

## Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. / Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

### CORE MISSION BUDGETING - INVENTORY OF AGENCY PROGRAMS

#### Agency Programs/Activities: Inventory and Key Data

#### Attachment B

Relation to Core Mission (H/M/L)	Program/Activity	Spending Category (SO, ATL, CAP)	3/31/09 FTEs (All Funds) Conser	3/31/09 FTEs (All Funds) Council	General Fund Disbursements (\$000s)							
					2006-07 Actual Conser	2006-07 Actual Council	2007-08 Actual Conser	2007-08 Actual Council	2008-09 Plan Conser	2008-09 Plan Council	2009-10 Projected Conser	2009-10 Projected Council
H	Greenway Communities Program	SO	4	2	25,600	61,750	23,000	54,500	23,000	92,000	23,000	92,000
H	Greenway Compact Program	SO	4	2	25,600	37,050	23,000	32,700	23,000	55,200	23,000	55,200
H	Greenway Compact/Communities Program Grants	ATL	4	2	25,600	218,000	23,000	191,000	23,000	200,000	23,000	200,000
H	Greenway Conservancy Trail Program	SO	4	1	71,680	34,580	64,400	30,520	64,400	51,520	64,400	51,520
M	Greenway Conservancy Small Grants*	ATL*	4	1	0	12,350	300,000	10,900	50,000	18,400	50,000	18,400
M	Greenway Water Trail Program**	SO**	1	1	N/A	32,470	N/A	50,180	N/A	51,680	N/A	51,680
M	Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area ***	SO***	4	2	102,400	98,800	92,000	87,200	92,000	147,200	92,000	147,200
L	Hudson River Valley Scenic Byways Project****	SO****	1	1	5,120	N/A	4,600	N/A	4,600	N/A	4,600	N/A
					256,000	495,000	530,000	457,000	280,000	616,000	280,000	616,000

#### Explanations:

\* The Conservancy Small Grants Program, part of the Greenway Conservancy Trail Program, is funded by Senate member items annually and is not taken from the State Operations fund. This funding is considered member item money. The Greenway enabling legislation, §44-0121, instructs the Greenway Conservancy to designate and develop a trail system connecting the City of New York to the Capital District. In 2006-2007 we were awarded \$75K in member item funds, but they were not allocated to us until FY2007-08. In FY2007-08, we received our member item funding for Fiscal Years 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08, totalling \$300k.

\*\* The Greenway Water Trail program was awarded \$1,000,000 dollars in 2001 by the Governor and currently this program has a balance of ~\$300,000 which does not come from State Operations. We have listed this item since it is a medium priority program related to our core mission and one that we oversee. Funds for this program are held by the Council but logistics and program administration are overseen by a Conservancy employee.

\*\*\* The Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. jointly function as the management entities of the federally funded Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area [HRVNHA]. The Council and Conservancy were named as the Management entities in the 1996 enabling legislation of the HRVNHA. Both Council and Conservancy employees work on these programs. One Conservancy employee is funded through the federal appropriation for the National Heritage Area. The Greenway receives a variable annual congressional appropriation for programs and operational cost related to the HRVNHA.

\*\*\*\*The Scenic Byways program also known as the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant Program, is funded through federal funds but is run by a conservancy employee.

**Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council  
And  
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.  
Program Information Sheet**

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The Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. operationally function as one organization. Employees of both organizations work together on Council and Conservancy programs. The organizations also function as the designated management entities of the federally designated Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area program. The National Heritage Area program receives a variable federal appropriation annually for events, programs and operational expenses.

These programs represent current programming based on resources. The legislation directs the organizations to have programs in other areas. Those programs are either obsolete or have been suspended due to resource constraints.

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**Program: Greenway Communities Program**

*Greenway Communities Grant Program*

**Mandate:**

§ 44-0119. Greenway compact: "The council shall guide and support a cooperative planning process to establish a voluntary regional compact among the counties, cities, towns and villages of the greenway to further the recommended criteria of natural and cultural resource protection, conservation and management of renewable natural resources, regional planning, economic development, public access and heritage education."

