

Appendix G

Miscellaneous Correspondence



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Governor

Carol Ash
Commissioner

November 12, 2007

TO: Representatives of
Potentially Involved/Interested Agencies
(See attached distribution list)

SUBJECT: Lead Agency Designation
State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)

NAME OF ACTION: **Walkway Over the Hudson**

LOCATION: City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Lloyd, New York

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NY State Parks) is requesting lead agency status under SEQR for the proposal to convert the dormant Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge into a pedestrian and bicycle path called "Walkway over the Hudson" and then operate it as a new state park. The project is envisioned to be a tourist attraction affording spectacular views of the Hudson Valley and also serve as link between extensive trail networks on either side of the Hudson River.

The bridge is currently owned by the not-for-profit organization Walkway over the Hudson, who has been working closely with the Dyson Foundation to secure the necessary funds for the renovation of the bridge. Federal funds have been approved through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The City of Poughkeepsie will serve as the local municipal sponsor for these federal funds.

The project is scheduled to open by September 2009 as part of the 2009 Henry Hudson Quadricentennial Celebration. Upon completion of the construction activities, Walkway Over the Hudson will transfer ownership and maintenance responsibility over to NYS Parks.

Due to the federal funding involved, the project is also subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It has been tentatively classified as a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA by the NYS Department of Transportation, the state agency administering funds for the FHWA. The FHWA is the lead agency under NEPA. The project has been classified as a Type I action under SEQR by New York State Parks. The environmental review for both NEPA and SEQR compliance is addressed within a Draft Design Report prepared in accordance with DOT procedures. In addition, Part 1 of a Long Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared as part of the SEQR review. Both of these documents are attached.

A public information session is proposed to be held in January as part of the environmental review process to inform the public about the project and also receive feedback and comment.

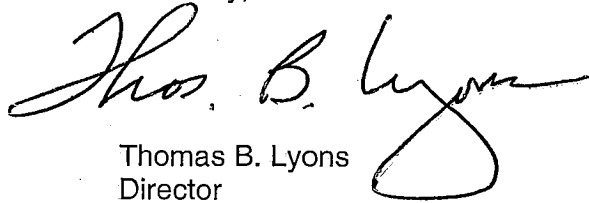
In addition to a response to our lead agency request, please feel free to provide us with any preliminary comments, additional information or concerns you feel need to be addressed within the environmental review. Based on the project information currently available, significant adverse environmental impacts are not anticipated as resulting from this project. However, we will consider all substantive comments before making a final determination of significance under SEQR.

We would appreciate receiving your response within 30 days of the date of this letter. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you concur with our request for lead agency.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-0409 or Thomas.Lyons@oprhp.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas B. Lyons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Thomas B. Lyons
Director
Resource Management

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June 18, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Ash:

I am writing this letter to lend my support to the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company/Walkway Over the Hudson's grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for funding.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the organization will utilize them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to our county. It is important that we make every effort to save these historic treasures in our county and state. The funding received from your agency could make this a reality.

Therefore, in an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I ask that you afford the Walkway Over the Hudson every consideration in funding their application.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ruggiero, Supervisor
Town of Wappinger

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June 21, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Agency Building 1
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Dear Ms. Ash:

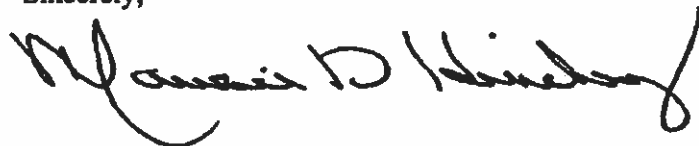
I am writing this letter to lend my support to the Walkway Over the Hudson's grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for funding.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the organization will use them to restore and convert the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge into a state-of-the-art walkway, including a glass elevator. It will connect rail trails on both sides of the river, and will encourage more tourism, already a key component of our local economy. The walkway has the potential to become a landmark in the Hudson Valley. Funding from your agency could help bring this project closer to fruition.

Therefore, in an effort to promote the future and growth of our region, I ask that you afford the Walkway Over the Hudson every consideration in funding their application.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Maurice D. Hinchey

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Assembly District 102 - Dutchess

June 21, 2007

Commissioner Carol Ash
NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

This is to indicate my support for the grant application by the Walkway Over the Hudson to the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for funding under the 2007 Environmental Protection Fund and 2008 Land and Water Conservation Fund.

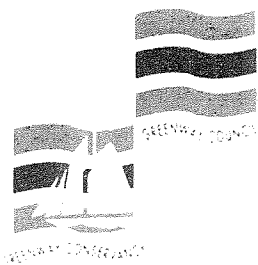
Should funds be awarded by your office, the organization will utilize them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to Dutchess County. I personally have walked this bridge and can attest to its unmatched grand nature as a tourist attraction as well as the structural integrity from an engineering standpoint. It is important that we make every effort to save these historic treasures in our county and state. The funding provided by your agency could help make this a reality.

Therefore in an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I ask that you afford the Walkway Over the Hudson every consideration in funding their application,

Sincerely,



JOEL M. MILLER
Member of Assembly
102nd Assembly District
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HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY

Barnabas McHenry, Chairman, Greenway Council
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Mary C. Mangione, Executive Director

June 21, 2007

David Rocco
3091 Wharton Drive
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Dear Mr. Rocco:

The Hudson River Valley Greenway is pleased to support the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (DBA Walkway Over the Hudson) grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Walkway Over the Hudson will use the funds for the park's development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site for the purpose of river watching. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to the county and, once completed, will be the jewel in the center of the Hudson River Valley Greenway's Trail network in the Valley serving as an off road link between Greenway Trails on both sides of the River. It is important that every effort is made to save this historic treasure and translate this asset into a significant recreation resource in the Hudson River Valley and New York State.

This project is consistent with the Greenway criteria including public access, natural and cultural resource protection, heritage education, regional planning and economic development. Therefore the Hudson River Valley Greenway is pleased to support Walkway Over the Hudson's application for a NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Mangione', written over a horizontal line.

Mary Mangione
Acting Executive Director

MM/jp

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Patricia Myers, Supervisor

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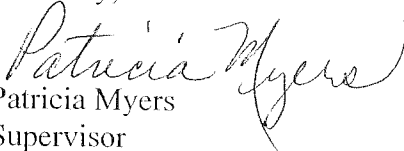
Dear Ms. Ash:

I am writing this letter to lend my support to the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (DBA "Walkway Over the Hudson") grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for funding.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the organization will utilize them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to our county. It is important that we make every effort to save these historic treasures in our county and state. The funding received from your agency could make this a reality.

Therefore, in an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company every consideration in funding their application.

Sincerely,


Patricia Myers
Supervisor

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June 22, 2007

Ms Carol Ash, Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
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Subject: Parks Development Grant application for Walkway Over the Hudson

Dear Commissioner Ash:

The National Park Service's *Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (NPS-RTCA) Program* supports *Walkway Over the Hudson's* Parks Development grant proposal to help revitalize the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge as a linear park, in time for the 2009 Quadracentennial.

The NPS-RTCA program provides short-term technical assistance to states, localities and not-for-profit groups to establish and protect river, trail and greenway systems which lie outside the boundaries of the National Park system. *Walkway Over the Hudson* has received NPS assistance since November 2006. That assistance is provided on the basis of the significance of the resource, broad support for the project, strength of local commitment to on-the-ground success, community need, and the project's importance as a model for other community trail and greenway projects.

We have been impressed by the commitment demonstrated by *Walkway*, the communities and businesses on both sides of the Hudson River, as well as public agencies and major nonprofits.

The *Walkway Over the Hudson* project presents an uncommon opportunity to the people of the Hudson Valley and New York State -- to revitalize an historic railroad bridge as a destination-quality linear park, high above the Hudson River. Such a singular feature will no doubt become an icon for the Hudson River Valley that will endure for generations. In addition to serving as an attraction in its own right, it will also create a vital linkage between rail-trails, parks, preserves and other attractions on both sides of the River, providing an incomparable mix of public benefits in terms of recreation, historic preservation, and attracting business and tourism.

