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Dutchess County, one of the twelve original counties of New York, created by law on November 1st, 1683, celebrated its 300th birthday in 1983. "An Act to Divide this Province and Dependencies into Shires and Counties" passed by the first General Assembly in New York history stated its borders to "be from the bounds of the county of Westchester on the south side of the highlands along the east side of Hudsons River as far as Roxel's Jansens creek and eastward into the woods twenty miles." The county was named to honor the wife of New York's proprietor and namesake, James Stuart, Duke of York, brother of the reigning British monarch, Charles II. The Dutchess in question was Maria Beatrice D'Este of Modena, James' second wife. The spelling of "Dutchess" reflects the seventeenth century form of her title.

The original boundaries of the county encompassed a territory almost as large as the state of Rhode Island and included all of present-day Putnam County, which was split off in 1812, and part of Columbia County. The unsurveyed eastern border was a bone of contention with the state of Connecticut until 1731 when the Treaty of Dover added the disputed "oblong" to Dutchess territory and settled the border line.

The only inhabitants of the area at the time of its creation were the Wappingers Indians, part of a loose federation of nine tribes within the Algonquin peoples.

The first European settlers, Dutch farmers, did not arrive until several years later. Between 1685 and 1697 all of Dutchess' western shoreline was dispersed in the form of large patents. Early maps indicate that access to the river and beaver ponds were major considerations. So few people lived in Dutchess that until 1713, it was administered from Ulster. The first settlements were in Poughkeepsie and near Fishkill.

The pattern of sales and leases that evolved during these early years had long-term political and social effects for the county, contributing to the emergence of three separate societies: a northern group around Rhinebeck, associated with the major lands of the upper Hudson; a central group around Poughkeepsie linked to the river and Ulster; and a southern group past the highlands, drawn geographically to New England.

Englishmen soon followed and outnumbered the Dutch farmers. Many of these were Quakers, who settled in the eastern hills. Although the county grew slowly at first, by 1756 it ranked second in population in the colony.

Geography determined economic patterns. Rich soil, favorable topography, and numerous small, swift streams favored agriculture and the development of saw mills and grist mills. Settlements grew up around important crossroads with access to the river at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill.

Protected as it was by the Southern Highlands, Dutchess was spared a fighting role in the American Revolution. Its farms, however, supplied the troops with food. Fishkill was the site of a major supply



depot and became capital of New York briefly from 1776 to 1777 when the provincial congress met there. The government was removed to Poughkeepsie from 1777 through the 1780s. Governor George Clinton, New York's first governor, resided in Poughkeepsie during these years and many important legislative sessions, including that at which the United States Constitution was ratified (1787) were held at the County Court House there.

During the post-revolutionary period, agriculture and the river, which was the main artery of commerce and transportation, were the foundations of the local economy.

With the creation of a canal system after the opening of the Erie in 1825, Dutchess County farmers gradually shifted to dairy farming. Other industries began to grow up. Textiles, brickmaking, whaling, iron mining and smelting, machine and tool manufacturing, etc. By the nineteenth century, a new class of merchant industrialists was moving into the industrial age.

The beauty of the county was also attracting others of wealth and refinement. Literary and historical societies and schools of higher learning, eg. Vassar Female College and the Eastman School of Business, were established during this period. The full development of a railroad system in the late nineteenth century gave impetus to industrial growth and brought Dutchess County within easy reach of wealthy New York City families such as the Astors and Vanderbilts, who built vast and beautiful estates along the Hudson and among the eastern hills.

From the turn of the century into the present day, fundamental changes have taken place within the county. Since 1900 the county has experienced a 250% population growth and has become home to people of many nationalities. It has seen the rapid development of suburbs, a spurt of road building and commercial growth that has radically altered the cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon, and since the coming of IBM, the phenomenal growth of the computer industry.

