

## Environmental Protection Fund Investments in **Dutchess 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 **more than \$43 million into our local economy**. Below are a few examples of how the EPF has paid off for Dutchess County:



Photo: Dutchess Land Conservancy

✓ **\$12.4 million** has been invested in protecting Dutchess County's open spaces, parks and farms. More than 1,810 acres of farmland were protected with EPF funding, helping to preserve some of Dutchess County's 767 local farms which provide an economic benefit of \$44.8 million annually.

✓ More than **\$1.3 million** has been invested in local businesses and industrial development in Staatsburg, Hopewell Junction, Margaretville and Poughkeepsie

✓ Over **\$1 million** toward municipal recycling programs in Beacon, Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie and Wappinger Falls, assisting these municipalities with funding mandated programs.



Photo: Scenic Hudson

✓ More than **\$8.7 million** has been provided to assist municipalities with properly closing old, inactive landfills to prevent pollution in Dutchess County, Hyde Park, Milan, Stanford and Tivoli.

✓ Provided over **\$11.4 million** toward waterfront revitalization and water quality in the towns of Beacon, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Tivoli and Wappinger Falls, including transforming a decaying railroad bridge into the world's largest pedestrian park, the Walkway Over The Hudson.



Photo: The Trevor Zoo

✓ **\$2.2 million** has been deployed to protect the Hudson River, improve public access and provide educational programs.

✓ An additional **\$4.5 million** has protected our museums, memorials, historic houses and environmental education centers that draw tourists to our county, including Mills Mansion, Locust Grove, the Bannerman Castle, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Estate, the Bardavon Opera House and the Trevor Zoo at the Millbrook School, which has 22,000 visitors annually.

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

## EPF Projects in Dutchess County

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

EPF Program	# of projects	Project Locations	Spending in Dutchess Co. since 1993
Conservation Partnership Program	8	Millbrook, Pawling, Dover, Rhinebeck	\$101,000
Environmental Investment Program	14	Staatsburg, Hopewell Junction, Margaretville, Poughkeepsie	\$1,398,195
Historic Barn Preservation	5	Hyde Park, Millerton, Staatsburg, Hopewell Junction	\$76,100
Historic Preservation	26	Poughkeepsie, Tivoli, Beacon, Hyde Park, Pawling, Rhinebeck, Glenham, Red Hook, Tarrytown, Wappingers Falls	\$3,936,393
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	5	Dutchess County	\$421,829
Hudson River Grants	52	Dover, Beacon, Dutchess County, Hyde Park, Poughkeepsie, Highland, Rhinebeck, Milan Cac, La Grange, Shawangunk, Beekman, Tivoli, Wappinger Falls, Glenham, Cornwall, Annadale-on-Hudson, Annadale, Millbrook	\$2,210,631
Invasive Species Removal	1	Esopus	\$14,000
Landfill Closure & Gas	15	Dutchess County, Hyde Park, Milan, Stanford, Tivoli	\$8,736,416
Water Quality Improvement	1	Beacon	\$230,682
Municipal Parks	27	Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Dover, Hyde Park, Tivoli, Hyde Park, Wappinger Falls, Red Hook, Pawling, Annadale-on-Hudson, Rhinebeck	\$4,724,002
Municipal Recycling	12	Beacon, Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, Wappinger Falls	\$1,041,095
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control (Agricultural and Municipal Assistance)	7	Armenia, Dutchess County, Fishkill	\$748,823
Open Space and Farmland Protection	7	Dutchess County, Red Hook, East Fishkill, North East, Pine Plains, Union Vale	\$5,737,197
Hudson River Quadricentennial	4	Poughkeepsie, Beacon	\$470,000
Quality Communities/Smart Growth/Urban Planning	5	Armenia, Hyde Park, Pawling, Rhinebeck, Wappinger Falls	\$231,900
Soil and Water Conservation	3	Dutchess County	\$61,876
Stewardship (Land management)	5	Wappinger Falls, Staatsburg	\$1,776,838
Urban & Community Forestry	9	Hyde Park, Millerton, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Tivoli	\$80,410
Waterfront Revitalization	29	Beacon, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Tivoli, Wappinger Falls	\$11,438,002
Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums	14	Millbrook	\$494,783
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>		<b>43,930,172</b>

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

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