



Environmental Protection Fund Investments in Rensselaer County Enhancing Our Economy and Improving Our Communities

The **Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)** has provided more than \$1 billion since 1993 to support critical programs that protect our clean water, public health, and industries including agriculture and tourism. Our local economy and good quality jobs have been enhanced and supported thanks to the EPF, which has pumped **more than \$28 million into our local economy**. Below are a few examples of how the EPF has paid off for Rensselaer County:



Photo: Agricultural Stewardship Association

- ✓ More than **\$4.8 million** has been invested in protecting Rensselaer County's land and water, including almost 1,000 acres along the Taconic Ridge, many community parks and gardens, and 1,653 acres of local farmland, allowing working farms to continue to produce economically important fruits, vegetables and dairy products.
- ✓ Over **\$9 million** has been invested in waterfront revitalization, providing public access to waterways in Rensselaer, Troy and throughout the County.

- ✓ More than **\$1.2 million** has supported our museums, memorials and historic buildings that draw tourists and represent our cultural history, including the Children's Museum of Science and Technology, the Oakwood Cemetery and the Knickerbocker Family Mansion.
- ✓ Over **\$5.7 million** has been deployed in Rensselaer County to protect the Hudson River and improve public access by providing funding for upgrades to wastewater treatment systems, making improvements and expansions to Papscaene Island Nature Preserve, Rensselaer Riverwalk Trail, and Schodack Island State Park, providing educational programs, and improving boat launches and other public access points to the River.
- ✓ More than **\$4.5 million** toward municipal recycling, household hazardous waste, landfill closure and gas management programs in East Greenbush, East Nassau, Eastern Rensselaer County, Poestenkill, Sand Lake, Schodack, and Troy, assisting these municipalities with funding mandated waste disposal programs.
- ✓ Over **\$1 million** for farmers and municipalities to contain polluted runoff and comply with state and federal water quality mandates. This funding has reduced pollution entering the Hudson River and the Tomhannock Reservoir, which provides drinking water to residents of Troy.

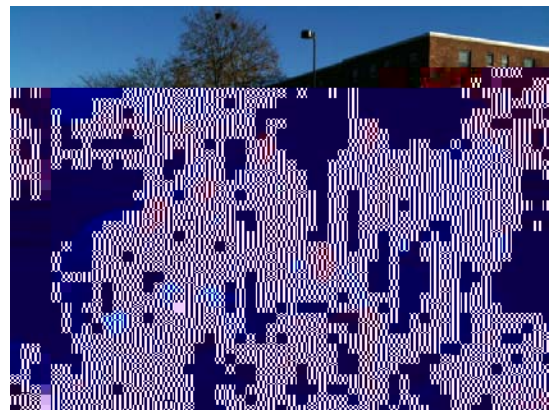


Photo: Eastern Rensselaer Solid Waste Management Authority

By supporting the EPF you can help ensure continued funding for these important programs in your district, and protect what we love most about Rensselaer County.

EPF Projects in Rensselaer County

Below is a list of EPF programs and investments that have enhanced Rensselaer County's economy and natural resources.

EPF Program	# of projects	Project Locations	EPF Spending in Rensselaer County Since 1993
Conservation Partnership Program	2	Rensselaer County	\$40,700
Environmental Investment Program	5	Rensselaer, Troy, Rensselaer County	\$1,178,500
Historic Barn Preservation	5	Troy, Melrose, East Greenbush, Valley Falls, East	\$94,000
Historic Preservation	8	Castleton, Try, Cambridge, Schaghticoke	\$777,311
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	15	East Greenbush, East Rensselaer County, Poestenkill, Sand Lake, Schodack	\$332,672
Hudson River Estuary Grants & Management	20	Castleton on Hudson, East Greenbush, Rensselaer, Rensselaer County, Schodack, Troy	\$5,725,519
Landfill Closure and Gas Management	5	East Nassau, Troy	\$4,000,000
Municipal Parks	15	Brunswick, East Greenbush, Hoosick, Schodack, Troy, Schaghticoke	\$1,655,841
Municipal Recycling	7	Eastern Rensselaer County, Troy	\$259,779
Nonpoint Source (Runoff) Pollution Control (Agricultural and Municipal Assistance)	11	Rensselaer County	\$1,001,105
Open Space and Farmland Protection	6	Rensselaer County, Schaghticoke	\$3,258,818
Hudson River Quadricentennial	2	Rensselaer, Troy	\$45,000
Quality Communities/Smart Growth/Urban Planning	2	Rensselaer, Troy	\$206,500
Soil and Water Conservation	3	Rensselaer County	\$61,876
Stewardship/Land Management	2	Schodack	\$ 508,722
Urban Community Forestry	4	Troy	\$43,700
Waterfront Revitalization	16	Troy, Rensselaer, Rensselaer County	\$9,128,768
Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums	12	Cropseyville, Troy	\$543,039
Total	140		\$28,861,850

***This list is based on the best information available at this time and is not exhaustive.*