We are convinced of the value of the Walkway project to the people of the mid-Hudson Valley, and we encourage NYS-OPRHP to give it the fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Beard".

Karl Beard
NY Projects Director, NPS Rivers & Trails Program

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June 22, 2007

Carol Ash, Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks,
Recreation and Historic Preservation

Dear Commissioner Ash:

I would like to take this opportunity to write in support of the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company, doing business as Walkway Over the Hudson's grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP).

With funding, this organization seeks not only to preserve and develop a Hudson River Valley historic landmark, but also to open the landmark up to the public for all to enjoy. Support from your office is critical to making the vision of Walkway Over the Hudson a reality.

Again, please know that I support Walkway Over the Hudson in its endeavors, and appreciate your attention to their needs. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent L. Leibell".

Senator Vincent L. Leibell
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June 22, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

Ulster County Tourism is pleased to support the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company's Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda Grant application for funding for their Walkway Over the Hudson project.

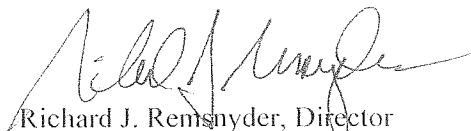
This project will restore and preserve the historic Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge and turn it into a linear park for the public to use and enjoy. The span, rising 212 feet above the twinkling Hudson River, will give residents and tourists a unique place to walk, sit, ride bicycles and enjoy the river. We believe that this project achieves the Hudson River Estuary Program's stated goals of increasing public access, conserving vital nature resources, improving educational programs and protecting open space along the Hudson River estuary.

In addition, the restored bridge would play a major role in the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial celebration in 2009 with numerous events and activities planned on both sides of the bridge. The organization's long-term plans are to create links to the Poughkeepsie waterfront and the Hudson Valley Rail Trail in Highland, meaning that the benefits of funding this legacy project would continue long after the celebration.

We wholeheartedly endorse this project and support their request for funding through your program.

Should you have any questions or need for more information, please feel free to call me at (845) 340-3568.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Remsnyder, Director
Ulster County Tourism

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Assemblyman 100th District

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June 25, 2007

Carol Ash, Commissioner
NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

I am writing this letter to lend my support to the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (dba Walkway Over the Hudson) grant application to your agency for funding.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the organization will utilize them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to our county. It is important that we make every effort to save these historic treasures in our County and State. The funding received from your agency could make this a reality.

Therefore, in an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company (dba Walkway Over the Hudson) your consideration in funding their application.

Sincerely,

Tom Kirwan
Member of the Assembly
100th Assembly District



DYSON FOUNDATION

FIFTY YEARS OF GIVING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD

June 25, 2007

Carol Ash
Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
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Dear Ms. Ash:

I am pleased to write this letter to lend the support of the Dyson Foundation to the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge's application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation for funding.

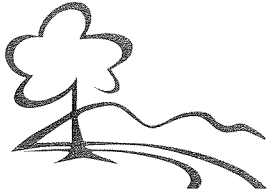
Should funds be awarded by your office, the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, DBA Walkway Over the Hudson, will utilize these funds for parks development at the bridge site. This bridge is a unique historic asset to the Mid-Hudson Valley, being the first bridge to span the Hudson River between New York City and Albany. Walkway Over the Hudson's plans to provide public access to the Hudson River viewshed through a pedestrian bridge and a network of rail trails on both sides of the river is an ambitious project with many potential benefits to the region including tourism promotion, economic development, creation of an important new public recreational space, and the preservation of a significant historic landmark.

The Dyson Foundation, a private grantmaking foundation based in Millbrook, NY, has made two grants totaling \$45,000 to Walkway Over the Hudson since 2004, both towards a feasibility study for the restoration and redevelopment of the bridge for recreational use. I fully anticipate that the Dyson Foundation will increase its involvement in this project with additional and more significant funding. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dyson Foundation, I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, DBA Walkway Over the Hudson, every consideration in funding their application.

Sincerely,

Diana M. Gurieva
Executive Vice President

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June 25, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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Dear Commissioner Ash,

I am writing to express my support for Walkway over the Hudson and the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for funding the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge Site.

Walkway over the Hudson has demonstrated its capacity to go forward in this project through its past accomplishments such as working with the region's surrounding communities to stop the demolition of the bridge, and later purchasing the entire structure. The organization recognizes the historical significance of the bridge and has created an excellent plan that will make the once-doomed structure a focal point of the community.

Under the stewardship of Walkway Over the Hudson, the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge is planned to be adapted as a pedestrian bridge and park that will allow public access to the Hudson River viewshed as well as trails on both sides of the river. Converting the under-used structure into a pedestrian bridge will also ensure its preservation and remind the region of its key role in America's industrial revolution.

Once completed the bridge will stand as a wonderful example of adaptive reuse and become a great asset to the communities of the Hudson River Valley and beyond. Furthermore, the pedestrian bridge will be a centerpiece in the upcoming Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Celebration. The funding received from your agency could make this plan a reality.

Parks and Trails New York enthusiastically supports this application for assistance and we hope it will be favorably considered. We are an organization working with the communities of New York State to protect and create parks for the purposes of recreation as well as preservation. We believe this project will be beneficial to the surrounding region by preserving the historic character of the bridge while allowing people greater access to recreation. Therefore, we hope that you give this application full consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Dropkin

Executive Director



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 25, 2007

Carol Ash
Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Commissioner Ash:


I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by Walkway Over the Hudson for funding under the *Parks Development Grant Program*. Such funding will enable Walkway Over the Hudson to conduct park development activities as part of the restoration of the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge.

Located in the Hudson Valley region of New York State, the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge was built during the 19th century. During its heyday, the bridge was a major transportation route for East-West commerce, but a fire in 1974 ended public usage of the bridge as a railway. In 1992, Walkway Over the Hudson formed with the mission of the preservation and stewardship of the bridge as a pedestrian park and walkway providing public access to the Hudson River and a network of rail trails.

Funding under the *Parks Development Grant Program* would enable the Walkway Over the Hudson to continue its mission of the restoration of the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge. Such park development activities are vital to our riverside communities, creating recreational space as well as preserving important cultural and historic sites from which there is much to be learned. I applaud Walkway Over the Hudson for its foresight, and hope its application for funding meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Elizabeth Bailey, in my Washington office at 202.224.6542.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

TOSHI & PETER SEEGER
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June 25, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, NY 12238

Dear Ms. Ash,

A wonderful citizen's group has 2009 as a date we should have a DBA Walkway Over the Hudson - the old railway bridge at Poughkeepsie.

I write to support the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Company's grant application to your office for funding.

Should funds be awarded by your office, this citizens organization will use them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Bridge site. It will be a great historic asset to the whole Mid-Hudson valley. Your funding could make this a reality.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Seeger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Pete Seeger



June 26, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Dear Commissioner Ash,

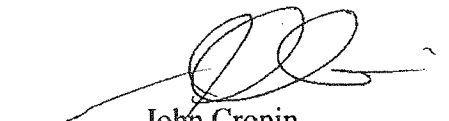
The Beacon Institute is pleased to support the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (DBA Walkway Over the Hudson) grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Walkway Over the Hudson has made tremendous progress in its campaign to transform the historic bridge – a neglected behemoth – into a picturesque walkway joining the Highland and Poughkeepsie areas. It will invite hundreds if not thousands of people to the river, for recreation and, if for nothing else, to take in the breathtaking views of the Hudson River Valley. The experience will demand each visitor to consider their own relationship to this river, as their beloved home.

In the group's own words, the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge is where the natural landscape meets the built environment. The Beacon Institute shares the goal of renewing the public's sense of wonder and awe about the natural landscape, and takes this further in pursuing science, technology and education innovation to transform what we know about the river, and how we can protect it for the next century.

I offer my full support of Walkway's proposal, which will ready the bridge in time for the 2009 Quadricentennial. They are a valued partner in our shared mission to enliven public access and knowledge of the Hudson River Estuary.

