\$36,000	<i>Kinderhook Creek Watershed Protection</i> - The focus of this project is to expand ongoing outreach to businesses, landowners, and municipalities in the Kinderhook watershed, to assess water quality conditions in the watershed, and to develop watershed protection strategies through an intermunicipal watershed agreement between municipalities.

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Kingston (C)	Ulster	\$60,000	<i>Extending Rondout Creek Watershed Management Planning to Tidal Rondout</i> - Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), the City of Kingston will delineate subwatersheds within the City and their connections and contributions to combined sewer overflows (CSO), while including recommendations to reduce the impact of stormwater and CSOs on the tidal Rondout Creek. Incorporate Kingston and Esopus into the intermunicipal
5. River Access \$267,000			
Dutchess County	Dutchess	\$100,000	<i>Quiet Cove Riverfront Park Bulkhead</i> - Project will replace 175' deteriorated wooden bulkhead to stabilize deepwater docking for larger educational and research vessels, to create a safe shoreline edge for fishing, and to stabilize an eroding shoreline. Quiet Cove is the only access to the Hudson in the Town of Poughkeepsie and one of few existing deepwater docks. Completion 2009.
Organization of Adirondack rowers and Scullers, Inc. d.b.a. Albany Rowing Center	Albany	\$63,000	<i>Boat Launch Dock Safety Project Phase 3</i> - Project will replace 1600 square feet of dock with new floats and install a safety ramp, completing the rehabilitation of seasonal docks at the Corning Preserve boat launch for use by rowers, boaters, anglers and pedestrians.
T. Rhinebeck	Dutchess	\$30,000	<i>Rhinecliff Landing Feasibility Study</i> - Planning project will engage services of a consultant to develop a plan for future boating access uses of Rhinecliff Landing including a traffic and parking plan, access for larger vessels, bulkhead protection and stabilization, protection against climate change, and selection of a suitable seasonal floating dock system for various day-use boaters.
Harlem River Community Rowing	New York/ Bronx	\$15,000	<i>Harlem River Rowing Outreach Plan</i> - Project will survey local need and develop interest in rowing activities through ALearn-to-Row@ events and programs that introduce this sport to underserved populations in NYC along Harlem and Hudson Rivers.
Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance	5 boroughs	\$30,000	<i>Town Dock Planning Model Initiative</i> - Planning project will evaluate and recommend five sites for town docks in New York harbor by 2010 and develop designs and cost estimates that can be a model for additional sites.
Going Coastal	5 boroughs	\$18,750	<i>New York City Water Trail Map & Guide</i> - In partnership with NYC Parks, project will inventory, map and analyze new and upgraded access points for canoes and kayaks, as well as revise, reprint and distribute a GIS-based, web and paper watertrail map.
Save Esopus Lighthouse	Ulster	\$10,250	<i>Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Research Vessel Estuary Steward</i> - Project will replace two outboard engines for educational passenger craft to service both Kingston and Esopus lighthouses as well as offer services to other community groups and expand opportunities for Hudson River educational programs. This vessel was purchased under a 1999 estuary grant and is designed for use by up

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Education	\$409,857	7 projects proposed
Open Space	\$152,500	3 projects proposed
Habitat	\$265,400	8 projects proposed
Watershed	\$203,025	4 projects proposed
Access	\$267,000	7 projects proposed
Total	\$1,297,782	29 projects