



## Environmental Protection Fund Investments in **Columbia County** Enhancing Our Economy and Protecting Clean Drinking Water

**The Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)** has provided more than \$1 billion since 1993 to support critical programs that protect our area's natural resources, public health, and local industries including tourism. Our local economy and good quality jobs have been enhanced and supported thanks to the EPF, which has pumped **over \$15 million into our local economy**. Below are a few examples of how the EPF has paid off for Columbia County:



Photo: Columbia Land Conservancy

✓ Over **\$2.2 million** has been invested in developing and improving municipal parks in Hudson, Greenport, Valatie, Kinderhook, and restoring important Columbia County historical attractions like the Olana State Historical Site which has economic impact of \$7.9 million annually and supports 267 jobs in the local economy.

✓ More than **\$1.4 million** in assistance has been provided to municipalities and farmers throughout Columbia County to comply with mandated programs to protect water quality.

- ✓ Nearly **\$1 million** has been invested in local businesses, municipal planning and services, and industrial development in Columbia County.
- ✓ **\$9.8 million** has been invested in preserving our county's open spaces and family farms in Ancram, Kinderhook, Stuyvesant, Hudson, Austerlitz and across Columbia County. Very important to our county's future economic health, working landscapes generate over \$200 million annually with active farming producing \$66 million in economic output yearly.
- ✓ An additional **\$1 million** has been deployed to protect and improve the natural and scenic areas in Clermont, Hawthorne Valley, Hudson, Stuyvesant, Ghent, Harlemville, Copake and other communities near the Hudson River and other Columbia County waterfront areas.



Photo: Scenic Hudson

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

## EPF Projects in Columbia County

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

EPF Program	# of projects	Project Locations	Spending in Columbia Co. since 1993
Conservation Partnership Program	6	Chatham, New Lebanon, Columbia County	\$54,535
Environmental Investment Program	3	Columbia County	\$238,264
Historic Barn Preservation	5	Chatham, Ghent, Hudson, Clermont	\$76,738
Household Hazardous Waste	7	Columbia County	\$123,822
Hudson River Grants	15	Clermont, Hawthorne Valley, Hudson, Stuyvesant, Ghent, Harlemville, Columbia County	\$517,283
Invasive Species	1	Copake	\$100,000
Municipal Parks	11	Hudson, Greenport, Village of Valatie, Kinderhook, Columbia County	\$2,262,158
Municipal Recycling	3	Columbia County	\$188,752
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control (Municipal and Agricultural Assistance)	9	Columbia County	\$1,470,721
Open Space and Farmland Protection	10	Ancram, Kinderhook, Stuyvesant, Hudson, Austerlitz, Columbia County	\$9,821,967
Hudson River Quadricentennial	2	Hudson, Columbia County	\$90,000
Quality Communities/Smart Growth	2	Austerlitz, Hudson	\$40,990
Soil and Water Conservation	3	Columbia County	\$61,876
Stewardship (Land Management)	2	Beebe Hill, Columbia County	\$14,000
Waterfront Revitalization	3	City of Hudson	\$330,000
Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquaria	1	Craryville	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>		<b>\$15,396,106</b>

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