Sincerely,



John Cronin
Chief Executive Officer

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KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

20TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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26 June 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

I am writing you in support of the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (DBA 'Walkway Over the Hudson') grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP).

The Walkway Over the Hudson is an ambitious and welcome project for the revitalization of Poughkeepsie's waterfront, turning an unused railway bridge into a gathering point for the community, not just Poughkeepsie and Highland, but the wider Dutchess-Ulster County region. It would be an asset for the community as well as an engine for economic activity. This particular grant application is for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site.

I believe it is a worthy project that deserves your careful consideration, and I am interested in seeing its being adequately funded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten E. Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand
Member of Congress

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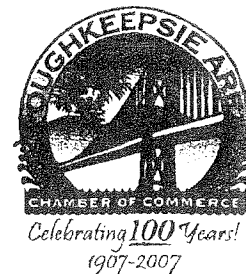
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June 26, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash
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Dear Ms. Ash:

The Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (DBA Walkway Over the Hudson) grant application to the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Walkway Over the Hudson will use the funds for the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site for the purpose of the park's development. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to the county and, once completed, will be the jewel in the center of the Hudson River Valley Greenway's Trail network in the Valley serving as an off road link between Greenway Trails on both sides of the River. It is important that every effort is made to save this historic treasure and translate this asset into a significant recreation resource in the Hudson River Valley and New York State.

This project is consistent in the Greenway criteria including public access, natural and cultural resource protection, heritage education, regional planning and economic development. Therefore the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support Walkway Over the Hudson's application for a NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant.

Sincerely,

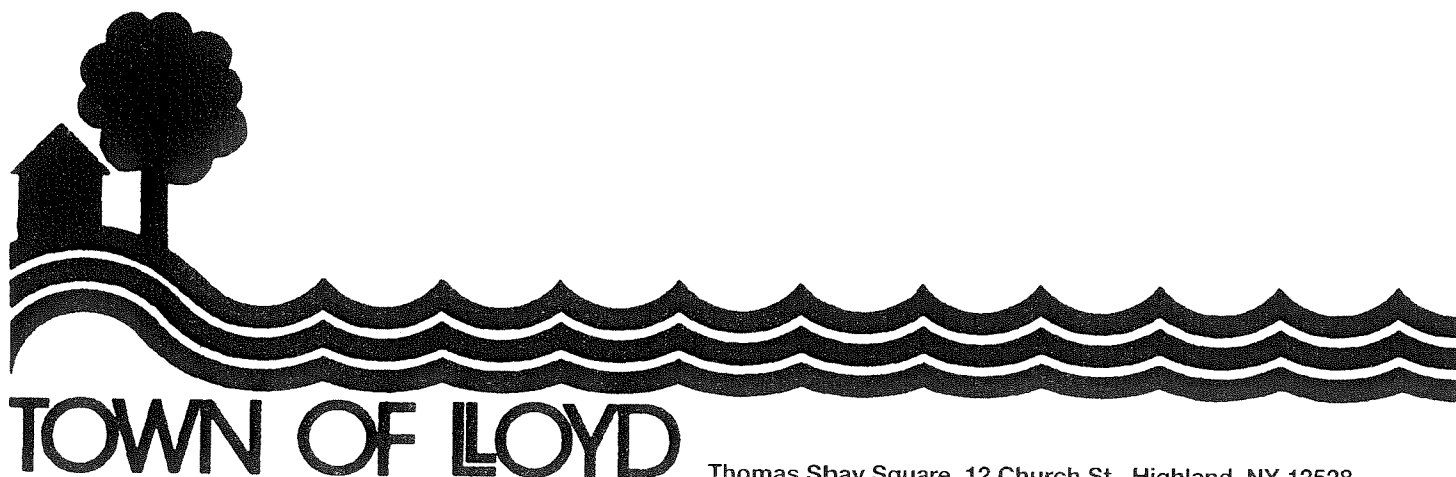
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June 26, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Dear Ms. Ash

We support the application of the Poughkeepsie Walkway over the Hudson Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad grant to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for funding through the Hudson River Estuaries Program.

This project is seeking funding for park's development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site for the purpose of river watching. Funding received from your agency could make this a reality.

The Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge is a cultural, historic treasure to Ulster and Dutchess Counties, an aesthetic and economic asset to the Hudson Valley.

Thank you for your commitment to this asset in the Hudson Valley.

Robert Shepard, Supervisor

Nancy E. Hammond, Deputy Supervisor



Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation

Anne N. Conroy, *President and CEO*

June 27, 2007

Commissioner Carol Ash
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, NY 12238

Dear Commissioner Ash:

The Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone is pleased to support the funding application by the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company D/B/A Walkway Over The Hudson to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the Organization will utilize them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site, located within the Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone boundaries. The Bridge is a tremendous historic asset to our county. It is important that we make every effort to save these historic treasures in our community and state. The funding received from your agency could make this a reality.

Therefore, in an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company every consideration in funding their application.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kelly
Empire Zone Coordinator



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Hudson Valley Region

June 27, 2007

Commissioner Carol Ash
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

Dutchess County Tourism is pleased to support the funding application by the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company D/B/A/ Walkway Over the Hudson to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Over 3 million visitors come to Dutchess County in the Hudson Valley each year and the walkway will provide another great experience for them. The Bridge will also be a major link to connect the east and west sides of the river for walker, bikers, and outdoor enthusiast. The funding received from your agency would help make this a reality.

Therefore, in an effort to provide future tourist with a magnificent opportunity to view one of the great American rivers, I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company every consideration in funding their application.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Vrba
Director of Tourism



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June 27, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany NY, 12238

Dear Ms. Ash:

Re: Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge grant application

The Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge is an iconic structure that spans the Hudson River just north of the Mid-Hudson Bridge in Poughkeepsie. A fire in 1974 closed this historical landmark which was once a major railroad corridor connecting New York City and Albany. Today, however, it has much potential to become a safe and scenic bicycle/pedestrian corridor to connect trails on both sides of river and become an integral piece of a truly regional network of bicycle/pedestrian connections in the Hudson Valley. In addition, this once railroad corridor has educational opportunities that can teach visitors about the bridge and Hudson Valley.

Because Scenic Hudson's mission is to educate the public and provide access to the Hudson River, not only physically, but also visually, we support the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company/Walkway Over the Hudson's grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for funding. With this funding, the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company/Walkway Over the Hudson will be able to restore the bridge for safe bicycle/pedestrian access as well as establish parks and educate the public.

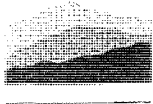
With the Hudson/Fulton/Champlain Quadricentennial approaching, Scenic Hudson feels that the restoration and programming of the bridge as a way for the public to enjoy the grandeur of the Hudson River and Hudson Valley is a great way to celebrate this anniversary.

Sincerely,


Ned Sullivan
President, Scenic Hudson

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Commissioner Carol Ash
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

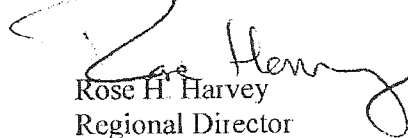
I am writing to express my support for the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (doing business as Walkway Over the Hudson) grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYS Parks) for funding.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company will utilize them for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site for river watching. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to Dutchess County and it is important that we safeguard such treasures. The funding received from NYS Parks could make this a reality.

Therefore, in an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company every consideration in funding their application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Rose H. Harvey
Regional Director



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June 27, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza - Agency Building 1
Albany, NY 12238

RE: WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Commissioner Ash:

I am writing this letter as Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature and on behalf of my colleagues in support of the above referenced grant application. Walkway Over the Hudson is a not for profit organization which formed in 1992 specifically to preserve the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, a 19th century engineering marvel and a Hudson Valley historic landmark, by making the bridge a pedestrian park and walkway.

The awarding of this grant will allow for Walkway Over the Hudson to continue in its mission which includes a comprehensive engineering study, increasing public awareness and participation with this project and insuring the bridge becomes an integral part of the rail trails by connecting the trails on both sides of the Hudson River.

