



# HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



A Monthly Newsletter from the [Hudson River Valley Greenway](#) and the [Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area](#)

Barnabas McHenry, Chairman, Greenway Council  
Co-Chair, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Kevin J. Plunkett, Chairman, Greenway Conservancy  
Co-Chair, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Mark A. Castiglione  
Acting Executive Director, Hudson River Valley Greenway  
Acting Director, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

## What's New?

### Greenway Joint Board Meeting in Hyde Park

On October 21, 2008, the Hudson River Valley Greenway held a joint meeting of the Communities Council and the Conservancy, including the National Heritage Area, in the [Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library](#) in Hyde Park. Board members and meeting attendees were welcomed by Sarah Olson, Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site, as well as FDR Library Director Cynthia Koch, and Hyde Park Town Supervisor Pompey Delafield. The Greenway Boards were also honored to be addressed by James J. Hanson, Governor Paterson's Regional Representative for Region 10.

George Stafford, Deputy Secretary for Coastal Resources, gave a presentation entitled "Accomplishments & New Directions for the Coastal Management Program." He was followed by Ned Sullivan, President of Scenic Hudson, who presented the results of Scenic Hudson's audit and action agenda for the NYS Coastal Management Program Final Report. The Board members engaged in a question and answer session regarding the presentations. During the Board Meeting, Louis Engel Waterfront Park in the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, was designated as a Hudson River Greenway Water Trail site.



James J. Hanson  
Mid-Hudson Regional Representative for Governor Paterson

### New Communities Welcomed

The Hudson River Valley Greenway is pleased to welcome the [Town of Moreau](#), Saratoga County, [Town of Shandaken](#), Ulster County, and the [Town of Fort Edward](#), Washington County as newly designated Greenway Communities. The total number of Greenway Communities is now 250.



Senator Stephen Saland  
41st Senate District

### New Trails Designated to Greenway System

Three new segments were also added to the Greenway Land Trail at the meeting. The Conrad J. Lynn Trail in Rockland County and the Quarry Lane Trail in Westchester County were officially designated as part of the Greenway Trail. Additionally, the Kline Plantations Killitie Trail, part of the Children's Museum of Science and Technology in Rensselaer County, was added to the Greenway Trail.

### Greenway Grants Awarded

At the October 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting, the Greenway awarded \$16,355 in Community Grants to the Town of Hillsdale (\$3,855), Columbia County; the Town of Nassau (\$5,000), Rensselaer County; and the Town of New Paltz (\$7,500), Ulster County. A total of \$62,500 Greenway Compact Grants were awarded to the City of Beacon (\$10,000), Village of Millbrook (\$10,000), and Town of Union Vale (\$12,500), Dutchess County; Village of Ossining (\$15,000), and Village of Rye Brook (\$15,000), Westchester County. Greenway Water Trail Grants were awarded to the City of Mechanicville (\$13,000), Saratoga County and to Rockland County (\$4,680).

Awards for the 2008 Greenway Conservancy Small Grants Program were also announced at the March Joint Board Meeting. The Greenway was privileged to have as a guest speaker [Senator Stephen Saland](#). Senator Saland addressed the Board members and meeting attendees, announcing the awardees of the 2008 Greenway Conservancy Small Grants. Senator Saland has long been a champion of the Greenway's programs.

The Senator secured \$50,000 for the 2008 round of trail grants. This year's recipients were: The Town and Village of Wappinger's Rhinebeck Wappinger Greenway Trail; The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Discovery Quest Trail; The New York Forest Owners Association, Inc.'s Hudson River Birding Trail Forest Habitats Interpretive Kiosks; The Town of Philipstown's Hudson-Fjord Trail Alternative Analysis; The Town of East Greenbush's Storm Albany- Hudson Electric Trail; The Town of Half Moon's Historic Champlain Canal Trailhead Parking; The Town of Shandaken's Pine Hill Recreation Trail; The Town of Rochester's Rochester Rail Trail Enhancements; The Mohonk Preserve's Northern Shawangunk Ridge Connection Trail; The Town of Cortlandt's Trail Booklet; The City of Newburgh's Quassaick Creek Estuary Biodiversity Fourth Grade Coloring Book; The Hudson Highlands Land Trust's Take a Hike! Program; The Town of Lewisboro's Conservation Advisory Council's Old Field Preserve Trail Bridge



### Quadricentennial Implementation Grants Now Available

The Hudson River Valley Greenway and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area announce the availability of \$50,000 in matching funds for Hudson Valley projects through Quadricentennial Implementation Grants. Eligible projects should encourage participation by communities or non-profits in the region; contain elements that support a lasting presence, and seek opportunities to associate with other celebration events. Projects must be located within the geographic area of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. The application can be downloaded online at [www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](http://www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us). For more information or to request a hard copy of the application, contact the Greenway at (518) 473-3835 or by email at [hvrg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](mailto:hvrg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us). **All applications must be delivered by 4:30 PM, December 15, 2008.**

