Our Mission:
Scenic Hudson is dedicated to protecting and restoring the Hudson River, its riverfront and the majestic vistas and working landscapes beyond as an irreplaceable national treasure for America and a vital resource for residents and visitors.
Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail

Project Partners

- The City of Beacon
- Fishkill
- New York Department of Transportation
- New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- New York Department of Environmental Conservation
- Scenic Hudson
- Hudson Highlands Land Trust
- Village of Cold Spring
- Little Stony Point Citizens Association
- Open Space Institute
- New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- Friends of Fahnestock & Hudson Highlands State Parks
- Town of Philipstown Greenway Committee
- Metro-North Railroad
- New York - New Jersey Trail Conference
HH Fjord Trail

• Part of a long-term vision
• Regional in scale
Need and Opportunity
Master Plan Drafted

Identifies preferred route for seven segments

1. Cold Spring Station to Little Stony Point
2. Little Stony Point to Breakneck Ridge
3. Breakneck Ridge to MNR Whistle Stop
4. Whistle Stop to Dutchess Junction Park
5. Dutchess Junction Park to Fishkill Creek
6. Crossing Fishkill Creek
7. Fishkill Creek to Beacon Station
Master Plan GEIS (2015-2016)

- **Environmental Review of the Draft Master Plan**
  - OPRHP serving as “Lead Agency” under SEQR

- Will look at environmental and community impacts and ways to minimize or mitigate them.

- Work to date has gathered info on impacts, but not yet quantified or tried to “solve”.

- This will be an open community process with public input – stay tuned!
Wayfinding and Branding (2014-2015)
Gateway Signs

GATEWAY SIGN

VIEW "LANDSCAPE" THROUGH DISTRESSED METAL CUT OUT (COA)

ADDITIONAL DETAIL PANEL ANKLED AWAY FROM MAIN BASE MAP

LINKING COLD SPRING AND BEACON WITH HUDSON HIGHLANDS TRAILS

TWO CLASSIC HUDSON VALLEY RIVER TOWNS

WEATHERED WOOD Posts

MAP APPAREL ADHERED TO WOODEN BASE

APPROX 5' x 4'/MAIN SIGN
APPROX 2.5' x 4'/2NDY SIGN (PLUS FRAMING)
Gateway Map
Directional Signs
Sign Installation

• Other types of signs:
  • Motorist signs
  • Temporary trail end signs
  • Trail start signs/markers

• First batch of signs to be fabricated and installed this fall
• Other signs will be installed as trail is built.
Breakneck Connector

**Schedule:**
- Engineering and Design (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)
- Construction (Summer 2016)
Breakneck Connector

These concepts are not final. Design discussions will occur in 2015 with opportunities for public input.
What made it work?
What made it work?

• Committed partners with a stake in the game
  • Addressing an active issue
  • Aligned with missions
  • Helping to advance partner priorities

• A generous donor

• A supportive and enthusiastic community

• A sense that this “needs” to happen, more than just “nice”
But it also took work...
Managing a complex project with many moving pieces

CHALLENGE #1
Get Organized

**Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail**

Project Manager: Amy Kacala, Scenic Hudson

### Steering Committee

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| Bob LaColla, Fishkill | Lisa Weiss, DOT | Stephanie Hawkins, Cold Spring  
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| Hank Osborn, NY/NJTC | Mike McKee | John Teagle, LSPCA  
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- **CFA13—Washburn Lot**
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  - Steve Smith, Cold Spring  
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  - John Teagle, LSPCA  
  - Linda Lange, Philipstown Garden Club  
  - Mike McKee  
  - Dar Williams  
  - Rich Dillman, DOT  
  - Steve Hudson River Estuary
Stay flexible and look for win-wins
e.g., Trail Junction Signs
Moving grants ahead without overwhelming partner capacity

CHALLENGE #2
Share the load

- Philipstown
  - Multimodal grant ($100,000)
  - CFA13 ($100,000)
  - CFA15 ($400,000)

- Fishkill
  - CFA14 ($4.2M)
  - URI

- Scenic Hudson
  - Grant writing
  - Project scoping and management
Keeping things on track /not getting derailed

CHALLENGE #3
Have good eyes and ears

- Listen and observe
- Filter!
  - Not every complaint or concern is a potential bonfire
- Select appropriate response – but BE RESPONSIVE
Be realistic and politically astute

• Good will only gets you so far

• Understand and balance
  • Interests and perspectives
  • Potential benefits (win-win)

• Make it as easy as possible for people to say yes
Questions?