Additionally, the bridge is part of the history of the Hudson River and as such, it would be wonderful to see it once again functional in some manner when the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's 1609 voyage is celebrated. What better way to utilize this bridge than to make it available as a park and walkway where pedestrians can view, and pause to reflect, the magnificence of the Hudson River and beauty of the Valley.

It is believed the approval of this grant application would be beneficial for numerous reasons and it is hoped you and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation agree.

Sincerely,

David B. Donaldson, Chairman
Ulster County Legislature

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June 28, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
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Albany, NY 12238

Dear Commissioner Ash:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's Walkway over the Hudson grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)

The organization will utilize the funds for the preservation and stewardship of the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge as a pedestrian park and walkway which will provide public access to Hudson River views and a network of rail trails on both sides of the River. It will connect the Hudson River Valley Greenway and cross our river east to west for recreation, hiking, biking and water access.

This bridge is a historic asset to our country and it could possibly become a great symbol for the future. I ask that you afford the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company with every consideration in funding their application.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Congressman John Hall

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Hudson River Navigator
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Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, NY 12238

June 28, 2007


Dear Ms. Ash:

I am writing to add my support to the grant request by the Poughkeepsie Highland Railway (Walkway Over the Hudson). They are submitting their grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) to procure funding.

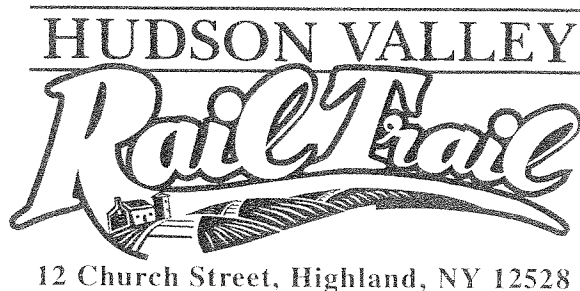
These funds, if awarded by your office, would be used by Walkway Over the Hudson to develop parks at the "Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge" site. I believe that this project would be shared by many. It will connect the Hudson River Valley Greenway and cross our river east to west for recreation, hiking, biking, and water access. Most important it demonstrates the true natural resources and great beauty of the Hudson River Valley in combination with their mission to transform the bridge into a pedestrian walkway, the bridge is not only a tremendous historical asset to the Hudson Valley it is also destined to become a great symbol for the future. This is a great legacy project for the Quadricentennial Commemoration, and how fitting for our Preserve America communities to invest in the adaptive reuse of such a marvelous structure. The grant request, if granted, will do a great deal to help bridge the past with the present both literally and symbolically.

In light of the importance of preserving a powerful piece of the Hudson Valley's history, I add my voice to those who request that you consider the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge Company a worthy recipient for the funding requested.

Respectfully yours,


Vincent Tamagna
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June 28, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash
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RE: Parks Development Grants Program

Dear Ms Ash:

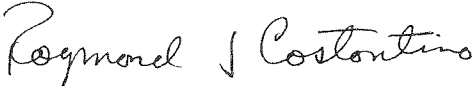
On behalf of the entire membership of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association, I wish to express the Association's support of Walkway Over the Hudson's grant application under the Parks Development Grants Program.

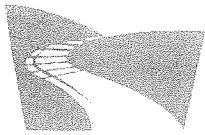
The Hudson Valley Rail Trail connects to Walkway Over the Hudson on the west bank of the Hudson River in the community of Highland. At this connection, our trail travels westward for over seven miles throughout the Town of Lloyd. Walkway Over the Hudson is the missing link in a thirty-five mile rail trail park crossing the Hudson River - one of America's Heritage Rivers. The completion of this pedestrian/bicycle trail would not only provide a unique park venue to the local residents, it would promote tourism to the Hudson Valley - an area known worldwide for its exceptional beauty.

It is with great enthusiasm that we support this grant application. We hope you look favorably upon the merits of this project.

Sincerely,

HUDSON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL ASSOCIATION, INC.


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June 28, 2007

David Rocco
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Dear Mr. Rocco:

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is pleased to support the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (DBA Walkway Over the Hudson) grant application to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, for funding through the Parks Development Grant Program.

Walkway Over the Hudson will use the funds for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge. This bridge is a tremendous historic asset to both, Dutchess and Ulster Counties, but more importantly to the Hudson River Valley Region. It should also be designated a Signature Legacy Event Location of the 2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadrcentennial. It is important that every effort is made to save these historic treasures in New York State. The Bridge will undoubtedly be a dynamic platform for experiencing the Hudson River and connecting adjacent trail systems.

This project is consistent with the mission of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy to create a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors to build healthier places for healthier people. Therefore, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is pleased to support Walkway Over the Hudson's application for a NYS DEC Hudson River.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ciabotti
Vice President of Trail Development



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Carol Ash
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

I would like to take this opportunity to lend my support to the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's (d.b.a. Walkway Over the Hudson) application to the Department of Environmental Conservation for funding through the Hudson River Estuaries Program.

Should funds be awarded by your office, the organization will utilize these funds for parks development at the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site. The bridge is a tremendous historic asset to Dutchess County. It is important that we make every effort to save these historic treasures, such as the bridge, in our county and State. The funding received through your agency could make this a reality.

In an effort to provide future enhancements to this historically significant property, I am hopeful their application for funding will be favorably reviewed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen M. Saland', written in a cursive style.

Stephen M. Saland
Senator

SMS:ml

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July 2, 2007

Ms. Carol Ash
Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Ash:

I am pleased to write to you today in support of the Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company's application to the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for funding through the Historic Preservation Program. The funds from this grant will be used to ensure the protection of the historic Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge site.

The Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Bridge first began construction in 1880, and since then it has served a number of different functions. It first operated as a commercial railway bridge overlooking the Hudson, and during World War II it transported munitions to the East Coast for the war effort. It served commercial businesses once more after the end of World War II, but was closed after a devastating fire in 1974. The Poughkeepsie Highland Railroad Company now protects the structure, and ensures that it remains functional as a purely historical testament to all who were involved in the bridge's construction and use.

The funds from this grant will be used to help aid the development of park construction at the bridge site. Visitors will be able to river watch from the newly built parks, and thereby gain a greater understanding of the magnificence of this timeless structure. It is vital that we make every effort to save and expand appreciation for historic treasures in our country and state, and the funds from this grant will make that possible.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Kate Beale at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

Walkway Over The Hudson

Brainstorming Session

September 26, 2007

Meeting with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (Prelude to Walkway Brainstorming Session) September 25, 2007 Peebles Island State Park

- John said that this was like their recent experience with “the Highline.” With regards to fencing – they think it requires higher railing than the standard 54”.
- The project should maintain a simple, industrial look. Don’t romanticize or ‘prissy it up’. This is not a Victorian element (i.e. brick not appropriate material)
- Concern for safety – horizontal rails too easy to climb
- Comments were mixed between preservation concerns and safety concerns.
- Preservation – any system that provides openness.
- Consider viewing platform on bridge – raised area set back from railing – potential mitigation for a higher railing treatment to maintain views.
- Elevator would not alter eligibility for National Register; if something is reversible, it would not alter the eligibility
- In general, anything we do will not impact the historic nature of the structure due to its size.
- Current plan is State Parks will take ownership of Walkway

Lighting (if we use it):

- More industrial lighting (down light/cutoff)
 - Consider surface level lights (bollard or something incorporated into the railing)
 - Hide lights from view from ground
- **Or** “Significant industrial image”
- Won’t rule out lighting up super-structure
- Consider base lighting
- Use cutoff so don’t create ambient light
- Could test light on piers (e.g. Illuminate from bottom)
- Simple, steel drop lights
- Aesthetics should be industrial
- An example is the bridge from Peebles Island north toward Waterford – simple steel drop lights

Deck

- Plow snow? Where does it go?
- Keep design simple – industrial look; the simpler the better
- brick is not the look (Photosim)
- “River lights” (viewing holes in deck) allow drainage for water and OK with SHPO

- Consider a recycled material?