### Old Dutch Church Receives Designation



[The Old Dutch Church in Kingston](#) has been designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a [National Historic Landmark](#). The proper name for the church is the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. The New York State Historic Preservation Office submitted the National Historic Landmark nomination application to the National Park Service in June 2006. The Old Dutch Church is a designated Heritage Site of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



### Upcoming Grant Opportunities



#### *Greenway Grant Opportunities:*



[Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants](#) provides financial and technical assistance to municipalities located within the designated Greenway Area who share the Greenway goals and objectives. [Greenway Communities Grant](#), [Greenway Compact Grants](#), and [Greenway Water Trail Grant](#) applications are available online or by contacting the Greenway office. Applications received after the due date will be considered for our March Board Meeting. (December 12).

[Greenway Quadricentennial Implantation Grant](#) This program is intended to fund local Hudson Valley Quadricentennial projects, programs, and events that celebrate the legacies of Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton, and Samuel de Champlain to showcase the Hudson River Valley region. (December 15)

#### *Other Grant Opportunities:*



[NYS Department of State](#) Local Government Efficiency Grants will be awarded to municipalities and related departments for projects that promote shared services, cooperative agreements, consolidations, mergers and dissolutions. (Rolling deadlines beginning in October and ending in March 2009)

[Laura Jane Musser Fund: Rural Initiative Program](#) For planning and implementation projects where citizens work towards improvement of their rural communities. Projects may include economic development, business preservation, arts and humanities, public space improvements, and education. (November 5)

[Land Trust Alliance](#) is accepting applications for the annual NYS Conservation Partnership Program grants. (November 14)

[Hudson River Estuary Grants Competitive Grant Opportunity](#) The NYS Water Resources Institute and the New York DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program are pleased to announce that Water Resources Research competitive grants RFA is open. (November 21).

[Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education](#) is offering grants to promote and connect rural revitalization with farming. (December 2)



[NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation](#) is accepting applications for the Recreational Trails Program. Funding can be used for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and trail-related projects. (December 5)

[2009 Partnership Grants](#) To build knowledge farmers can use, to encourage the understanding and widespread use of sustainable techniques, and to strengthen partnerships between farmers and service providers (December 9)



[2009 Farmer Grant Application](#) To help farmers explore sustainable and innovative production and marketing practices. Successful proposals define a problem, offer innovative solutions, and test new ideas. (December 16)

## Rolling Acceptance of Grant Applications:

[The Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) administers state assistance programs for waste reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. Funding is provided on a 50% reimbursement rate for eligible costs. The programs include Capital Projects, Recycling Coordinators and assistance for household hazardous waste days.

[The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) is accepting applications for Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs). TAGs are a citizen participation tool available to eligible community groups to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in their community. There is no matching contribution required on the part of the grant recipient.

[The Dyson Foundation](#) for funding environmental programs and activities. Grants are awarded in several different program areas that each have specific guidelines. To view guidelines for Dutchess County-based organizations and programs [click here](#). To view guidelines for organizations and programs located in Columbia, Greene, Orange, Putnam, and Ulster counties, [click here](#).



## Other Upcoming Events Around the Region

11/1: [A Prescription for Fire](#): Although "fire" creates images of destruction, it can also mean health and regeneration. Join the Albany Pine Bush Preserve to discover how they use fire to create healthy and sustainable communities within the preserve. Pre-registration required. (518) 456-0655

[Weekend Nature Program: For the Birds](#): Learn how to make simple bird feeders at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center. (845) 534-5506 x204.

[Sources & Savings of Energy at the Children's Museum of Science and Technology](#): Play games to find out where our energy comes from and how much we can save using technology. Pre-registration is required. (518) 235-2120

11/2: [Hike of the Month: Spruce Pond](#): Hike to Spruce Pond Camp, an area that can only be seen by this hike. Developed by the Boy Scouts in 1925, it was abandoned in the early 1980's. (moderate 3 mile hike). (845) 351-5907

[Movie Day at the Albany Pine Bush: Double Feature - The Lorax and the Man Who Planted Trees](#): Enjoy two warming tales about the environment. Pre-registration required. (518) 456-0655

[Sunday Fun Day! Go Fly a Kite](#): Learn how wind power can be harnessed to make things go at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Make a simple easy kite to take home. (845) 534-5506 x 204.