Through all these changes, Dutchess has gained inspiration from its heritage and the immense contributions of great leaders who had their roots in Dutchess County. From Chancellor Robert Livingston, framers of the Constitution and General Richard Montgomery, the first hero of the American Revolution, to the Roosevelts, Franklin and Eleanor, who guided our nation through its darkest hours of depression and war, Dutchess County has produced men and women of great independence, courage and vision.

Its beauty, history, and culture continue to attract both visitors and new residents, who, in new ways, contribute to the vitality and variety of the area.

Dutchess moves into the twenty-first century on a path that reaches from its Dutch and English pioneer heritage through the glided age and the present computer age toward a bright future and a happy 400th birthday in 2083!

AREA AND POPULATION OF DUTCHESS COUNTY BY MUNICIPALITY

Municipality	Total Area Excluding Hudson River Sq. Miles	Acres	Percent of County Area	Population
Amenia	41.10	26,304	5.0	4,050
Beacon City	4.87	3,117	0.6	13,810
Beekman	30.00	19,200	3.6	11,450
Clinton	37.60	24,064	4.5	4,010
Dover	51.60	33,024	6.2	8,570
East Fishkill	53.10	33,984	6.4	25,590
Fishkill T.	34.97	22,381	4.2	18,520
Fishkill V.	0.39	250	0.04	1,740
Hyde Park	37.40	23,936	4.5	20,850
LaGrange	40.80	26,112	4.9	14,930
Milan	36.10	23,104	4.4	4,560
Millbrook V.	1.87	1,197	0.2	1,430
Millerton V.	1.02	653	0.1	930
North East	42.90	27,456	5.2	2,080
Pawling T.	47.10	30,144	5.7	5,290
Pawling V.	1.00	640	0.1	2,230
Pine Plains	29.80	19,072	3.6	3,510
Pleasant Valley	32.20	20,608	3.9	9,070
Poughkeepsie City	4.78	3,059	0.6	29,870
Poughkeepsie Town	46.68	29,875	5.6	40,310
Red Hook T.	41.32	26,445	5.0	7,440
Red Hook V.	1.00	640	0.1	1,810
Rhinebeck T.	34.90	22,336	4.2	4,890
Rhinebeck V.	1.00	640	0.1	3,080
Stanford	50.10	32,064	6.0	3,540
Union Vale	38.10	24,384	4.6	4,550
Tivoli V.	1.42	909	0.2	1,160
Wappinger	26.10	16,704	3.1	23,810
Wappingers Falls	0.94	602	0.1	4,930
Washington	59.60	38,144	7.2	3,310
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>829.76</b>	<b>531,048</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>280,180</b>

ROAD MILEAGE, BY MUNICIPALITY

TOWNS:	LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	OTHER	TOTAL
Amenia	32.4	22.8	17.9	10.6	83.7
Beekman	64.5	14.5	9.2	6.0	94.2
Pawling	69.1	25.4	6.6	0.0	101.1
Dover	63.0	23.3	14.0	7.8	108.1
East Fishkill	192.1	17.3	46.3	0.0	255.7
Fishkill	54.9	5.2	23.7	0.0	83.8
Hyde Park	92.2	20.9	21.2	0.0	134.3
LaGrange	115.4	23.1	21.5	0.0	160.0
Milan	51.7	23.2	13.7	0.0	88.6
North East	35.3	32.3	11.9	0.0	79.5
Pawling	52.1	20.8	16.2	0.0	89.1
Pine Plains	38.8	9.8	14.4	0.0	63.0
Pleasant Valley	69.3	12.9	21.4	0.0	103.6
Poughkeepsie	138.9	9.7	25.5	12.0	186.1
Red Hook	57.3	17.6	17.1	0.0	92.0
Rhinebeck	57.2	13.7	20.0	2.1	93.0
Stanford	62.6	28.1	12.2	0.0	102.9
Union Vale	43.4	28.9	3.4	0.0	75.7
Wappinger	95.5	21.3	10.7	0.0	127.5
Washington	64.4	18.6	23.8	0.0	106.8
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>1450.1</b>	<b>389.4</b>	<b>350.7</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>2228.7</b>

