



Environmental Protection Fund Investments in **Albany County** Enhancing Our Economy and Protecting Our Open Spaces

The **Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)** has provided more than \$1 billion since 1993 to support critical programs that protect our area's natural heritage, public health, and local industries such as tourism and agriculture. Our local economy and good quality jobs have been enhanced and supported thanks to the EPF, which has pumped **more than \$38 million into our local economy**. Below are a few examples of how the EPF has paid off for Albany County:



Photo: Albany Pine Bush Commission

- ✓ More than **\$1 million** has been invested in local businesses and industrial development in Albany and Schenectady.
- ✓ **\$ 22.3 million** has been invested in protecting Albany County's open spaces, parks and farms including the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and the Albany Pine Bush which provides a home for over 20 rare species and the critically endangered Karner Blue Butterfly.
- ✓ Over **\$3.2 million** toward municipal recycling programs and with properly closing old, inactive landfills to prevent pollution in Albany, Berne, Bethlehem, Cohoes, Colonie and Knox.
- ✓ Provided over **\$1.5 million** toward waterfront revitalization and water quality in the towns of Albany, Bethlehem, Cohoes and Colonie, including construction of the floating docks at the Corning Preserve.
- ✓ **\$3.5 million** has been deployed to protect the Hudson River, improve public access and provide educational programs.
- ✓ An additional **\$4.5 million** has protected our lighthouses, museums, memorials and historic houses that draw tourists and represent our cultural history, including the USS Slater and the Cathedral of All Saints.



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

EPF Projects in Albany County

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

EPF Program	# of projects	Project Locations	Spending in Albany Co. since 1993
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission	11	Albany	\$8,625,000
Conservation Partnership Program	10	Albany, Voorheesville, Amsterdam, Knox,	\$94,450
Environmental Investment Program	6	Albany, Schenectady	\$1,071,269
Historic Barn Preservation	2	Berne	\$16,886
Historic Preservation	18	Albany, Cohoes, Guilderland, Waterford, Watervliet	\$3,430,720
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	23	Albany, Bethlehem, Coeymans, Cohoes, Colonie, Guilderland	\$1,628,261
Hudson River Estuary	2	Albany County, Coeymans	\$2,997,376
Hudson River Grants	16	Albany, Bethlehem, Rensselaerville, Berne, Coeymans	\$543,201
Invasive Species Removal	1	Albany	\$30,533
Landfill Closure & Gas	4	Colonie, Albany	\$2,327,940
Municipal Parks	28	Albany, Cohoes, Colonie, Guilderland, Menands, Watervliet	\$5,527,156
Municipal Recycling	10	Albany, Berne, Bethlehem, Cohoes, Colonie, Knox	\$913,648
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control (Agricultural and Municipal Assistance)	7	Albany County, Coeymans	\$600,358
Open Space Protection	12	Albany, New Scotland, Voorheesville	\$5,893,212
Quadracentennial	3	Albany, Albany County	\$135,000
Quality Communities/Smart Growth/Urban Planning	3	Albany, Menands, New Scotland	\$243,000
Soil and Water Conservation	3	Albany County	\$61,876
Stewardship (Land management)	5	Delmar, Voorheesville	\$ 1,556,518
Urban / Community Forestry	7	Albany, Cohoes, Voorheesville	\$80,500
Waterfront Revitalization	14	Albany, Bethlehem, Cohoes, Colonie	\$1,502,625
Water Quality Improvement Program	1	Albany County	\$475,000
Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums	13	Albany, Delmar, Rensselaerville	\$1,098,834
Total	199		\$ 38,853,363

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

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