



Environmental Protection Fund Investments in **Ulster 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 heritage, public health, and local industries such as tourism. Our local economy and good quality jobs have been enhanced and supported thanks to the EPF, which has pumped **more than \$31 million into our local economy**. Below are a few examples of how the EPF has paid off for Ulster County:



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- ✓ **\$15 million** has been invested in protecting Ulster County's open spaces, parks and farms. This includes protection of Ulster County's historic fire towers on Overlook Mountain, Mount Tremper and Balsam Lake Mountain. This funding has also helped protect the Shawangunk Ridge which attracts more than half a million visitors each year. The Ridge generates **\$12.3 million** in economic benefits from tourism each year for Ulster County and is a vital source of income for the 358 County residents whose jobs depend on the protection of the Ridge.
- ✓ More than **\$5 million** has been invested in managing state lands in Ulster County, including Belleayre Mountain which attracts 175,000 visitors a year.
- ✓ More than **\$6 million** has been provided to assist municipalities with properly closing old, inactive landfills to prevent pollution.

- ✓ More than **\$2.7 million** for municipal recycling programs, including Hurley, Kingston, Saugerties, Ulster County and Ulster, assisting these communities with funding mandated programs.
- ✓ The EPF has provided over **\$2.8 million** to Esopus, Kingston, Lloyd, Ulster County and Olive to revitalize waterfronts and improve water quality.
- ✓ Almost **\$1.1 million** has been deployed to protect the Hudson River, improve public access and provide educational programs.
- ✓ An additional **\$3 million** has protected our lighthouses, museums, memorials and historic houses that draw tourists and represent our cultural history, including the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse, the Rondout Lighthouse, Opus 40 and John Burroughs's historic home, Slabsides.



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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 Ulster County.

EPF Projects in Ulster County

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

EPF Program	# of projects	Project Locations	Spending in Ulster Co. since 1993
Conservation Partnership Program	18	Gardiner, Saugerties, Barclay Heights, Wallkill, Woodstock, New Paltz, Hurley, Marbletown, Rosendale, town of Rochester, Accord	\$206,835
Environmental Investment Program	1	Ulster County	\$500,000
Historic Barn Preservation	6	Accord, Marlborough, Modena, Gardiner, Saugerties, Stone Ridge	\$79,487
Historic Preservation	15	West Park, Port Ewen, Wallkill, Kingston, Ellenville, New Paltz, Rosendale, Cragmoor, Saugerties, Woodstock	\$2,345,876
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	6	Ulster County	\$137,928
Hudson River Grants	35	Kingston, Saugerties, Barclay Heights, Gardiner, Lloyd, Marbletown, Marlborough, New Paltz, Saugerties, Hurley, Town of Rochester, Ulster, Esopus, Highland, Wallkill, Stone Ridge, Woodstock	\$1,125,404
Invasive Species Removal	2	Gardiner	\$160,330
Landfill Closure & Gas	6	Modena, Rosendale, Saugerties, Ulster County, Warwarsing, Woodstock	\$6,155,990
Hudson River Quadricentennial	2	Kingston, Ulster County	\$90,000
Municipal Parks	23	Gardiner, Cragmoor, Ellenville, Esopus, Kingston, New Paltz, Lloyd, Marlborough, Rosendale, Saugerties, West Park, Ulster County	\$3,849,151
Municipal Recycling	12	Hurley, Kingston, Saugerties, Ulster County, Ulster	\$2,715,045
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control (Agricultural and Municipal Assistance)	8	New Paltz, Ulster County, Woodstock	\$743,332
Open Space Protection	6	Ulster County, Kerhonkson	\$3,757,234
Quality Communities/Smart Growth/Urban Planning	4	Ellenville, Saugerties, Ulster County	\$175,388
Soil and Water Conservation	3	Ulster County	\$61,876
Stewardship (Land management)	16	Woodstock, Mount Tremper, Hardenburgh, Arkville, Shandaken, Highmount	\$5,849,188
Urban / Community Forestry	1	New Paltz	\$9,956
Waterfront Revitalization	14	Esopus, Kingston, Lloyd, Ulster County, Olive	\$2,839,908
Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums	5	Gardiner	\$408,140
Total	183		\$31,211,068

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

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