VILLAGES:	LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	OTHER	TOTAL
Fishkill	4.8	0.1	1.4	0.0	6.3
Millbrook	7.9	0.0	3.4	0.0	11.3
Millerton	4.9	0.6	1.4	0.0	6.9
Pawling	11.4	1.4	1.7	0.0	14.5
Red Hook	8.0	0.5	2.4	0.0	10.9
Rhinebeck	10.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	13.2
Tivoli	5.1	1.4	2.0	0.0	6.5
Wappingers Falls	11.8	0.0	2.5	0.0	14.3
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>83.9</b>

CITIES:	LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	OTHER	TOTAL
Beacon	50.9	0.0	1.8	0.2	52.9
Poughkeepsie	67.7	0.0	4.4	0.4	72.5
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>125.4</b>

TOTALS	LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1633.1</b>	<b>393.4</b>	<b>372.4</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>2438.0</b>

STATE PARKS & FORESTS

Dutchess County is situated at the heart of New York State's Hudson-Taconic Vacation-land Region, one of the most prominent of the State's recreation areas. The following State Parks and Forests serve the County.

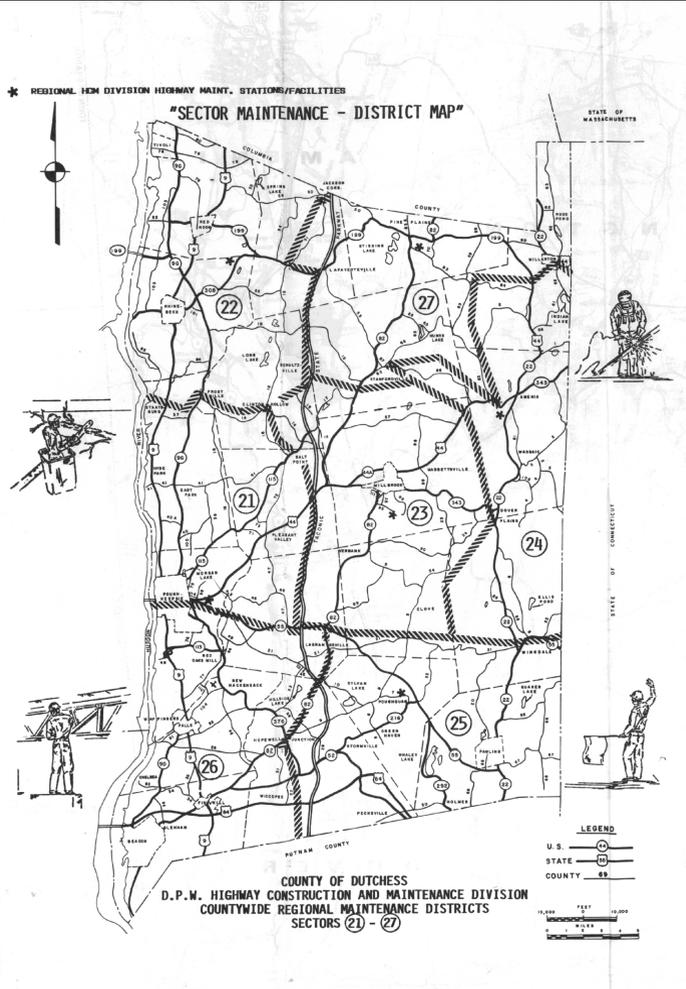
Clermont State Park	A-3
Depot Hill State Forest	T-9
Hudson Highlands State Park	W-2
James Baird State Park	O, P-6
Lafayetteville State Forest	D, E-8
Mills-Norrie State Park	J, K-2, 3
Stissing Mountain State Forest	F-9
Taconic State Park	E-14
Rudd Pond Area	
Wassaic State Forest	L-12

COUNTY PARKS

Dutchess County is developing a county park system to fulfill the needs of a growing population. Presently, the following facilities are open to the public. Visit the County Parks Department website at:

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/DPW-Parks/PPIndex.htm>

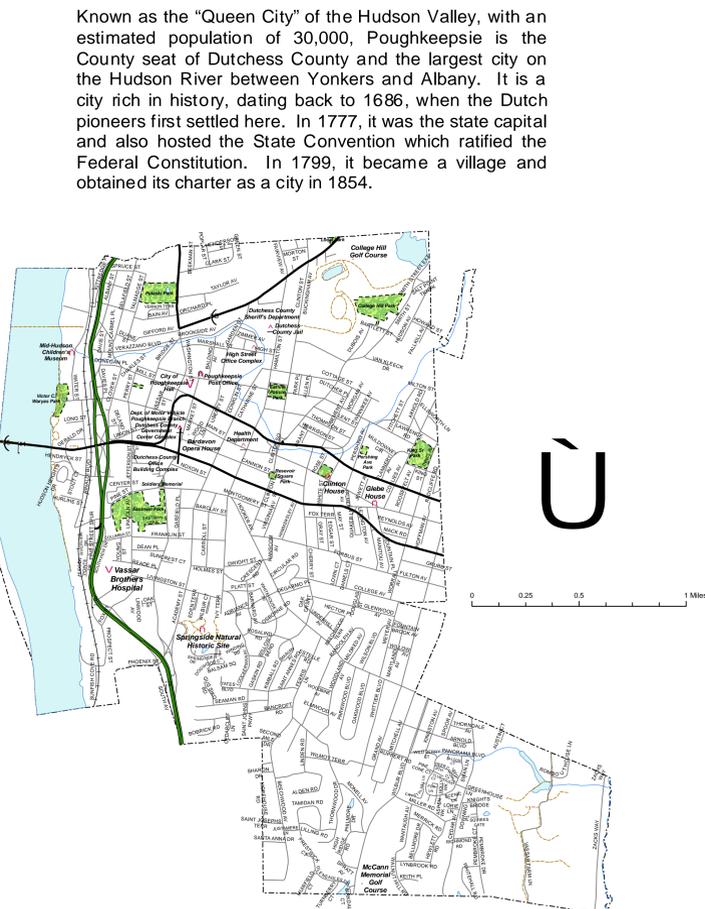
Bowdoin Park (301 acres)	S-2
Dutchess Rail Trail	City & Town of Poughkeepsie, LaGrange, Wappinger, East Fishkill, Hopewell Junction
Dutchess Stadium	W-1
Harlem Valley Rail Trail	North East, Amenia, Wassaic
Quiet Cove Riverfront Park (27 acres)	N-2
Wilcox Memorial Park (615 acres)	E, F-8



