

**Ulster County Planning Board  
Grant Announcements  
June 1, 2011 Meeting**

**Apply for:**

**Watershed Funding Assistance in the Hudson River Estuary**

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) in partnership with DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP) to support community-based projects that protect and maintain healthy watersheds, and advance restoration of impacted streams and rivers for people and wildlife.

NEIWPCC and HREP are interested in supporting projects that implement Goals 4 and 10 of the *2010-2014 NYSDEC Hudson River Action Agenda*. See Agenda at: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation\\_hudson\\_pdf/hreaa2010.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/hreaa2010.pdf)

Examples of projects could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Implement local watershed plan priorities through intermunicipal agreements.
- Support watershed group capacity building.
- Develop communication tools to convey water quality information and data
- Integrate water resource protection and management with local and regional economic priorities.

**Eligibility:**

Projects must be focused on the Hudson River and its watershed. Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations and municipalities working in the Hudson River Estuary watershed. Non-profit organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) status will need to partner with a fiscal sponsor.

**Funding:** Up to \$10,000 is available for each project selected.

**Timeline:**

Proposals Due June 17, 2011

Projects Selected June 24, 2011

Project Period July 5, 2011 -December 31, 2011 Projects must be completed by 12/31/11

Mid-way Progress Report October 14, 2011

Final Reports Due January 31, 2012

**Submission:**

Please submit proposals by email to [sking@neiwpc.org](mailto:sking@neiwpc.org) with copy to [swcupp@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:swcupp@gw.dec.state.ny.us) by 4 pm EST on Friday, June 17, 2011. Please submit proposals as one complete pdf file, including any letters of support.

**For Full Grant Announcement/Contact Information:**

For inquires related to proposal content or eligibility, contact Scott Cuppett, NYSDEC HREP, [swcupp@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:swcupp@gw.dec.state.ny.us), 845-256-3029

For inquires related to proposal submission, contact Susy King, NEIWPCC, [sking@neiwpc.org](mailto:sking@neiwpc.org), 978-349-2521

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## **Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants - DEC**

Applications are now being accepted by the DEC for federally-funded "Volunteer Fire Assistance" grants. The grants help rural fire departments enhance their wildfire fighting capabilities. The deadline for applications is June 15.

Only expenses directly related to fire suppression efforts are eligible for funding. These include the purchase of portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, hoses, light-weight fireproof clothing (Nomex), hard hats, turnout gear, portable radios, generators and dry hydrants. Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.

Eligible fire companies include those that serve a single town with a population of 10,000 or less and those that serve multiple communities one of which is a rural town of less than 10,000 residents. Fire companies in towns with a population of 10,000 or more may be eligible if they meet the requirements listed on the application. Fire departments must provide half the cost of the project being funded. All funded projects should be completed by October 31, 2011.

Preference will be given to fire departments that have not received funding in the past five years under this program.

For application and info: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2364.html>, or (518) 402-8839, or DEC, Div. of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway 8th Floor, Albany, NY, 12233-2560.

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### **NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation –Env. Prot. Fund (EPF)**

Applications for these grants will be available on June 1, 2011:

**Parks Development and Planning**  
**Historic Property Preservation and Planning**  
**Heritage Areas System Development and Planning**  
**Acquisition**

The due date for completed applications is **September 1, 2011**.

### **Public Information Meetings Regarding Grants**

A series of public information meetings will be held regarding the availability of funds for these grants. There is no fee or pre-registration for these workshops. In the Hudson Valley:  
**June 21, 2011 – 10AM to 12 - Taconic Regional Office, 9 Old Post Road Staatsburg**

For Application materials and information:

Erin O'Neil -OPRHP-Taconic Regional Office  
9 Old Post Road  
Staatsburg, NY 12580  
(845) 889-3866, FAX (845) 889-8321

Online at” <http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/state-funded-programs.aspx>

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## **Awarded:**

### **DEC Announces Winners of the Green Schools Challenge**

The DEC today announced the winners of the Green Schools Challenge, a program to recognize those schools that are working to improve solid waste management by developing waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and/or recycled product purchasing and packaging programs.

The Green Schools Challenge provides a tool for school recycling coordinators, student environmental clubs and facility service professionals to engage their school community in recycling and waste reduction in a fun and friendly way. Each of these school winners will receive \$250 award to use to support their recycling/composting initiatives.

Winners in Ulster County: Top High School - Rondout Valley High School, Accord: Initiated the "Caught Green Handed" program to reward students and staff that were doing something good for the environment. They also have extended the challenge to the end of the year.