



HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY

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Guidelines & Application for the Greenway Communities Grant Program

A. Background:

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council was established by New York State through the Greenway Act of 1991. Under Governor George Pataki's leadership, the Greenway Council has been committed to the preservation, enhancement and development of the world-renowned scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources of the Hudson River Valley, that is also consistent with economic development goals and the tradition of municipal home rule.

In order to assist with realizing these goals, the Greenway Communities Council administers the "Greenway Communities Program". This program provides financial (approximately \$5,000-\$10,000) and technical assistance to municipalities located within the designated Greenway Area who share the Greenway goals and objectives. Communities can undertake a variety of projects as a Greenway Community under this program. The following is a general list of projects that may be funded or provided technical assistance and is intended to provide only general guidance for applicants:

- Community Planning (Comprehensive plans, zoning and subdivision ordinances, site plans.)
- Economic Development (Enhance tourism, agriculture protection plans and implementation techniques, main street and waterfront revitalization plans and implementation techniques)
- Natural Resource Protection (Natural resource inventories and management plans, critical environmental area designations, natural resource protection ordinances)
- Cultural Resource Protection (Cultural resource inventories, historic preservation plans/ordinances)
- Scenic Resource Protection (Viewshed analysis, scenic impact review guidelines, scenic road protection, development of scenic easement programs)
- Open Space Protection (Open space inventories, comprehensive open space, recreation and trails plans, development of conservation easement programs, transfer of development rights ordinances)

B. The First Step: Becoming a Greenway Community:

The first step in becoming a Greenway Community and becoming eligible for this grant program is the passage of a resolution by the local governing body which states the community's agreement, in general terms, with the five "Greenway Criteria", as stated in the Greenway Act. A sample resolution is available for municipalities interested in becoming a Greenway Community. The five Greenway criteria include:

- Regional Planning
- Economic Development
- Public Access
- Natural & Cultural Resource Protection
- Heritage & Environmental Education

C. Grant Program General Guidelines:

- Projects must be located in the designated Greenway Area, which includes the municipalities located within the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland and Westchester; municipalities in Greene and Ulster counties outside of the Catskill Park; the Village and Town of Waterford in Saratoga County and the Hudson River waterfront in the Bronx and New York counties.
- Municipalities must pass a local resolution to become a Greenway Community, as indicated above.
- Maximum State grant = 50% of the total project cost.
- Local match may be provided as in-kind services or other non-monetary contributions.
- Mileage is not reimbursable but may be used for local match.
- A work program for each phase of funding, with projected costs and an estimated timeline for completion, must be submitted and approved by the Greenway Council Board prior to the awarding of any grant funding. If a project involves the development of a plan or similar product, final disbursement of funding will not be made until the plan is completed in final form and adopted by the governing body of the relevant municipality.
- **Intermunicipal collaboration** projects that involve two or more municipalities will be considered for funding in excess of \$10,000.



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PART A – APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| 1. Lead Applicant Community:
County/City/Town/Village of: _____
Federal ID#: _____ | Co-Applicant:
County/City/Town/Village of: _____
Federal ID#: _____ |
| Co-Applicant:
County/City/Town/Village of: _____
Federal ID#: _____ | Co-Applicant:
County/City/Town/Village of: _____
Federal ID#: _____ |

2. Chief Elected Official & Lead Contact Person Information

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| Chief Elected Official: (Supervisor/Mayor/County Executive)
_____ | Lead Contact Person (if different):
_____ |
| Mailing Address: _____ | Mailing Address: _____ |
| Phone: _____ Fax: _____ | Phone: _____ Fax: _____ |
| Email: _____ | Email: _____ |

PART B – GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

- Project Name: _____
- Project Location: County/Countries: _____
City/Town/Village(s): _____
Site Address: _____
- Project Costs: Total Cost: _____; Greenway Funds Requested: _____
Local Match: _____; Other Funding: _____
- Applicant's Interest in Property (e.g. own, lease, easement, etc.): _____
- SEQRA Status: Is the proposed project a Type 1, Type 2 or Unlisted Action? _____
Has a Determination of Significance been established? _____
If so, what was the determination? _____

PART C – PROJECT DESCRIPTION & CONSISTENCY WITH GREENWAY GOALS

1. Project Description:

(a) Briefly describe (100 words or less) the project, purpose and location, the need for the project and what will result when the project is completed. You may provide this descriptive information through an attachment. Feel free to attach photographs, maps, renderings, etc.

(b) Is your project a plan or planning document? If “yes”, include a proposed timetable for implementation (after completion of the document or plan), a description of the implementation steps, and whether funding sources for the implementation have been identified and/or secured. (100 words or less)

2. Consistency with Greenway Criteria: Briefly describe how the proposed project is consistent with the five Greenway criteria, as listed below, and “check” the applicable categories. Additionally, in the space below or through an attachment, please describe in fifty (50) words or less how these criteria will be met by the completion of this project.

_____ Natural and Cultural Resource Protection – Protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources, including natural communities, open spaces, cultural and historic resources, scenic roads and scenic areas.

_____ Regional Planning – Applicants working together to develop mutually beneficial regional strategies for natural and cultural resource protection, economic development, public access and heritage and environmental education.

_____ Economic Development – Encourage economic development compatible with the preservation and enhancement of natural and cultural resources including agriculture, tourism, and the revitalization of established community centers and waterfronts.

_____ Public Access – Promote increased public access to the Hudson River through the creation of riverside parks and the development of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System.

_____ Heritage and Environmental Education – Promote awareness among residents and visitors about the Valley’s natural, cultural, scenic and historic resources.

3. Intermunicipal collaborative effort (If applicable): Briefly describe how the proposed project is consistent with the Greenway goals of regional planning and intermunicipal collaborative efforts.

PART D – WORK PROGRAM, TIME LINE & BUDGET SUMMARY

1. **Work Program & Time Line:** Briefly list the proposed work program, by task, phase, or milestone and the timeline associated with the project. At a minimum, provide a start date and completion date for each project milestone (e.g. public input period, draft document completed, etc.). Additionally, provide the associated cost of each task and/or phase. You may provide this information through an attachment.

2. **Budget Summary:** Please identify the proposed expenditures of the project according to the following:

In-kind services (salaries, wages, travel/mileage):

Salaries: _____

Wages: _____

Mileage: _____

Other (please specify): _____

TOTAL: _____

Land Acquisition: _____

Construction: _____

Equipment/ Supplies/ Materials (Please specify):

Contractual/Professional Services: _____

PART E - APPROVED MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS & CERTIFICATION

- 1. Greenway Community Resolution: Please attach a copy of the approved, municipal resolution indicating the community’s intent to become a Greenway Community.
- 2. Grant Request Resolution: Please attach an approved municipal resolution requesting the proposed grant funding.
- 3. Elected Official Certification: Please read and sign the following:
“I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form and attached statements and exhibits is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal law.”

Applicant Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____