

**Directory of Environmental Organizations
in Columbia County, NY**

*A tool for encouraging local participation and
support*



**Compiled by the Canaan Congregational Church
Canaan, NY**

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Introduction

The public and private organizations listed in this Directory comprise a vital and vibrant environmental community in Columbia County. Contact information and a brief summary of the purpose of each group are provided.

The Directory is available on our website,
<http://www.canaanucc.org/>

For any omissions, and for additional copies, please contact the Missions Group of the Canaan Congregational Church at redchurch@canaanucc.org or (518) 781-4775.

Alan Devoe Bird Club, Inc.

PO Box 20

Chatham, NY 12037

<http://www.alandevoebirdclub.org/>

Founded in 1957, the Club promotes the conservation of natural resources and the enjoyment and protection of birds, flora, and fauna. The group conducts field trips, sponsors education programs and owns and maintains the Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary, a 140-acre refuge near Old Chatham.

Audubon New York

2 Third Street, Suite 480

Troy, NY 12180

(518) 869-7931

www.ny.audubon.org

Audubon New York is the state's leading voice for the conservation and protection of natural resources for birds. Integrating science, conservation, policy, and education, Audubon's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. With 50,000 members and 27 affiliated chapters state-wide, Audubon New York oversees seven sanctuaries and centers, from Long Island to western New York, and protects priority habitats including more than 130 Important Bird Areas (IBAs) identified as critical for the conservation of birds.

In Columbia County, Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Sanctuary and Center is a 1,039 acre sanctuary located in the Town of Hillsdale. It provides habitat for many at risk climate-threatened bird species.

Berkshire Community College

1350 West Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 499-4660

<https://www.berkshirecc.edu/academics/programs-and-classes/environmental-science/>

Berkshire Community College offers a program of study in Environmental Science. The program provides a sound foundation in science and such supportive disciplines as mathematics, social sciences, computer programming, and the humanities. Directed study opportunities exist for those prepared to do independent research. Courses take place in classrooms and well-equipped laboratories. Nearby woodlands, fields, lakes, streams, and marshes serve as field laboratories.

Canaan Congregational Church

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The Canaan Congregational Church was designated a “green congregation” by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ in 2016 in recognition of our role as stewards of God’s earth. We compiled this Directory and we endeavor to foster sustainable practices and encourage environmental protection. “God saw everything that God made, and indeed, it was very good.” Gen 1:31

Chatham Real Food Market Co-op

15 Church Street

Chatham, NY 12037

(518) 392-3353

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www.chathamrealfoodcoop.net

The Chatham Real Food Market Co-op is a community-owned food market and outlet for the products of our local farms and kitchens. In addition to supporting our local growers and food processors, the Co-op seeks to provide education about Columbia County agriculture and to promote a more localized food system. Our objective is to strengthen our rural community, develop our food security, and help build a healthy local economy in our county. We also offer film screenings, workshops and lectures in our Community Room. Stay up to date on our upcoming events by visiting our website. The Co-op is open to the public 7 days a week. See you at the Co-op!

Citizens' Climate Lobby

1330 Orange Ave #300

Coronado, CA 92118

(619) 437-7142

(518) 672-7901 for information on the Columbia County Chapter

www.citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/NY_columbia_county

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. In order to generate the political will necessary for passage of a carbon fee and dividend proposal, the group trains and supports volunteers to engage elected officials, the media and the public.

Columbia County Department of Health

325 Columbia Street

Hudson, NY 12534

(518) 828-3358

<https://sites.google.com/a/columbiacountyny.com/health/>

Two programs of the Health Department specifically address environmental health issues:

The Environmental Health Division provides many regulatory programs to follow the New York State Sanitary Code. The Division enforces the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) and the Clean Indoor Air Act. It issues food service permits, conducts restaurant inspections, ensures public water safety, conducts lead poisoning prevention and injury prevention activities, responds to hazardous material spills, conducts children's camp and pool inspections, and more.

The New York State Healthy Neighborhoods Program (HNP) seeks to reduce the burden of housing related illness and injury through a holistic and proactive healthy homes approach. The Program provides in-home assessments and interventions for asthma, indoor air quality, lead, fire safety and other environmental health hazards in selected communities, targeting housing in high-risk areas.