§44-0107.8 "...prepare objectives to advance each of the five greenway criteria:

natural and cultural resources protection, regional planning, economic development including agriculture and urban redevelopment, public access and heritage education."

§44-0113.15 "To provide technical assistance to county and local officials, landowners and interested organizations with regard to resource protection, conservation and management of renewable natural resources and preservation methods and techniques, including but not limited to: natural resource inventories, scenic and conservation easements, deed restrictions, local land trust, innovative zoning techniques, establishment of urban cultural parks, historic preservation methods and viewshed analysis."

**Mandated Funding Level:**

§ 44-0107.4 "To utilize, to the extent feasible, the staff and facilities of existing state agencies, pursuant to an allocation to be made by the state division of the budget."

**Brief Description/ History/Background**

The Greenway Council is a New York State entity established by the Greenway Act of 1991. The Council was created to work with local governments to enhance local land use planning and create a voluntary regional planning compact for the Hudson River Valley. The Greenway provides community planning grants, compact grants and technical assistance to help communities develop a vision for their future.

### *Greenway Communities Program*

There are 293 municipalities in 13 counties that comprise the Hudson River Valley Greenway area. The municipalities eligible to become Greenway Communities and Greenway Compact Communities are located in the following counties: Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Greene (except Catskill Park portions), Columbia, Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga. Currently legislation is pending that would include Washington County in the Greenway area.

To become a Greenway Community, a municipality within the Greenway area must adopt a resolution indicating their support of the five Greenway Criteria, as stated in the Greenway Act, and the process by which the Greenway Compact will be developed. The five Greenway Criteria are: (1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education. The benefits for Greenway Communities include technical assistance from Greenway planners and matching grants for community planning.

**Issues:**

(1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education.

**Population Served:**

Roughly 3 million people within the 293 Communities of the legislatively defined Greenway area can receive technical and financial assistance.

**Performance Measures:** Number of "Greenway Communities," number of smart growth grants awarded

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**Program: Greenway Compact Program**

*Greenway Compact Grant Program*

**Mandate:**

§ 44-0119.1 Greenway compact

"The council shall guide and support a cooperative planning process to establish a voluntary regional compact among the counties, cities, towns and villages of the greenway to further the recommended criteria of natural and cultural resource protection, conservation and management of renewable natural resources, regional planning, economic development, public access and heritage education."

**Mandated Funding Level:**

§ 44-0107.4 "To utilize, to the extent feasible, the staff and facilities of existing state agencies, pursuant to an allocation to be made by the state division of the budget."

**Brief Description/ History/Background**

The Greenway Compact program takes community planning one step beyond the Greenway Communities program through a coordinated process for voluntary cooperation in support of the five Greenway Criteria. The Compact process is voluntary and occurs on the county level through the development of a county-wide regional plan, or "Compact." Municipalities can choose to "opt-in" to the Compact by incorporating it in their local zoning ordinance.

To become a participating Greenway Compact Community, a community must pass a local law to incorporate an approved Greenway Compact Plan into their local zoning and subdivision regulations.

The Greenway administers the Compact Grant Program, which provides matching grants for Compact implementation.

**Issues:**

(1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education.

**Population Served:**

Roughly 3 million people within the 293 Communities of the legislatively defined Greenway area can receive technical and financial assistance.

**Performance Measures:** Number of county-level compacts; number of compact communities, number of compact implementation grants.

