

Promoting Arts and Tourism

Cultural and tourism attractions are among the top economic generators in Dutchess County and getting more important each year. Our proximity to New York City, the cultural capital of the world, lends itself to an interchange of artists of all kinds and provides a vast visitor pool for weekend or extended stays. The multiplier effect from outside visitors in terms of restaurants, overnight accommodations, and other purchases makes clustering activities, joint programming, and connected tours advantageous for everyone.

Greenway policies that encourage environmental protection, historic preservation, scenic roadways, regional cooperation, and high quality development all create a climate where the arts, entertainment, and tourism-related uses can thrive. From the historic sites in Hyde Park, the majestic Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie, the antique shops of Beacon and Millbrook, the annual balloon race and air show events, to the wineries and farm markets of eastern and northern Dutchess, the wide variety of area attractions is far too numerous to list. Here are six regionally significant projects of recent origin from different sectors of the county:

TALLIX Foundry, Beacon Internationally preeminent as one of the world's largest full-service foundries, the five-acre TALLIX Foundry compound in Beacon is also gaining importance as a cultural tourism destination. Planned expansion of TALLIX facilities, including a new visitors' center, sculpture park and garden, will attract the growing number of tourists who are as interested in the creation of works of art as in their display. Founded in 1970 in a converted 19th-century fan factory, Tallix is a prominent example of successful adaptive reuse of Dutchess County's historic industrial infrastructure.



Tallix



City of Beacon



City of Beacon

Dia Center for the Arts, Beacon Dia is planning to relocate a major contemporary art collection into a 292,000 square foot factory building on the Hudson. This endeavor coincides with Scenic Hudson's proposal to develop its nearby Long Dock property, plans to improve the state-owned Dennings Point peninsula, and the City's trails and historic site connections.



Dutchess Wine Trail

Cooperative marketing between three premium wineries in Amenia, Clinton, and Washington encourages visitors to tour the wineries and see some of the beautiful countryside in between. This can be a model for other projects linking agricultural production and tourism.



Town of Washington



New signs, funded by a Greenway grant, direct visitors to Dutchess County vineyards.

Kaatsbaan International Dance Center, Tivoli

Kaatsbaan is designed to be a residential center for an international roster of dance companies, choreographers, and composers. Located on a 153-acre former horse farm above the Hudson River, the center will include rehearsal studios, a residential complex, a 500-seat production facility, and a visitors' center housed in an adapted 19th-century barn. Kaatsbaan will foster economic growth, environmental stewardship, and historic preservation.



Village of Tivoli

Kaatsbaan will welcome the public to performances at its historic site overlooking the Hudson River.

Kaatsbaan International Dance Center

Bard College Performing Arts Center, Red Hook

Bard College is constructing a performing arts complex and educational center with an 800-seat theater and an attached 200-seat flexible theater. More than 50,000 visitors are expected annually for major musical, theater, and dance events.



Town of Hyde Park

D.C. Tourism Agency

The Culinary Institute of America campus, centered around the historic St. Andrews Novitiate building.

Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

Acknowledged as one of the most prestigious institutions for food-service education, the Culinary Institute of America is considering development of a culinary research park on a 65-acre site directly across Route 9 from the CIA campus. Designed to include a 150-foot scenic easement along the Route 9 corridor and to reflect the architectural quality of the existing facilities, the new complex would prevent future strip commercial encroachments and protect the scenic qualities of this strategic gateway to Hyde Park, the County's most popular tourism destination.