Columbia County Environmental Management Council (EMC)

401 State St

Hudson, NY 12534

(518) 828-3375

<https://sites.google.com/a/columbiacountyny.com/columbia-county-environmental-management-council/>

The EMC was created by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors in 1974 pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 47 (also known as the Local Environmental Protection Act). Its purpose is to advise local and state government, and where resources within the county are influenced, the federal government, on present and proposed methods of using, protecting, and conserving the environment for the benefit of all the people. The EMC has worked in the following broad areas: energy production/transmission, hazardous and municipal solid waste, Hudson River and coastal zone issues, water quality and quantity issues, air quality issues, plant and animal habitats, septic systems and water wells, recycling, and major industrial project reviews.

The Council's Good Earthkeeping awards recognize businesses, groups and individuals for their environmental accomplishments and contributions resulting in the preservation, improvement and/or keener public understanding of the intrinsic value of the natural environment in Columbia County.

Membership consists of representatives from the County's eighteen towns and the City of Hudson who are appointed to two year terms by the County Board of Supervisors.

Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District

1024 State Route 66

Ghent, NY 12075

(518) 828-4386 option 5

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<http://www.ccswcd.org/>

The Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center offers a variety of hands-on, inquiry based, environmental education programs, adapted to any grade level. We are also available to develop programs to meet the needs of scout groups and other community organizations for both children and adults.

We work cooperatively with the local agricultural operations to promote a common understanding of conservation and environmental stewardship, and we prepare the soil group worksheets that are required for property owners applying for an agricultural exemption.

Each spring we host our annual Bare Root Tree and Shrub sale, offering bare root plants to local residents. These plants are available at a low cost for conservation purposes, but, at the same time add to the beauty of your property.

With our Geographic Information System (GIS), we are able to overlay tax parcel boundaries, soils information, wetland determinations, streams and water bodies, watersheds and other types of information.

Columbia-Greene Community College

4400 Route 23

Hudson, NY 12534

(518) 828-4181

<http://www.sunycgcc.edu/index.cfm>

Columbia-Greene Community College offers a program of study in Environmental Studies. This program prepares students directly for employment/transfer opportunities to earn a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies or Environmental Science. Transfer options include both SUNY institutions and other four-year colleges, such as SUNY ESF (Environmental School of Forestry) and the Sage Colleges. Career opportunities include Natural Resource Specialist, Field Biologist, Environmental Ecologist, Conservation Scientist, Environmental Policy Specialist, Forest Ranger, etc. The program combines classroom, laboratory, and field study instruction.

Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC)

49 Main St

Chatham, NY 12037

(518) 392-5252

<http://clctrust.org/>

For the past thirty years, the Columbia Land Conservancy, a nonprofit organization that relies on charitable support, has worked with private landowners, businesses, government agencies, and partners to preserve the County's vibrant rural character. It has conserved more than 30,000 acres of farmland, forests, and wildlife habitat for agricultural production, scenic beauty, and recreation. CLC works with the community to cultivate connection to the land by providing outdoor and educational activities at our 10 Public Conservation Areas, to support agriculture by ensuring prime farmland continues to be available to the next generation of farmers, and works with individuals, towns, and villages to promote land protection and smart land use planning. CLC has volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals interested in helping to keep Columbia County rural.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

CSA allows residents to have direct access to high quality, fresh produce grown locally by regional farmers. When you become a member of a CSA, you're purchasing a "share" of vegetables from a regional farmer. Individuals buy into the farm at the start of the growing season and in exchange receive a share of the farm's harvest. Shares are distributed each week throughout the season. The following websites list CSAs in Columbia County: <http://columbiacountytourism.org/seeing-and-doing-columbia-county-ny/farmers-community-supported-agriculturehere>, and <http://www.hudsonvalleyattractions.com/htm/Columbia/Link0681.html>

Conservation Advisory Councils (CACs)

http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/cacfsheet.pdf

In municipalities throughout New York, CACs advise local governing boards, planning boards and zoning boards of appeals on matters relating to the environment. By providing a scientific perspective on land use planning and decision-making in their communities, CACs contribute to the conservation and improvement of the local environment and quality of life for residents. CACs are established by municipalities by local law or ordinance under provisions in the NYS General Municipal Law. To date, the following municipalities in Columbia County have established CACs: the Towns of Ancram, Copake, Hillsdale, New Lebanon, and Taghkanic, and the City of Hudson.