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**Program: Greenway Conservancy Trails Program**

*Greenway Conservancy Small Grants Program*

**Mandate:**

The Greenway enabling legislation, §44-0121, instructs the Greenway conservancy to designate and develop a trail system connecting the city of New York to the Capital District. In addition, one of the Conservancy's duties as outlined in § 44-0113, is to encourage preservation of the unique resources of the Greenway, and to make grants to municipalities and non-profit entities within the Greenway to assist with this goal; To provide technical assistance to county and local officials, landowners and interested organizations with regard to resource protection, conservation and management of renewable natural resources and preservation methods and techniques, including but not limited to: natural resource inventories, scenic and conservation easements, deed restrictions, local land trust, innovative zoning techniques, establishment of urban cultural parks, historic preservation methods and viewshed analysis. §44-0107.8 "...prepare objectives to advance each of the five greenway criteria: natural and cultural resources protection, regional planning, economic development including agriculture and urban redevelopment, public access and heritage education.

**Mandated Funding Level:**

§ 44-0107.4 "To utilize, to the extent feasible, the staff and facilities of existing state agencies, pursuant to an allocation to be made by the state division of the budget."

**Brief Description/ History/Background**

The Greenway Trail Program offers technical assistance for trail projects and designated new trail segments throughout the Hudson Valley. The annual small grant program has offered technical and financial assistance to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations throughout the Hudson Valley Greenway area since 1995. This diverse network of trails links important cultural and historic sites, parks, open spaces and community "downtowns" and also provides public access to the Hudson River. The Greenway Conservancy Small Grants program is an essential tool for completing this trail system by funding trail projects for municipalities and non-profits. The Greenway also sponsors numerous events to that highlight the Greenway Trail.

**Issues:**

(1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education.

**Population Served:**

Roughly 3 million people within the 293 Communities of the legislatively defined Greenway area can receive technical and financial assistance.

**Performance Measures:** Number of miles of designated greenway trails, implementation of the 2004 Greenway Trail Vision Plan

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**Program: Hudson River Greenway Water Trail Program**

*Greenway Water Trail Grants Program*

**Mandate:**

The Greenway enabling legislation, **§44-0121**, instructs the Greenway conservancy to designate and develop a trail system connecting the city of New York to the Capital District. . In **§44-0113** of the Greenway Act, the Conservancy is instructed to, among many duties, "encourage individuals, associations, organizations, and public agencies to preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty and heritage of the Hudson river valley and the lands, water, exemplary natural communities, aesthetic and cultural resources of the Hudson river valley," and "to increase public access to the waters of the Hudson river." The conservancy is also instructed "to promote the greenway as a single, tourism destination site in conjunction with the designation and development of the greenway trail." **§44-0107.8** "...prepare objectives to advance each of the five greenway criteria: natural and cultural resources protection, regional planning, economic development including agriculture and urban redevelopment, public access and heritage education

**Mandated Funding Level:**

**§ 44-0107.4**

**Brief Description/ History/Background**

In April 2001 the Hudson River Valley Greenway was appropriated \$1 million dollars to establish a Hudson River Greenway Water Trail stretching from Battery Park in the Village of Waterford, Saratoga County to Battery Park in Manhattan. The Hudson River Greenway Water Trail program seeks to designate canoe/kayak access points at least every 10 miles on each bank of the Hudson River. Campsites or other overnight accommodations are being designated at least every 15 miles on each bank of the Hudson. Components of the water trail will include on-site interpretive kiosks, parking and restroom facilities, potable water, and information on hotels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and local historical and cultural attractions depending upon the specific site location. These projects are provided through grants or direct assistance. As of June 2008, the Water Trail includes 85 designated sites.

**Issues:**

(1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education.

**Population Served:**

Roughly 3 million people within the 293 Communities of the legislatively defined Greenway area can receive technical and financial assistance.

**Performance Measures:** Number of public access Water Trail sites on the Hudson River, number of day use and overnight camp sites. Since 2001, the Greenway has added 85 designated Greenway Water Trail public access sites.

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## **Program: Hudson River Valley Scenic Byways Program**

### **Mandate:**

In **§44-0113.20** the Conservancy is charged with “To help develop and implement a comprehensive program and plan at the state, county and local levels for resource preservation, renewable natural resource management and enhancement in scenic highway corridors.