Railing

- Re-use existing posts?
- Put steel inside?
- All examples could work except for Option 2A. It would add a thick horizontal element that would be visible.
- Consider double system – 54” rail with sheer higher rail outside
- Option 1E – remove middle rails – w/mesh
- SHPO thinks a higher rail is warranted (not from a historic standpoint but from a user perception standpoint and to deter jumpers) – not 8’ but not just 54’’ either – maybe a compromise at 60’’.

Review under SEQRA/NEPA

- Send letter – no substantial impact under SEQRA
- Section 106 – expect Federal Highway fund. - no effect contingent on design review
- A Type I action but should not have any environmental impacts – should be a simple review for SHPO.

Walkway Brainstorming Session

1. Objectives:

- September 2009 opening – Act.
- Fast, cheap, durable
- Bid quotes in 2 weeks for salvage.
- Thank you certificates
- Draft report – November 2007
- Final report – Late January 2008
- Bid documents – June 2, 2008
- Floating deck? Tie down at major joints; connect on top and bury in curb

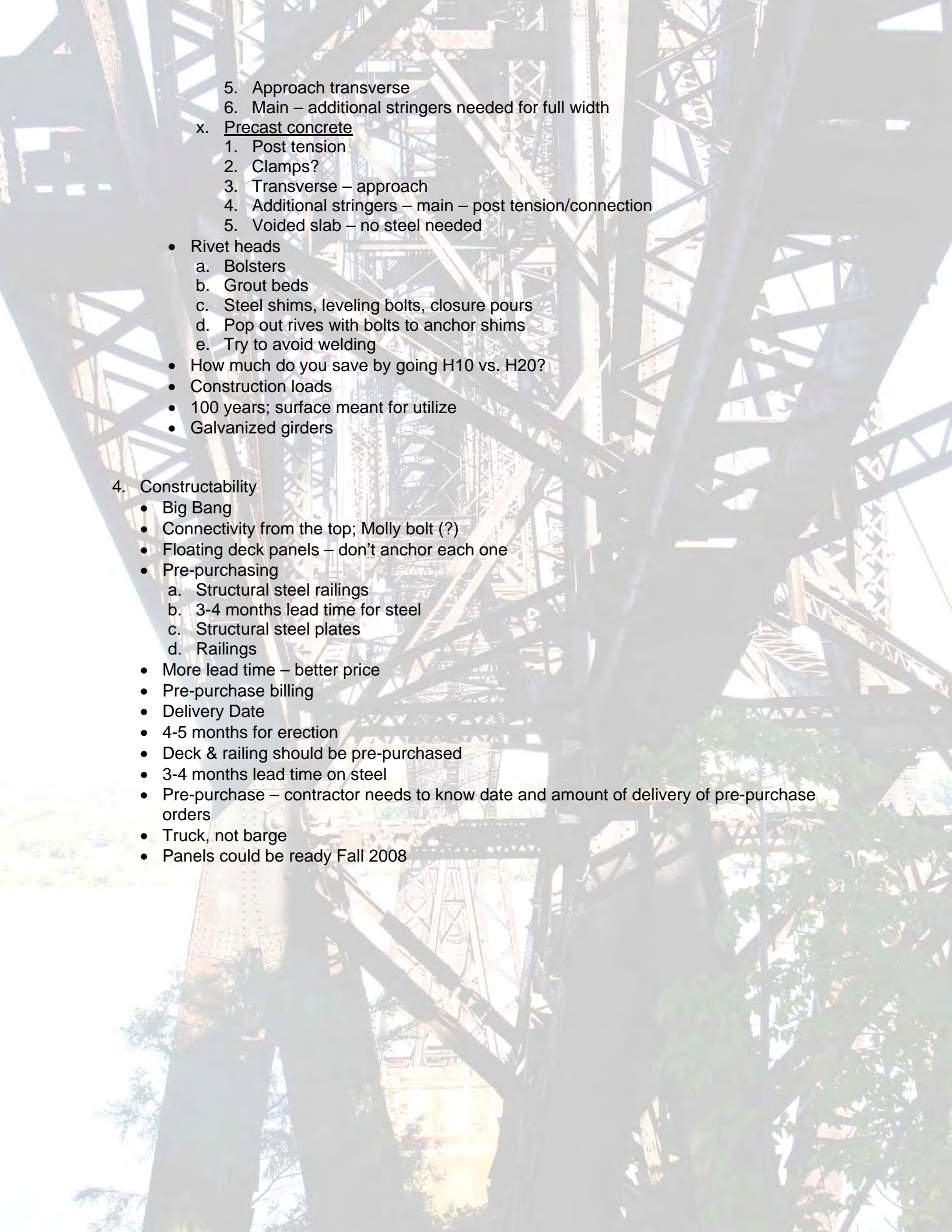
2. Removal and/or Salvage of Existing Components

- Salvage:
 - Demo early → know supersizes early
- Separate project
- Change federal language
- Jakobson Fencing – NYC
- Couple more options based on issues
- Vertical III
- Look at bridge options
- Mix of fencing - \$100.00/ft. – pre-purchase
- Demolition is time consuming
- Time wise – removal first
- Constructability – removal during
- East approach – constructability from land – east side in
- Less surprises later if demolition done sooner
- Joseph Fay – additional company to consider getting quote from
- Very roughly \$2 million
- Hinchey might reword federal funding

- Coast Guard – permit for demolition – start now!
- Demolition
 - a. Separate contract in spring
 - b. Momentum
 - c. Helps with overall schedule
 - d. Know surprises on bridge early
 - e. Change language of Hinchey legislation?
 - f. Impact on federal funds?

3. Structural Deck Options

- No salt
- H10 – Ambulance UBIU
- 100 years
- Approach: 12-14 min. clear, 22-24 max.
- Need deck cross slope
- Construction Loads
 - a. Compare H10 & H20 cost → deck and erection procedures
 - b. Transverse panels on approaches
 - c. Surface mounts for utilities
 - d. Black rebar
 - e. Galvanize girders
- Separate bikes/pedestrians by surface texture or color
- Picture ?
- Railing
 - a. Consider Jakobs (3 mm) railing (NYC)
 - b. Historic at approach; cheaper over water
 - c. Keep 54" for views
 - d. ADA handrail?
 - e. Consider pre-purchase (Lq. Quantim – 2.5 miles!)
 - f. Look at vertical picket option
 - g. Minimize horizontal rails – also deter sitting on top rail
 - h. Review mesh/vertical picket options with SHPO
 - i. Consider pre-fab railing with deck panel systems
 - j. Rail system – reusing old vs. new rail + SHPO requirements
 - k. SHPO – option 1F – stay industrial – simple
 - l. Horizontal rail – too much opportunity to climb
 - m. Vertical post – preferred; 4" spacing
 - n. Costs need to be determined to rule out alternatives
 - o. Railings can be pre-fabricated (pre-mounted)
 - p. Railings for future emergency vehicles; trolley
 - q. 54" height requirement for bikes; discourage climbing/sitting on rail
 - r. Outlooks far enough away from tracks
 - s. Step up lookouts
 - t. Structural wind loading
 - u. Less expensive on approaches \$100-250/ft.
 - v. Inverset
 1. Top connection is preferred
 2. Bolt through rivets and welded together (difficult to get below deck?)
 3. Transverse between 2 girders approach
 4. Longitudinal between on main approach
 - w. Exodemic
 1. Can all be done from the top
 2. Closer ports/clamps
 3. Precast with rail mounted
 4. Studs/foam (power strips)/rubber & closer pour (pumped)

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- 5. Approach transverse
 - 6. Main – additional stringers needed for full width
 - x. Precast concrete
 - 1. Post tension
 - 2. Clamps?
 - 3. Transverse – approach
 - 4. Additional stringers – main – post tension/connection
 - 5. Voided slab – no steel needed
 - Rivet heads
 - a. Bolsters
 - b. Grout beds
 - c. Steel shims, leveling bolts, closure pours
 - d. Pop out rivets with bolts to anchor shims
 - e. Try to avoid welding
 - How much do you save by going H10 vs. H20?
 - Construction loads
 - 100 years; surface meant for utilize
 - Galvanized girders
4. Constructability
- Big Bang
 - Connectivity from the top; Molly bolt (?)
 - Floating deck panels – don't anchor each one
 - Pre-purchasing
 - a. Structural steel railings
 - b. 3-4 months lead time for steel
 - c. Structural steel plates
 - d. Railings
 - More lead time – better price
 - Pre-purchase billing
 - Delivery Date
 - 4-5 months for erection
 - Deck & railing should be pre-purchased
 - 3-4 months lead time on steel
 - Pre-purchase – contractor needs to know date and amount of delivery of pre-purchase orders
 - Truck, not barge
 - Panels could be ready Fall 2008

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Environmental Permits, Region 3

21 South Platt Corners Road, New Paltz, New York 12561-1620

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BY:.....