11/6: [An Ice Age in the Hudson Valley](#): 20,000 years ago, great sheets of ice swept across our region. Many landscape features can be identified as from the ice age. The Albany Pine Bush welcomes Robert Titus, professor of geology at Hartwick College, for a slide show on the Ice Age of our region. Pre-registration required (518) 456-0655

11/7 [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and special events.

[A Night in the Headquarters and Museum](#): Visit Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh and see what awaits you as you follow the night watchman on his rounds. Reservations required. (845) 562-1195

11/8 [Family Fun Hike: Indian Hill at Night](#): Join the staff of Sterling Forest State Park for a night walk in the woods and learn some interesting facts about the rock walls of the long gone farm at Indian Hill. (845) 351-5907

[Weekend Nature Program: Tracking Coyotes](#): Learn about coyotes at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Make a plaster cast of a coyote track to take home. (845) 534-5506 x204

11/8-9: Newburgh Waterfront Festival: Enjoy tours of the Half Moon and exhibits by artists, authors, vendors, and performers.


[400 Years of Heritage](#): Visit the Newburgh Free Library for this exhibit of Native American clothing and artifacts.


11/9: 34th Annual Antiquarian Book Fair: Visit the Washington Avenue Armory for more than 60 dealers of antiquarian and out-of-print books, manuscripts, autographs, postcards, maps, posters, and photographs. (518) 463-4478

[Motion Commotion](#): Explore how motion works by taking a look at Newton's three laws of motion and then do some hands on experiments like a rocket launch. Pre-registration required. (518) 235-2120

11/13 [The Veiled Murderess of Troy](#): Local author Winston Adler will read from her newly released book. Based on historical events, this story focuses on 1850s Troy, the mistress of an important Democratic politician and Queen Victoria.

11/15: Roosevelt Farm Lane Opening Celebration: Join the National Park Service, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Scenic Hudson and Town of Hyde Park for the Roosevelt Farm lane ribbon-cutting. The 1.8 mile carriage trail links Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill with FDR's Home, Springwood. (845) 229-9115 x31

 [Weekend Nature Program: Autumn Animals](#): Learn about the habits and behaviors of wildlife in autumn at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Make a fun turkey craft to take home. (845) 534-5506 x204.


[Molecules in Motion](#): Have fun with experiments at the Children's Museum of Science and Technology to see how temperature effects molecular movement. Pre-registration required. (518) 235-2120 


11/16: [Lecture Series: The History of Sterling Forest](#): Learn the history of the land that is now Sterling Forest State Park, who and what lived here 6,000 years ago. (845) 351-5907


[Oh Deer, Autumn's Here](#): Learn about the white tail deer in the Albany Pine Bush. (518) 456-0655

11/20: [Turkey Time](#): NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will present an evening program at the Albany Pine Bush on the bird that almost became our national symbol, the wild turkey. (518) 456-0655


11/23: [Hike of the Month: Hidden Treasures](#): Enjoy a 2 mile road walk and discover many secrets of Sterling Forest's past, from the Indian rock shelter to iron mines, award winning architecture and the city that never was. (845) 351-5907

 [Color Fun Lab at the Children's Museum of Science and Technology](#): Explore the workings of the eye and how we see different colors and light. Pre-registration is required. (518) 235-2120

11/28: [Gifts from Nature](#): Stop by the Discovery Center at the Albany Pine Bush for an afternoon of craft making using items found in nature. Pre-registration required. (518) 456-0655 

 [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of Arts and Culture with live music, food, shopping, and gallery exhibitions.

11/28-1/2: [Capital Holiday Lights In The Park](#): Drive through Albany's Washington Park and enjoy colorful lights and displays. After, enjoy crafts, characters, and refreshments at the Lakehouse! (518)-435-0392

11/30: [Lecture Series: Iona Island](#): Iona Island was used as hunting and fishing grounds, a grape vineyard, an orchard, an US Navy arsenal, and now by the Palisades Interstate Park System. (845) 351-5907 

[Discover the Albany Pine Bush](#): Discover the best example of an inland pine barrens and hike over rolling topography. Pre-registration required. (518) 456-0655

## Community Spotlight

### [Village of Millerton](#)

Along the Connecticut border in the northeastern portion of Dutchess County, the Village of Millerton celebrates its history while keeping an eye on the future. In the mid 18th century, the community located here was known as a business center for surrounding farms in the Town of North East and northwestern Connecticut.


However, 1851 the community gained prominence when the New York Central and Harlem Railroads extended rail service to connect Grand Central Station in New York City with Chatham in Columbia County. Soon after the new depot was opened for business, the community experienced a development "boom." Town officials decided to name the area "Millerton" as an homage to Sidney Miller, the civil engineer in charge of the railroad construction. Records of the time indicate that Millerton was the largest community in the area by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Although the Harlem Line through Millerton was abandoned in 1972, the community retains its prominence as a center for arts, history, and recreation.