Official County Highway System Route Names and Numbers

1 Sharon Station-Corn. State Line Road	13-H, 14-H
2 Lanesville-Amenia Union-South Amenia Road	13-I, 13-M
3 Bog Hollow Road	13-N, 13-O
4 Pigeon Hill Road	11-H, 12-G, 12-H, 13-G
5 Smithfield-Wilson's Corners Road	12-N, 12-O, 12-P
6 Dover Plains-Webhook Road	8-R, 8-S
7 Beekmantown-Fishkill Road	8-R, 8-S
8 Green Haven-Sylvan Lake Road	8-R, 8-S, 7-S
9 Hopewell Junction-Cove Valley-Webank Road	7-Q, 8-R
10 Sylvan Lake Road	7-Q
11 Clinton Corners-Schultzville Road	7-J
12 Clinton Corners-S.H. 8315 Road	7-J
13 Hibernia-Clinton Hollow-Pleasant Plains-Post Road	4-I, 4-J, 5-J, 6-J, 7-K
14 Milan-Four Corners Road	4-F, 6-G, 6-H
15 Quaker Lane	4-J, 4-K, 4-L, 4-M
16 Salt Point Turnpike	7-I, 7-J, 8-I
17 Salt Point-Clinton Hollow-Schultzville-Beekman Corners Road	5-J, 6-K
18 Stanfordville-Bulls Head-Wurtsburg Road	6-H, 7-G, 7-H, 8-H, 8-I
19 Hags Corners-Pawling Road	11-Q, 12-Q, 11-R, 11-S
20 Wappingers Falls-Cove Valley-S.H. 5205-LaGrangeville Road	8-P, 8-R, 7-Q, 10-Q, 11-Q, 12-Q
21 Little Rest Road	10-M, 10-N, 10-P
22 Chester Road	11-Q, 12-Q, 12-P
23 Swamp River Road	8-T, 6-U
24 Interstate Route 84-S.H. 627 Road	2-S, 3-S, 4-S, 5-S
25 New Hamburg-Hughesville-Cotter's Corners-S.H. 8433 Road	6-R, 6-S, 7-S
26 Fishkill Plains-Hopewell-Fowlers Corners Road	10-J, 9-U, 8-U
27 Fishkill-Beekmantown-Fishkill Plaines Road	5-S, 5-T
28 Pleasant Ridge Road	6-Q, 6-R
29 Backtown Road	2-T, 3-T, 3-U
30 Red Rock Hill Road	2-T, 2-U
31 Cookingham Road	3-U
32 Van Wagner Road	4-L, 4-M
33 Cream Street	3-U
34 Dorsey Lane	3-U
35 Deer Road-Market Street-East Park-Netherlands Road	4-L, 4-M
36 Anthonyville-Alley Place Road	6-Q
37 Wappingers Falls-S.H. 8430 Road	6-Q
38 Red Oaks Mill Road	4-P
39 Overhill Road	5-S, 5-O, 6-P
40 Pleasant Valley-Freedom Plains Road	5-M, 5-N, 6-O, 6-P
41 Hutton Road-Sand Dock Road	2-O, 3-P
42 Rattle Road	2-O, 3-P
43 Jackson Corners-Columbia Co. Line-Mt. Ross Road	7-D, 8-F
44 White School House-Jackson Corners Road	7-D, 7-E
45 Eightyville-Wildays Corners Road	5-F, 6-F
46 Lafayetteville-McIntyre Road	7-F, 8-G, 8-H, 9-H
47 McKerns Corners Road	6-E, 7-D
48 Spring Lake Road	6-E
49 Upper Red Hook-Cokertown-Jackson Corners Road	5-C, 5-D, 6-D, 7-D
50 Shurtleff	10-S, 9-J
51 Kinners Corners-Coleman Station Road	13-H
52 S.H. 5205-Brooks Corners-Columbia Co. Line Road	11-E, 11-F
53 Winchell Mountain Road	12-E, 13-F
54 Indian Lake-Coleman Station Road	13-G
55 Milerton-Son Road-Mt. Riga Road	13-D, 13-F, 14-F, 14-G
56 Mt. Riga-Boston Corners Road	13-G
57 North East Center-Sheketema Road	10-G, 12-F, 12-G
58 Stanfordville-Hunns Lake-S.H. 5580 Road	10-H, 10-I, 11-H, 9-H, 9-I
59 Conn. State Line-McIntyre-Quaker Hill-Putnam Co. Line Road	13-S, 13-T
60 Wappingers Falls-Clinton Hollow-Schultzville-Beekman Corners Road	11-T, 12-S, 12-T, 13-T
61 Hurds Corners Road	12-R, 12-S, 13-R
62 Hammy Street	10-I, 11-U
63 County Line-Righters Corners-Bethel Road	10-L, 10-F
64 Pleasant Valley-Salt Point Road	5-M, 6-L
65 Sherron Corners-Salt Point Turnpike	5-M
66 Cedar Avenue-Spackenkill Road	3-P
67 Wesser Road	3-N, 3-O
68 Broadway-Mt. St. Madelin-Kerleys Cons.-Columbia Co. Line Road	3-B, 4-C, 4-P, 4-Q
69 Budds Corners Road	4-C, 4-D
70 Swamp Road	4-B
71 Amenia-Wassaic Road	12-J, 12-K
72 Banytown Road	2-D
73 Amenia-Pine Plains Road	10-E, 10-F, 11-E, 11-G
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CITY OF BEACON

