

2005 HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANTS

Community Interpretive Centers and Education Projects

Name of Applicant	County	Grant Total	Description
Orangetown Historical Museum & Archives	Rockland County	\$6,914	<i>Components of Exhibit "Down to the Hudson: The Sparkill"</i> - Creation of a portable version of the Museum's exhibition "Down to the Hudson: The Sparkill Creek."
New York City Audubon	New York	\$30,000	<i>Harbor Herons Webcam</i> - A webcam will be mounted in a New York Harbor heron rookery and will broadcast images of nesting egrets and herons to a website and to educational kiosks located in New York City.
Institute of Ecosystem Studies	Dutchess County	\$75,000	<i>The Changing Hudson: Web-based tools linking student & scientist investigations</i> - Development of a web-based module focusing on the nature of change in the Hudson River ecosystem.
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater	Dutchess County	\$50,000	<i>Developing an Environmental Education Hub at Dennings Point</i> - Development of Hudson River environmental education field programs at Dennings Point in Beacon.
Mid-Hudson Children's Museum	Dutchess County	\$26,000	<i>Hudson River Subject Specialist</i> - The Museum will hire a Hudson River specialist to improve and institutionalize Hudson River educational efforts at the Museum.
Teatown Lake Reservation	Westchester County	\$10,000	<i>Convocation of Eagles Festival</i> - The Teatown Lake winter festival will be expanded to include field observations of bald eagles wintering along the Hudson River in northern Westchester.
Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc	Columbia County	\$16,000	<i>Hudson River Place-based Environmental Education Program</i> - Provide Hudson River estuary community-driven educational programs featuring direct field experiences and interaction with estuary animals, plants, and habitats
Beczak Environmental Education Center	Westchester County	\$7,269	<i>Build It & They Will Come (computer exhibit/game)</i> Development of a self-directed computer-based environmental education activity that will be make available to the public.
Barnard College	New York	\$30,000	<i>River Summer</i> - The Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities will create a Hudson River inter-disciplinary and multi-institutional field course.
Black Rock Forest Consortium	Orange County	\$30,000	<i>School in the Forest and the Estuary</i> - Underserved New York City schoolchildren from the South Bronx and northern Manhattan will be brought to Black Rock Forest and the Hudson River at Kowawese for field programs. The field programs will explore the links between the watershed and the estuary.

Museum of the Hudson Highlands	Orange County	\$20,000	<i>The Living Hudson Exhibit</i> - Construction of an exhibit on the "Living Hudson". The exhibit will incorporate Hudson River tributaries flora and fauna in the Highlands area. Self-directed activities and programming will be developed around the exhibit which will be part of the Hall of Animals, a popular destination for families and children.
W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center	Rensselaer County	\$15,000	<i>Captain Samuel Schuyler Hudson River Educational Gallery</i> - Creation of the Schuyler Gallery will provide environmental education information for residents, tourists, educators and researchers at a riverfront location in Troy.
Scenic Hudson Land Trust	Dutchess and Ulster County	\$20,000	<i>Signature Parks Project</i> - Creation of interpretive kiosks and destination points to enhance outdoor experiences at five parks.
The River Project	New York	\$50,000	<i>The River Project Relocation</i> - This grant will assist in the continuity of significant environmental education and research programs on the Hudson in Manhattan while relocating during the reconstruction of Pier 26 in the Hudson River Park.
Open Space Acquisition/Planning Projects			
Town of Gardiner	Ulster County	\$25,000	Development of an open space plan to identify and protect natural resource and habitat areas along the Wallkill River.
Town of Rochester	Ulster County	\$18,500	Development of a Natural Resource Inventory and Open Space Index to protect natural resources in the Rondout Creek and its tributary system, and the watershed aquifer system.
Village of Highland Falls	Orange County	\$100,000	Acquisition of .85 acres of land that includes 500 feet of frontage on the Hudson River.
The Nature Conservancy	Columbia County -	\$100,000	Purchase of a conservation easement for 170 acres in Stuyvesant. The purchase will provide additional buffer for a freshwater tidal swamp contained in the Lewis A.. Swyer Preserve at Mill Creek.
Upper Hudson Northern Catskill Natural Resource Trust	Greene County	\$34,438	Acquisition of 40 acres of riparian wetlands along Cocksackie Creek. Acquisition of this parcel will protect a valuable area of forested wetlands along the Creek.
Town of Poughkeepsie	Dutchess County	\$25,000	Planning for a habitat inventory of the remaining undeveloped and open parcels to assess environmental importance and to prioritize the preservation of open space through the development of a Master Plan and an Open Space Preservation Plan.