Alexander B. Grannis
Commissioner

Mark Lester
28 East main Street
200 First Federal Plaza
Rochester, NY 14614

Date: 10/18/07

RE: "Walkway over the Hudson" Poughkeepsie Highland RR Bridge - see attached maps
Location: T/ Lloyd/Poughkeepsie, Ulster/Dutchess County

Dear Mark Lester:

Based upon our review of your inquiry dated Sept 24, 2007, we offer the following comments:

PROTECTION OF WATERS

The following stream(s)/pond(s)/waterbody(ies) is(are) located within or near the site you indicated:

Name	Class	DEC Water Index Number	Status
Hudson River	[A]	H	[Protected, non-protected, navigable]
Trib of Hudson River	[C]	H-115	[Protected, non-protected, navigable]
Fall Kill Creek	C	H-114	non-protected

A Protection of Waters permit is required to physically disturb the bed or banks (up to 50 feet from stream) of any streams identified above as "protected." A permit is not required to disturb the bed or banks of "non-protected" streams.

A Protection of Waters permit is required for any excavation or filling below the mean high water line of any waterbodies identified above as "navigable."

There are no waterbodies that appear on our regulatory maps at the location/project site you identified. Therefore, if there is a stream or pond outlet present at the site with year-round flow, it assumes the classification of the watercourse into which it feeds, _____, Class "_____", and a Protection of Waters permit is/is not required. If there is a stream or pond outlet present at the site that runs intermittently (seasonally), it is not protected, and a Protection of Waters permit is not required.

If a permit is not required, please note, however, you are still responsible for ensuring that work shall not pollute any stream or waterbody. Care shall be taken to stabilize any disturbed areas promptly after construction, and all necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent contamination of the stream or waterbody by silt, sediment, fuels, solvents, lubricants, or any other pollutant associated with the project.

FRESHWATER WETLANDS

Your project/site is near or in Freshwater Wetland _____, Class _____. Be aware that a Freshwater Wetlands permit is required for any physical disturbance within these boundaries or within the 100 foot adjacent area. To have the boundary delineated, please read the attached notice.

RE: Walkway Over the Hudson

Date: 10/18/07

Your project/site is not within a New York State protected Freshwater Wetland. However, please contact your town officials and the United States Army Corps of Engineers in New York City, telephone (917) 790-8511 (Westchester/Rockland Counties), or (917) 790-8411 (other counties), for any permitting they might require.

STATE-LISTED SPECIES

DEC has reviewed the State's Master Habitat Databank (MHDB) records. We have determined that the site is located within or near record(s) of the following state-listed species: see above ^{Heartleaf Plantain, Shortnose Sturgeon}. If your inquiry is related to a specific development project, additional evaluation of the potential impacts of this project related to the sensitive resource(s) identified by this review, may be required. Please contact the person noted below.

No records of sensitive resources were identified by this review.

OTHER: According to our records there are no primary aquifers within the project area.

Please contact the municipalities or the County health departments for information on aquifers and municipal water supply wells.

Please note that this letter only addresses the requirements for the following permits from the Department:

- Freshwater Wetlands
- Master Habitat Databank
- Other: _____
- Protection of Waters

and that other permits from this Department or other agencies may be required for projects conducted on this property now or in the future. Also, regulations applicable to the location subject to this determination occasionally are revised and you should, therefore, verify the need for permits if your project is delayed or postponed. This determination regarding the need for permits will remain effective for a maximum of one year unless you are otherwise notified. Applications may be downloaded from our website at www.dec.ny.gov under "Programs" then "Division of Environmental Permits."

Please contact this office if you have questions regarding the above information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tara Seane
Division of Environmental Permits
Region 3, Telephone No. 845/256-3801

- Information/Permit Materials/Regulations/Map (Poughkeepsie Quadrangle) Attached.
- Web page information
- NYC DEP Contact Information (this site is within the NYC Watershed).

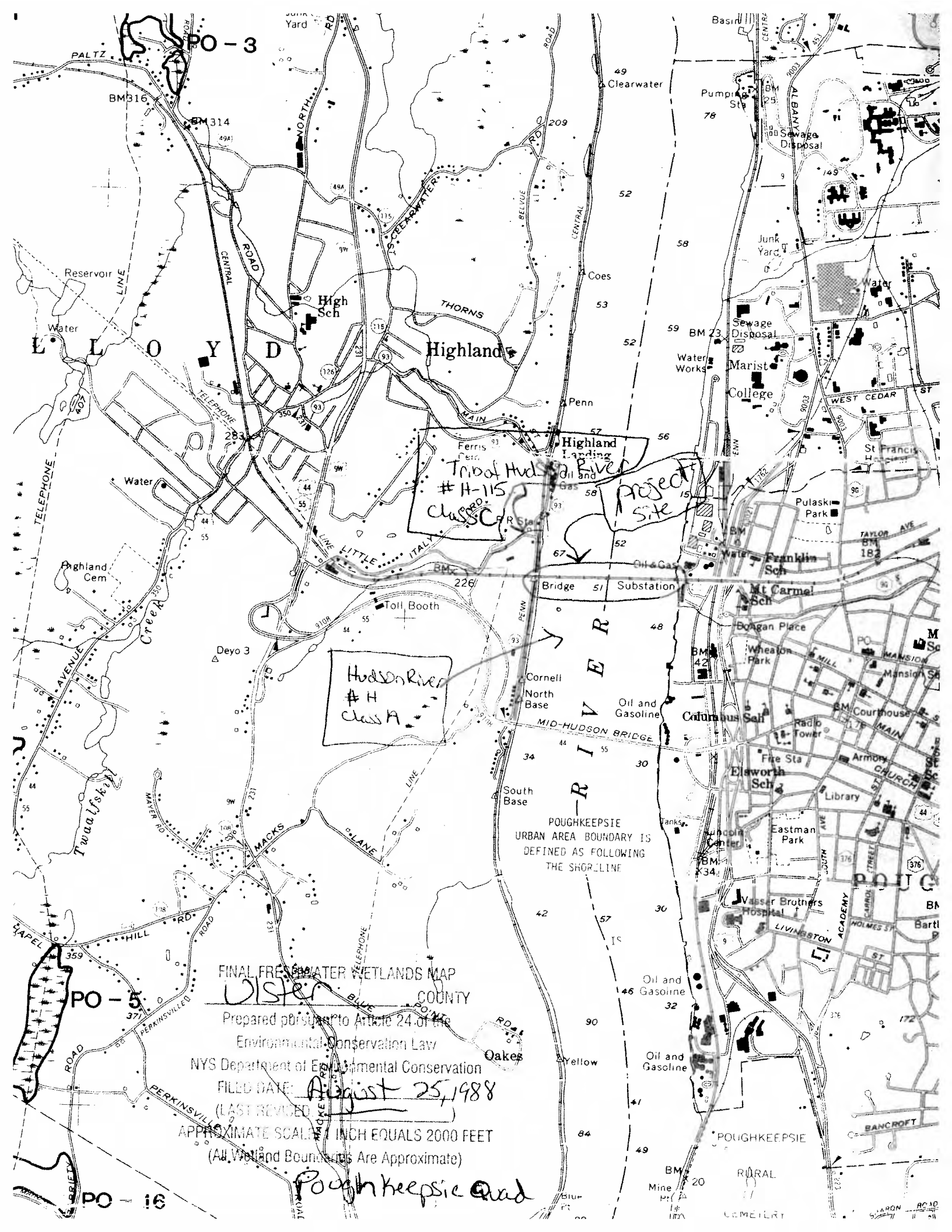
cc: _____

NOTE: Regarding erosion/sedimentation control requirements:

Stormwater discharges now require a SPDES Stormwater permit from this Department if they either:

- occur at industrial facilities and contain either toxic contaminants or priority pollutants OR
- result from construction projects involving the disturbance of one (1) or more acres of land.

