

**Ulster County Planning Board
Grant Announcements
September 7, 2011 Meeting**

Apply for:

Trees for Tribs - DEC

Several large Tree for Tribs projects have had to cancel for the Fall. As a result we are still looking for new sites. Planting will be scheduled from late September - early November. If you have a potential site, please contact the Hudson River Estuary Program's Stream Buffer Coordinator, Beth Roessler at (845)-256-2253 or baroessl@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Trees for Tribs" initiative offers free native trees and shrubs for stream buffer planting/restoration projects in the Hudson River Estuary watershed. For more info about the program: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html .

Grant to Promote Local Foods – NYS Ag. & Markets

A federal matching grant will boost local food producers and tourism by encouraging bed and breakfast operators to feature locally produced food and agricultural products. The NYS Dept. of Ag. & has announced the \$73,824 grant awarded through the USDA Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP).

The program will encourage B&B operators to feature locally produced food and agricultural products in meals served to their guests, carry shelf stable local products such as jams, maple syrup and sauces, and to measure the economic impact on producers of sales made through this specialized marketing channel. All producer organizations and B&B owners are encouraged to participate in the project which will begin this Fall. For more information: contact Steve Miller at sgm6@cornell.edu 315 684-3001 x127 or Jonathan Thomson at jonathan.thomson@agmkt.state.ny.us.

Brownfield Opportunities DEC/DOS

The DEC and the NYS Dept. of State are accepting applications for their Brownfield Opportunities Area (BOA) program. The BOA program assists municipalities and community-based organizations with revitalization plans, implementation strategies and site assessments for areas affected by Brownfields. An inter-agency partnership between DOS and DEC provides communities with technical advice to ensure successful Brownfield redevelopment.

- **Funding:** Community-based organizations and municipalities within NYS.
- **Funding:** Up to 90% of total eligible project costs
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on a continuous basis; if received by DOS by 9/29/2011 will be evaluated for the November 30, 2011 round.
- **Contact:** LuAnn Hart
Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program -Bureau of Fiscal Management
11th Fl., Ste. 1110 NYSDOS
99 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12231
http://nyswaterfronts.com/grantopps_BOA.asp

Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program

The NYS Archives and the Archives Partnership Trust announce the availability of funding for research using historical records in the NYS Archives through the Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program. Advanced work in NYS history, government or public policy is supported by the program. Previous residents have included academic and public historians, graduate students, independent researchers and writers, and primary and secondary school teachers. For a project to qualify for funding, the topic of study must draw on government records in the NYS Archives.

- **Eligibility:** Projects that use historical records in the NYS Archives.
- **Funding:** \$100 to \$4,500
- **Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2012.
- **Contact:** Archives Partnership Trust
Cultural Education Center, Room 9C49
Albany, NY 12230
518-473-7091
hackmanres@mail.nysed.gov
http://www.archives.nysed.gov/apt/grants/hackman_guideline.shtml

The Whole Kids Foundation

The Whole Kids Foundation, in partnership with Whole Foods Market and FoodCorps, is offering \$2,000 grants to support school garden projects in the US. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must be developing or maintaining a school garden project that connects children with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development, planning, construction or operation. There is a limit of one garden grant per school.

- **Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and nonprofit K-12 schools (public, private, or charter)
- **Funding:** \$2,000 per grant
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2011
- **Contact:** Whole Kids Foundation
Attention: Nona Evans
550 Bowie Street
Austin, TX 78703
Whole.kids@wholefoods.com
<http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants-application.php>

Awarded:

None

Notice:

Notice: From NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation EPF Applications To Go Through Regional Economic Development Councils

With the unveiling of the Regional Economic Development Councils, the State is able to take a fresh, innovative approach to distributing State funds to worthy projects. The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will be participating in this new program. All Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) applications must use the Regional Economic Development Councils application process.

We will be announcing shortly how municipalities and not-for-profits can apply in coordination with the Regional Economic Development Councils. While the new grant application will be slightly different from our traditional application, the expanded deadlines will allow plenty of time to apply.

Something Different:

DEC Announces New York's Forests Photo Contest

In recognition of the importance of forests to the health and well being of society, the DEC today announced a contest to Celebrate NY's Forests. The contest is designed to increase awareness of and appreciation for all types of forests, urban and rural, large and small, public and privately owned, across the state. Through this contest, NYers are encouraged to reconnect with the natural world.

Submitted photos should capture aspects of forests and trees in five different categories:

1. Nature (wildlife, plants, natural landscapes, etc.)
2. Enjoying the forest (hunting, fishing, trails, camping, hiking, etc.)
3. Trees where we live (parks, streets, yards, etc.)
4. Forest products (maple syrup, lumber, baseball bats, furniture, etc.)
5. State-owned Forests (State Forests, Forest Preserve lands, forested Wildlife Management Areas, Campgrounds)

Details, rules and forms can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75396.html>

Photos must be taken in NYS. Photos will be accepted through November 1, 2011. A maximum of three photos may be submitted by a photographer, each with a submission form found on the DEC website, via e-mail or on a CD via regular mail. DEC has non-exclusive rights to use submitted photos on DEC's website, in the Conservationist magazine, in brochures and in other publications promoting forests and DEC. The photographer will retain ownership of the photo. The winner in each category will receive a framed print of their photo. Winning photos will be distributed to the media when the winners are announced on or about December 1, 2011.