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**HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS 2014 (ROUND 12)**

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**IMPROVE RIVER ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
The Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District	Columbia	\$52,600	The district will replace an undersized culvert on Preusser Road at Hollowville Creek, which provides potential spawning habitat for brook trout. This project is part of a phased effort to remove constrictions on the stream to improve fish habitat and reduce flood risks in the Town of Claverack. Stream quality improvements will also support trout populations, which are sensitive to environmental conditions, which will benefit trout anglers.
Village of Wappingers Falls	Dutchess	\$50,000	The village will remove fencing and invasive plant species, install signage, plant a riparian buffer and landscape a newly vacant waterfront lot to provide recreational access to the tidal portion of the Wappinger Creek. The new waterfront access will allow residents in the environmental justice neighborhood to establish a stronger connection to the estuary.
Hudson River Maritime Museum	Ulster	\$25,000	This project will replace three existing commercial docks on the Rondout Creek and low docks for rowing crews and kayakers. The new docks will be safer for community organizations and others who use these HRMM facilities to access the waterfront, and will also be more resilient to potential flooding.
Sarah Lawrence College	Westchester	\$14,348	The college will purchase smart boards, data displays and web cams for its Center for the Urban River at Beczak (CURB) on the Hudson River Estuary in Yonkers. The web cams will enable CURB to connect with other regional and national educational sites and research centers. CURB also has a sandy beach, tidal marsh, two-acre park, and an interpretive center that hosts environmental education programs and community events for an underserved urban neighborhood.
Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc.	Westchester	\$11,109	The funding is for signage and promotional materials to improve access and attendance at the Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center for River Ecology Education at Kingsland Point County Park in the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The project will expand Spanish language interpretation and outreach to potential users and provide information about the Hudson Estuary.
Outstanding Renewal Enterprises, Inc./Lower East Side Ecology Center	New York	\$10,000	The funding will increase public recreation access to the East River in New York City. The waterfront access project at the Lower East Side Ecology Center includes the purchase of fishing poles and other equipment, as well as free fishing and kayaking clinics for the Lower East Side community. The programs are designed to help familiarize New York City residents of all ages and abilities with the ecology of the East River and estuary through hands-on exploration and family-friendly activities.
Town of Rochester	Ulster	\$10,000	The town will complete an Open Space Inventory as part of Phase 1 of an Open Space Plan. The planning process is part of the Rondout Creek Restoration Plan, a collaboration with the towns of Wawarsing, Marbletown and Rosendale, and Ulster County, that will help to obtain public input on conservation priorities for the area. The Rondout Creek is a tributary of the Hudson River.
Riverkeeper	Multiple	\$10,000	The organization will use the grant for water quality monitoring on the Hudson River estuary and tributaries to help recreational users of the river understand local water quality conditions.