Your project may be covered under one of two Statewide General Permits or may require an individual permit. If you believe your project would be covered under one of the General Permits and does not require any other DEC permits you may apply for coverage by filing a Notice of Intent with NYSDEC, Division of Water, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12233-3505, (forms & permits available from this office or DEC Website at www.dec.ny.gov or call 518-402-8109). If your project involves other DEC permits, please contact the regional Division of Environmental Permits office (see above).



FINAL FRESHWATER WETLANDS MAP
 WASHINGTON COUNTY

Prepared pursuant to Article 24 of the
 Environmental Conservation Law

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

FILED DATE: August 25, 1988
 (LAST REVISED:)

APPROXIMATE SCALE: 1 INCH EQUALS 2000 FEET
 (All Wetland Boundaries Are Approximate)

Poughkeepsie Quad

POUGHKEEPSIE
 URBAN AREA BOUNDARY IS
 DEFINED AS FOLLOWING
 THE SHORLINE

Trib of Hudson River
 #H-115
 class C

Hudson River
 #H
 class A

Project Site

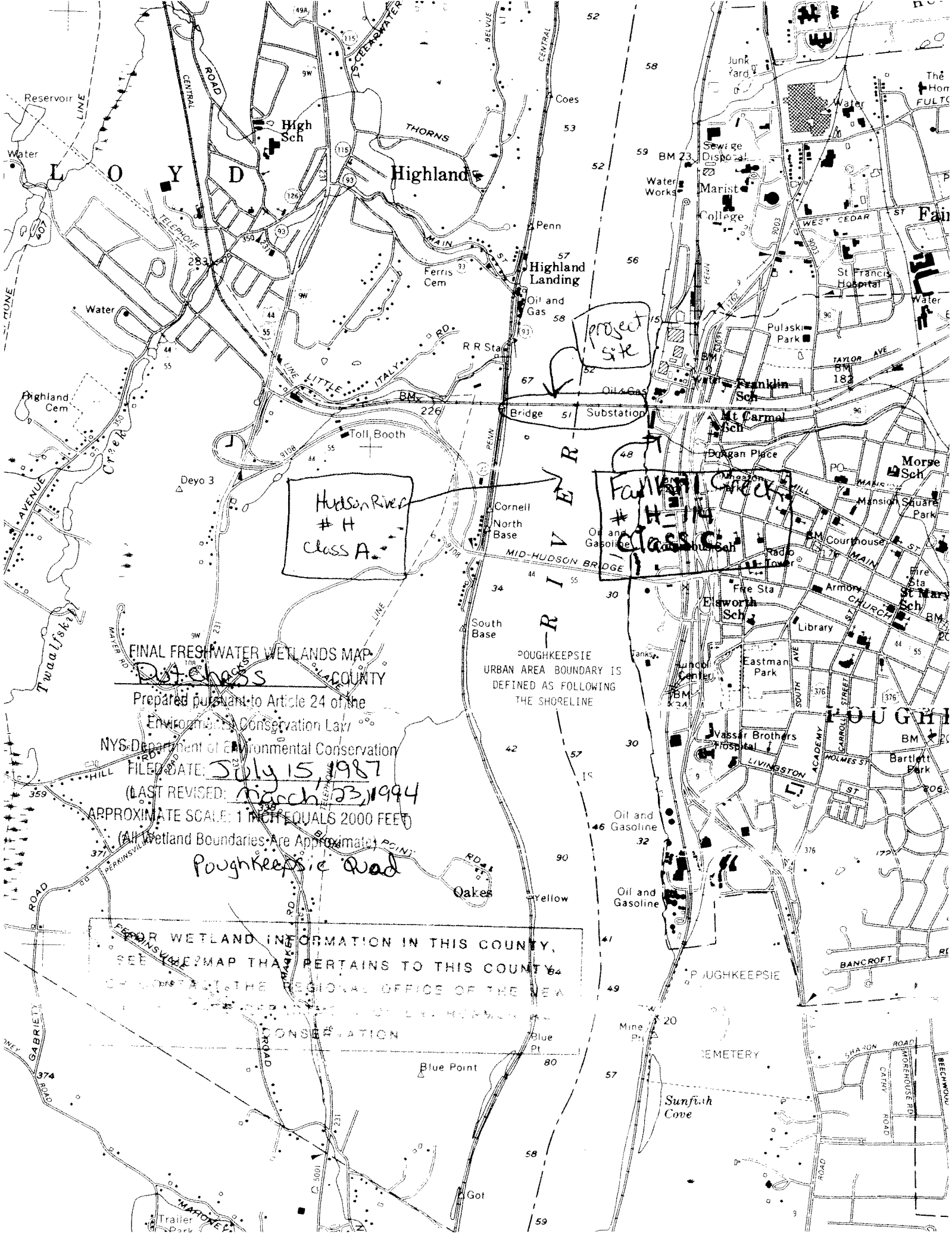


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FINAL FRESHWATER WETLANDS MAP
D.J. Chass

Prepared pursuant to Article 24 of the
 Environmental Conservation Law

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

FILED DATE: *July 15, 1987*

(LAST REVISED: *March 23, 1994*)

APPROXIMATE SCALE: 1 INCH EQUALS 2000 FEET

(All Wetland Boundaries Are Approximate)

Poughkeepsie Road

FOR WETLAND INFORMATION IN THIS COUNTY,
 SEE THE MAP THAT PERTAINS TO THIS COUNTY
 OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

POUGHKEEPSIE
 URBAN AREA BOUNDARY IS
 DEFINED AS FOLLOWING
 THE SHORELINE

project site

Hudson River # H Class A

Fairfax Creek # H Class C

Map labels include: Reservoir, Water, L O Y D, High Sch, THORNS, Highland, Penn, Coes, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.



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Endangered Species Act List Request Response Cover Sheet

This cover sheet is provided in response to a search of our website* for information regarding the potential presence of species under jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) within a proposed project area.

Attached is a copy of the New York State County List of Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Species for the appropriate county(ies). The database that we use to respond to list requests was developed primarily to assist Federal agencies that are consulting with us under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Our lists include all Federally-listed, proposed, and candidate species known to occur, as well as those likely to occur, in specific counties.

The attached information is designed to assist project sponsors or applicants through the process of determining whether a Federally-listed, proposed, or candidate species and/or “critical habitat” may occur within their proposed project area and when it is appropriate to contact our offices for additional coordination or consultation. You may be aware that our offices have provided much of this information in the past in project-specific letters. However, due to increasing project review workloads and decreasing staff, we are now providing as much information as possible through our website. We encourage anyone requesting species list information to print out all materials used in any analyses of effects on listed, proposed, or candidate species.

The Service routinely updates this database as species are proposed, listed, and delisted, or as we obtain new biological information or specific presence/absence information for listed species. If project proponents coordinate with the Service to address proposed and candidate species in early stages of planning, this should not be a problem if these species are eventually listed. However, we recommend that both project proponents and reviewing agencies retrieve from our online database an *updated* list every 90 days to append to this document to ensure that listed species presence/absence information for the proposed project is *current*.

