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**HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS 2020 (ROUND 31)**

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**AWARDS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 29, 2020**

**TRIBUTARY RESTORATION & RESILIENCY**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Riverkeeper Inc	Columbia, Orange, Rensselaer	\$200,778	Riverkeeper will conduct reconnaissance activities on six tributaries of the Hudson, targeting at least nine priority dams in Orange, Rensselaer and Columbia counties whose removal will restore natural flow regimes, improve ecological connectivity, and benefit aquatic species (river herring, American eel, and potentially freshwater mussels.) Riverkeeper will also advance new dam removal opportunities as they arise.
Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy	Westchester	\$110,840	Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy will conduct engineering, planning and permitting for the removal of a small, obsolete concrete dam on the Sprout Brook in the Town of Cortlandt. Removing the dam will open the stream for migration by river herring and the American eel by restoring the stream bed to natural conditions.
Open Space Institute	Putnam	\$113,800	The Open Space Institute will complete planning and permitting for the demolition of Sloan Dam and a succeeding spillway and culvert on Arden Brook. Removal of these barriers will improve access by native species and enable the establishment of a natural wetland where a dam-created pond currently exists.
Town of Esopus	Ulster	\$430,200	This project will replace two undersized culverts at Dashville Road and Hardenburg Road in the Town of Esopus. These culverts were deemed as having priority in the Town and County's Road-Stream Crossing Joint Municipal Management Plan. The replacements to the stream crossings will provide free-flowing conditions, restore aquatic connectivity, improve water quality, and reduce flooding hazards.