Many homes have been restored to their original splendor while the downtown retains its Victorian-era character. Many of the original businesses remain including Terni's General Store (1868); Irving Farm Coffeehouse (1873); Simmons' Way Village Inn (1854); and the Millerton Diner (early 1920's). Newer businesses have rehabilitated Millerton's local landmarks to serve new purposes including: Harney and Sons Fine Teas (1875)(originally McArthur's Smoke House); Oblong Books & Music (1880) (originally Strauss Department Store); and Manna Dew Café (1890)(originally Mrs. Kisselback's home and millinery shop). In 2006, a Greenway grant was given to assist with the restoration and interpretation of the clock tower located on Benedict Hall (1903) - a former Grange Hall that now serves as a movie house and arts center. Nearby recreational resources include the Taconic State Park and the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, an intermunicipal recreational trail converted from the abandoned Harlem Valley Railroad line. Whether shopping along the historic Main Street, watching glassblowing at the Gilmor Glassworks, or biking along the Rail Trail, the Village of Millerton still continues to draw visitors in to enjoy its unique and historic resources.



## Green Tip of the Month

Clean your refrigerator's coils and defrost it regularly. Each month would reduce your carbon footprint by about 58lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>. Over a year that comes to a savings of about 696lbs! 



[Cedar Grove: The Thomas Cole National Historic Site](#)



Cedar Grove is the restored home of Thomas Cole (1801-1848), the father of American landscape painting and the Hudson River School of Art. Cole first visited this handsome Federal-style dwelling in the late 1820s, when he rented a room here from John Thomson during his sketching trips to the Catskills. Over the years he returned to Cedar Grove and eventually made it his permanent home when he married Thomson's niece, Maria Bartow, in 1836. In the newly restored and furnished studio on the property, Cole painted some of his best-known works. Frederic Edwin Church (who later built his home, Olana, just across the Hudson River) spent two years here as Cole's pupil.

Following Cole's death in 1848, the house remained in the hands of Thomas Cole's descendants for many generations. In the late 1990s, the Greene County Historical Society purchased Cedar Grove and restored the main house. Cedar Grove was opened to the public in 2001 on the 200th birthday of Thomas Cole.

The house has been restored to reflect the years of Cole's occupancy. Period rooms contain Empire furnishings, some of which belonged to the artist (most interesting are Cole's paint box and portable easel), as well as several of his paintings. Other rooms feature a museum-style display on Cole's life at Cedar Grove, including some of his oil sketches, and changing art exhibitions on other major figures of the Hudson River School such as George Inness and Ralph Blakelock.

*The Thomas Cole National Historic Site, is located at 218 Spring Street in the village of Catskill. The Main House and Studio are open by guided tour. From the first Saturday in May through the last Sunday in October, tours are offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm.*

### Did You Know?



Did you know 5-ton mammals were once a common sight in our Hudson Valley cities and neighborhoods?

In 1866, construction workers in Cohoes were greeted with a surprise when they unearthed a skeleton at the site of Harmony Mill No. 3. The 11,000 year old skeleton turned out to be the remains of a 10,000 pound mastodon that became lodged in two potholes near Cohoes Falls during the last Ice Age. Scientists estimate that the mastodon stood 8 ½ feet tall and was 15 feet long. The skeleton was displayed at the Geological and Agricultural Hall in Albany but was moved in 1915 once the New York State Museum was opened in the newly-built State Education Building. When the State Museum was relocated to Albany's Empire State Plaza in 1976, the skeleton was dismantled. However, in 1998 the skeleton was put back on display and continues to greet visitors today.



Mastodon at the State Education Building c.1920  
(Photo courtesy of NYS Museum)

Paleontologists say New York is rich in mastodon fossils. You can see mastodon fossils from New York State excavations at other Hudson Valley sites as well including Museum Village and Orange County Community College.

### Quadricentennial Countdown



61 Days Until the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial

Visit [www.exploreny400.com](http://www.exploreny400.com) for more information

The Hudson River Valley Greenway / Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area E-Newsletter is published monthly  
And emailed to friends of the Hudson River Valley.

Happy  
Thanksgiving

Editor:  
News:  
Grants:

John Dennehey, Senior Planner  
Beth Campochiaro, Trails Coordinator  
Sheena Salvino, Planning Intern



To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).  
Questions or Comments? Email [hrvg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](mailto:hrvg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us) or call (518) 473-3835  
Be sure to visit the Greenway Website at [www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](http://www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us)  
And the National Heritage Website at [www.hudsonrivervalley.com](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com)