Reminder: Section 9 of the ESA prohibits unauthorized taking** of listed species and applies to Federal and non-Federal activities. For projects not authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency, consultation with the Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA is not required. However, no person is authorized to “take**” any listed species without appropriate authorizations from the Service. Therefore, we provide technical assistance to individuals and agencies to assist with project planning to avoid the potential for “take**,” or when appropriate, to provide assistance with their application for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA.

Additionally, endangered species and their habitats are protected by Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, which requires Federal agencies, in consultation with the Service, to ensure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. An assessment of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts is required for all Federal actions that may affect listed species.

For instance, work in certain waters of the United States, including wetlands and streams, may require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If a permit is required, in reviewing the application pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*), the Service may concur, with or without recommending additional permit conditions, or recommend denial of the permit depending upon potential adverse impacts on fish and wildlife resources associated with project construction or implementation. The need for a Corps permit may be determined by contacting the appropriate Corps office(s).*

For additional information on fish and wildlife resources or State-listed species, we suggest contacting the appropriate New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regional office(s) and the New York Natural Heritage Program Information Services.*

Since wetlands, ponds, streams, or open or sheltered coastal waters may be present in the project area, it may be helpful to utilize the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps as an initial screening tool. However, they may or may not be available for the project area. Please note that while the NWI maps are reasonably accurate, they should not be used in lieu of field surveys for determining the presence of wetlands or delineating wetland boundaries for Federal regulatory purposes. Online information on the NWI program and digital data can be downloaded from Wetlands Mapper, http://wetlands.fws.gov/mapper_tool.htm.

Project construction or implementation should not commence until all requirements of the ESA have been fulfilled. After reviewing our website and following the steps outlined, we encourage both project proponents and reviewing agencies to contact our office to determine whether an accurate determination of species impacts has been made. If there are any questions about our county lists or agency or project proponent responsibilities under the ESA, please contact the New York or Long Island Field Office Endangered Species Program at the numbers listed above.

Attachment (county list of species)

*Additional information referred to above may be found on our website at:
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>

** Under the Act and regulations, it is illegal for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to **take** (includes harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect; or to attempt any of these), import or export, ship in interstate or foreign commerce in the course of commercial activity, or sell or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any endangered fish or wildlife species and most threatened fish and wildlife species. It is also illegal to possess, sell, deliver, carry, transport, or ship any such wildlife that has been taken illegally. "Harm" includes any act which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife, and case law has clarified that such acts may include significant habitat modification or degradation that significantly impairs essential behavioral patterns of fish or wildlife.



Dutchess County

Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Species and Candidate Species

This list represents the best available information regarding known or likely County occurrences of Federally-listed and candidate species and is subject to change as new information becomes available.

Common Name

Scientific Name

Status

Atlantic Sturgeon ²	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>	C
Bald eagle ¹	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	D
Bog turtle	<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	T
Dwarf wedgemussel (Housatonic River drainage)	<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>	E
Indiana bat (S)	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E
New England cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus transitionalis</i>	C
Shortnose sturgeon ²	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	E

Status Codes: E=Endangered T=Threatened P=Proposed C=Candidate D=Delisted

W=Winter S=Summer

¹ The bald eagle was delisted on August 8, 2007. While there are no ESA requirements for bald eagles after this date, the eagles continue to receive protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA). Please follow the Service's May 2007 Bald Eagle Management Guidelines to determine whether you can avoid impacts under the BGEPA for your projects. If you have any questions, please contact the endangered species branch in our office.

² Primarily occurs in Hudson River. Principal responsibility for this species is vested with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Fisheries.

Information current as of: 10/21/2007



Ulster County

Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Species and Candidate Species

This list represents the best available information regarding known or likely County occurrences of Federally-listed and candidate species and is subject to change as new information becomes available.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Bald eagle ¹	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	D
Bog turtle	<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	T
Indiana bat (W/S)	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E
Northern wild monkshood	<i>Aconitum noveboracense</i>	T
Shortnose sturgeon ²	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	E
Small whorled pogonia (<i>Historic</i>)	<i>Isotria medeoloides</i>	T

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Information current as of: 10/21/2007



The City of Poughkeepsie
New York

John C. Tkazyik
Mayor

January 25, 2008

Erik Kulleseid
Deputy Commissioner for Open Space Protection
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, New York 12238
Attn: Thomas B. Lyons

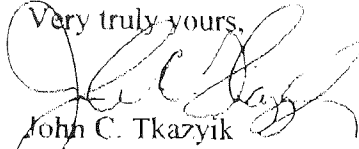
Dear Mr. Kulleseid:

The City of Poughkeepsie enthusiastically supports the planned conversion of the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge to the world's longest bicycle/pedestrian facility. The Walkway Over the Hudson will have a tremendously beneficial impact upon the City and the entire region.

The City recognizes that the Walkway's success will likely increase the demand for parking, particularly around Washington Street, where an access elevator is planned. The intent of this brief letter is to advise your office that the City is confident, working with Bergmann Associates, that the projected additional parking demand can be accommodated without disrupting neighborhood residents or traffic flow. We note that Walkway associated parking demand in the City should be proportionately less than in non-urban locations because, 1) trailhead parking areas will be built just outside the City boundary, and 2) many visitors will walk, bicycle or take transit to the Washington Street elevator. Ample potential off-street parking locations (new and expansion of existing) have been identified and are shown on the enclosed map. In addition, ample parallel parking will be available on the west end of the bridge along Haviland Road in the Town of Lloyd – providing another access point for visitors.

The City will continue to collaborate with the project consultant to ensure that parking demand is satisfied in a way that does not negatively impact local residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and, for further information, please contact my office at (845) 451-4073.

Very truly yours,

John C. Tkazyk
Mayor

cc: Fred Schaeffer, Chairman, Walkway over the Hudson
Peter Melewski, Principal, Bergmann Associates



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Eliot Spitzer
Governor

Carol Ash
Commissioner

January 25, 2008

James F. Boggs
Sr. Environmental Scientist
Bergmann Associates, P.C.
200 First Federal Plaza
28 East Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear Mr. Boggs:

Re: FHWA/DOT/NPS
Draft Design Report
"Walkway over the Hudson"
Dutchess and Ulster Counties
07PR5820

Thank you for requesting comments from the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO) for the Draft Design Report for the "Walkway over the Hudson". We have reviewed this information in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge is individually listing on the National Register of Historic Places.


While there remain design elements to be finalized, it is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office that the proposed project will have No Adverse Effect on the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge with the following condition:

1. Project details, including railings, decking, lighting, vertical access, electrical service, water service, etc. will be developed in consultation with the NYSHPO.

We further recommend that the Federal Highway Administration determine that Section 4(f) requirements do not apply to the "Walkway Over the Hudson" in accordance with 23 CFR 771.135(f) because of our opinion that the proposed project will not adversely affect the historic qualities of the structure that caused it to be listed on the National Register.

Again, thank you for your request. If anyone has any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please call me at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3271.

Sincerely,



Julian W. Adams
Sr. Historic Sites Restoration Coordinator



TOWN OF LLOYD

Thomas Shay Square, 12 Church St., Highland, NY 12528

February 15, 2008

Erik Kulleseid
Deputy Commissioner for Open Space Protection
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, New York 12238

Attn: Thomas B. Lyons

CC: Fred Schaeffer, Chairman, Walkway over the Hudson
Peter Melewski, Principal, Bergmann Associates

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The Town will continue to collaborate with the project consultant to ensure that parking demand is satisfied in a way that does not negatively impact local residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and, for further information, please contact my office at (845) 691-2144.

Very truly yours,

Ray Costantino, Supervisor
Town of Lloyd

Town Of Lloyd
12 Church Street
Highland, NY 12528 &n bsp;

Mr. Tom Lyons
N.Y. State Parks (OPRHP)

2-19-08

Re: WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON PROJECT

Dear Mr. Lyons,

The Town Of Lloyd concurs with the **determination of consistency** with our Town's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and coastal development by NYS Dept. of State and OPRHP.

Raymond Costantino, Supervisor
Town of Lloyd

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