



2015-2020 Grants Awarded

New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation

Hudson River Estuary Program

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS 2019 (ROUND 28)			TOTAL: \$462,473
AWARDS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 18, 2019			
LOCAL STEWARDSHIP PLANNING			
ORGANIZATION	COUNTY	AWARD	DESCRIPTION
Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc.	Putnam	\$50,000	Hudson Highlands Land Trust will partner with the towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley to create an implementation plan for building green corridors between existing conserved lands that includes conservation and financing strategies. The plan will prioritize land parcels based on scientific data about at-risk wildlife species and habitats, natural resource maps and land use.
Town of Poughkeepsie	Dutchess	\$40,000	The Town of Poughkeepsie will create a natural resources inventory (NRI) and open space plan (OSP) covering about 31 square miles in the Town. The NRI and OSP will enable the Town to identify priorities for natural resource protection, select tools and techniques to conserve natural resources, and establish conservation goals and strategies
Town of Cortlandt	Westchester	\$50,000	This project will develop a multi-jurisdictional land use overlay zone to protect the Indian Brook/Croton Gorge watershed, which encompasses approximately 3,400 acres in five municipalities including Town of Cortlandt, Town and Village of Ossining, Village of Croton-on-Hudson, and Town of New Castle. The overlay zone is intended to bring the disparate environmental laws that currently exist in the five communities into conformity with each other, to help ensure that projects proposed in each individual community are subject to the same land use regulations to ensure the protection of the watershed.
Pace University	Columbia & Dutchess	\$37,588	This training will develop land use leadership capacity within the watershed areas to help community stakeholders assess and amend their land use plans and zoning codes to protect natural resources and open and increase community resiliency.
Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.	Columbia	\$49,999	This plan will identify municipal and private actions that will help maintain unfragmented forests and streamside habitats in the headwaters of the Taghkanic, which provides drinking water for the city of Hudson. This rural forested area, valued for its scenery, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat, is part of a regional forest linkage that is critical for climate change resiliency.
Riverkeeper Inc	Rockland	\$50,000	Riverkeeper will assess water quality in the Sparkill Creek Watershed in coordination with DEC and the local community using DEC's Professional External Evaluation of Rivers and Streams protocols. This project will gather Environmental Laboratory Approval Program lab-certified data, conduct a thorough assessment, and if impairments are documented, will recommend updates to the state Priority Waterbodies List or 303(d) list of impaired waters.
Town of New Paltz	Ulster	\$35,000	The NRI project will update and expand on the Town's Open Space Plan to provide an online set of maps and information that identify the current natural resources throughout the town and village. The completed NRI will be a reference document for use by town agencies, landowners, and others seeking information about New Paltz's resources and landscapes, and will provide guidance for land-use planning, land development, and conservation.
The Nature Conservancy	Dutchess & Ulster	\$50,000	The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA) will engage four communities of the "Hudson 7", Town of Hyde Park, the City of Poughkeepsie, and the towns of Esopus and Lloyd, to implement climate-adaptation resiliency planning. The workshops will help these communities recognize, analyze, and map areas of vulnerability and identify activities to reduce risk.
Trout Unlimited, Inc.	Rensselaer	\$49,967	This plan will serve as a guide for future culvert replacements to reconnect high-quality aquatic habitat and improve community flood resiliency and road infrastructure condition within the town. The management plan will include an inventory and prioritized list of road-stream crossings and designs for two-three priority replacement structures. document.
Natural Areas Conservancy, Inc.	New York	\$49,919	The natural resources conservation plan will include a detailed description of potential restoration and management projects appropriate for volunteers, paid staff, and contractors. Local stewards, the Riverside Park Conservancy, and NYC Parks staff will be trained in monitoring in order to track future improvements to the site.