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Town of Newburgh	Orange County	\$12,500	Planning grant to study critical open space resources and to identify potential locations where Hudson River public access could be expanded or enhanced.
Town of North Salem	Westchester County	\$25,000	Planning grant to assess open space lands which will be incorporated into a proposed Comprehensive Plan Update
Ulster Environmental Management/ Water Quality Management Agency	Ulster County	\$10,000	Planning grant to create an inventory of environmental resources, bio-diversity, cultural, historic and water resources data to formulate a GIS database.
Westchester County	Westchester	\$22,500	Planning grant to fund the development of a comprehensive GIS-based mapping inventory of vacant properties in the areas of 14 Hudson River front communities.
Community Habitat Conservation and Stewardship			
Town of Marletown	Ulster County	\$23,200	Conduct an assessment of lands associated with Vly Swamp and Rondout Creek to develop an inter-municipal agreement, and to develop outreach strategies for the community.
Town of Montgomery	Orange County	\$20,000	Completion of an inter-municipal natural resources inventory.
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Ulster County	\$12,300	Conduct a habitat mapping and assessment project in the 122-acre Esopus Bend Preserve which includes two miles of shoreline. The mapping will include assessments of storm water discharges and siltation on property flowing into the creek.
E.N. Huyck Preserve	Albany County	\$4,500	Continue development of the Hill Towns Natural Area Alliance to identify critical habitat, create GIS maps, and assess current land use policies in the Towns of Rensselaer and Berne.
The Nature Conservancy	Various Counties	\$45,000	Implementation of the results of planning workshops that identified critical Hudson Valley resources and strategies to conserve them.
Groundwork Yonkers, Inc.	Westchester County	\$25,000	Planning grant to identify invasive species and to restore native vegetation to sites along the Saw Mill River.
New York Restoration Project	Bronx County	\$10,000	Local community and businesses will work together to restore severely degraded upland habitat along the Harlem River in Roberto Clemente State Park

River Access Projects			
Village of Catskill	Greene County	\$55,500	Replacement of deteriorated docks at the Village's trailer boat launch site.
Town of Ulster	Ulster County	\$59,904	Construction of an ADA accessible fishing platform at Robert Post Park.
Village of Dobbs Ferry	Westchester County	\$25,000	Planning and feasibility study for a car-top boat launch and fishing pier.
Town of Rhinebeck	Dutchess County	\$25,000	Expansion of a floating dock system at the Town's public boat launch.
Downtown Boathouse	New York	\$53,100	Provide public boating access to Governor's Island for canoes and kayaks through guided tours.
Village of Briarcliff	Westchester County	\$25,000	Planning for the design of a fishing platform at Scarborough Park.
City of Peekskill	Westchester	\$60,000	Completion of the final phase of the Annsville Trail project.
Neighborhood Cruisers, Inc.	Rockland County	\$25,000	Planning for a Stony Point Bay Community and High School rowing boathouse
Historic Hudson Valley	Westchester	\$15,000	Feasibility study to design an historic dock on the Croton River. The dock provides a destination for canoes and kayaks at the Van Cortlandt Manor and space to dock an historic scow.
Watershed Planning and Implementation Projects			
Onesquethaw - Coeymans Watershed Council	Albany County	\$36,000	Development of a watershed management plan for the Onesquethaw-Coeymans watershed.
Orange County Soil and Water Conservation	Orange County	\$30,000	Implementation of Walkkill River watershed outreach to priority horse farms for pollution control and partnership development with conservation groups.
Open Space Institute/ Hudson Basin River Watch	Various Counties	\$30,000	Initiate community watershed protection programs through the newly-formed Hudson River Watershed Alliance.
Pace University	Westchester County	\$14,000	Development of a database containing laws that support watershed and bio-diversity goals at the local level. The goal is to identify model laws from local, regional and national sources that exemplify locally adopted national resource protection efforts. Pace University will post this information to their website

Watershed Planning and Implementation Projects

Rivers and Estuaries Center	Dutchess County	\$15,000	Develop low impact storm-water management techniques to be incorporated into the parking lot for Building One of the Rivers and Estuaries Center. This site will be used as a model demonstration site for green building design techniques.
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