### **Mandated Funding Level:**

**§ 44-0107.4**

### **Brief Description/ History/Background**

Using funds from the Federal Highway Administration’s National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant Program, the Greenway has worked with an advisory Steering Committee to provide assistance to local communities or groups in the Hudson River Valley that are interested in seeking designation of roadway corridors as New York State Scenic Byways. The Greenway also provides technical assistance to municipalities with existing byway segments. As part of this project, the Greenway will produce a Corridor Management Planning Source Document, which will serve as a guide to the corridor management planning process for currently designated and future byway segments in the Hudson Valley.

### **Issues:**

(1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education.

### **Population Served:**

Roughly 3 million people within the 293 Communities of the legislatively defined Greenway area can receive technical and financial assistance.

**Performance Measures:** Numbers of new scenic byways, number of corridor management plans, federal funding for designated scenic byways in the Hudson valley

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## **Program: Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area**

### **Mandate:**

**§44-0113** "encourage individuals, associations, organizations, and public agencies to preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty and heritage of the Hudson river valley and the lands, water, exemplary natural communities, aesthetic and cultural resources of the Hudson river valley"

**Public Law (PL) 104-333 SEC. 904.c** “The management entities for the Heritage Area shall be the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and the Greenway Conservancy (agencies established by the State of New York in its Hudson River Greenway Act of 1991, in this title referred to as the “management entities”). The management entities shall jointly establish a Heritage Area Committee to manage the Heritage Area.”

**Public Law (PL) 104-333 SEC. 907.b 2** “assist units of government, regional planning organizations, and nonprofit organizations in preserving the Heritage Area; assist in establishing, and maintaining interpretive exhibits in the Heritage Area; assist in developing recreational resources in the Heritage Area; assist in increasing public awareness of and appreciation for the natural, historical and architectural resources and sites in the Heritage Area; assist in the restoration of any historic building relating to the themes of the Heritage Area; encourage by appropriate means economic viability in the corridor

consistent with the goals of the Plan; encourage local governments to adopt land use policies consistent with the management of the Heritage Area and the goals of the plan; and ensure that clear, consistent, and environmentally appropriate signs identifying access points and sites of interest are put in place throughout the Heritage Area”

**Mandated Funding Level:**  
**Public Law (PL) 104-333 SEC. 909**

**Brief Description/ History/Background**

Designated by Congress in 1996, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area [HRVNHA] was created to recognize the importance of the significant historic, cultural and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley to the nation. The Hudson River Valley Greenway is the management entity for the HRVNHA.

The primary themes of the HRVNHA are “Freedom and Dignity,” “Nature and Culture” and “Corridor of Commerce”. A coordinated signage program is being developed that will serve to highlight heritage locations and will help bolster regional identity throughout the Hudson River Valley. Currently, some of the HRVNHA heritage programs include gateway and directional signing for Heritage Sites; a Revolutionary War Trails; trails through the landscapes painted by the artists of the Hudson River School; and places interpreting technological and industrial innovation such as steamboats, foundries, mills and lighthouses. The staff maintain the HRVNHAs website [www.hudsonrivervalley.com](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com). Further, to promote awareness of the resources of the Hudson River Valley, the Greenway with the HRVNHA sponsor or organize an array of events and programs each year including the Hudson Valley Ramble, Teaching the Hudson Valley, and The Great Hudson River Paddle.

**Issues:**

(1) natural and cultural resource protection; (2) regional planning; (3) economic development; (4) public access; and (5) heritage and environmental education.

**Population Served:**

Roughly 3 million people within the 293 4 million acre National Heritage Area

**Performance Measures:** Participation in events like the Ramble, Peddle, Paddle. Unique website visitors to [www.hudsonrivervalley.com](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com), attendance at Heritage Sites throughout the Hudson Valley, amount of funding/investment leveraged.