Corkscrew Rail Trail Association

(914) 575-2675

<http://corkscrewrailtrail.org/>

The Corkscrew Rail Trail Association partners with willing landowners and the community to support and enhance the Corkscrew Rail Trail, an unpaved trail generally following the old rail bed of the Rutland Railroad. The trail provides recreational opportunities for residents and visitors who enjoy the natural beauty of our area and promotes the health and strength of our community and our natural environment. An initial section from Knapp Road in Stephentown into New Lebanon was officially opened in June 2015 and we hope to expand in the near future.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties

479 Route 66

Hudson, NY 12534

(518) 828-3346

<http://www.ccecolumbiagreene.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension puts knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being through five major programs: Environment and Natural Resources, Sustainable Energy, and Climate Change; Agriculture and Food Systems; 4-H Youth Development/Children, Youth and Families; Community and Economic Vitality; and Nutrition, Parenting & Wellness. We bring local experience and research based solutions together, helping New York State families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world.

Flying Deer Nature Center

5 Abode Road

New Lebanon, NY 12125

(518) 794-6687

<http://www.flyingdeernaturecenter.org/>

Flying Deer Nature Center is a wilderness school and community dedicated to mentoring children, youth, adults, and families in deep connection to nature, self, and others. Programs include a Tracking Club, bird language events, and a year-round nature immersion program for adults, as well as

homeschooling and rites-of-passage programs, Forest Kindergarten, school and after-school programs, summer camp, and vacation camps. Flying Deer offers financial assistance to support as many people as possible to experience nature education.

Friends of Taconic State Park (FTSP)

PO Box 222

Copake Falls, NY 12517

(518) 966-2730

info@friendsoftsp.org

<http://www.friendsoftsp.org/>

Friends of Taconic State Park supports the activities of the Taconic State Park in Copake Falls, New York, with an emphasis on the preservation of the historic Copake Iron Works located within it. We seek to promote the 7,000-plus-acre park's recreational, historic, educational and cultural resources; advocate for the maintenance and improvement of its facilities and programs; and raise funds to enable those activities. The Friends seek to be a voice for the park by acting as a liaison with governmental bodies, institutions, schools, businesses, regional groups and other organizations of common concern.

In addition, FTSP offers a year-round schedule of environmental and natural history programming for all age groups, at little or no cost, emphasizing the abundant and important flora and fauna located within the Park. A three mile loop trail featuring 25 interpretative signs, begins at the Copake Iron Works, continues on to the Bash Bish Falls and returns to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Greater Stockport Creek Watershed Alliance

PO Box 422

Ghent, NY 12075

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<http://stockportwatershed.org/>

Stockport Creek Watershed is the second largest tributary watershed to the tidal Hudson River. Water, in all or part of twenty-six municipalities, including 17 municipalities in Columbia County, is captured by the Stockport Creek Watershed. 77% of the Town of Canaan is within the watershed. Our mission is to explore, understand and protect our watershed ecosystem through community involvement and stewardship. Stream Spotters are needed all over the watershed! We would like to have volunteers in each municipality in the Watershed. Free training is provided to anyone who would like to become a volunteer Stream Spotter, or participate in the DEC's "Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators" (WAVE) program.

Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program

327 County Route 21C

Ghent, NY 12075

(518) 672-4465 x 223

<http://hvfarmscape.org/>

The Farmscape Ecology Program was founded in 2003 as a small research and outreach program dedicated to encouraging an informed compassion for place. We do this by exploring the relationship between human culture and the rural, semi-agricultural landscape of Columbia County. Services include ecological mapping, customized ecology walks, species inventories and land biographies. Through our website you can sign up for information to be sent to your email about upcoming events.

Hudson River Watershed Alliance

PO Box 272

Delmar, NY 12054

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<http://hudsonwatershed.org/>

Our mission is to protect, restore and conserve water resources by supporting a collaborative network of information, innovation and effective stewardship in the Hudson River Watershed. Our goal is to build the capacity, effectiveness and sustainability of over 25 local and regional watershed groups in addition to other watershed stewards and municipalities throughout the Hudson Valley, including the Greater Stockport Creek Watershed Alliance in

Columbia County, to ensure greater watershed protection. As part of the outreach team for the 40 or more groups involved in Partners Restoring the Hudson, we are working on a Hudson River Comprehensive Restoration Plan that includes several riverfront communities in Columbia County, including the City of Hudson.

Hudson Sloop Club

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Hudson, NY 12534
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hudsonsloopclub@gmail.com
<http://hudsonsloopclub.org>

The Hudson Sloop Club is dedicated to bringing the Hudson River back into the daily lives of our community. We believe that if members of the community are given the opportunity to enjoy, learn about and engage with the river, they will be able to build a relationship with the river and might then begin to feel a responsibility to this environmental resource and become the natural stewards that the Hudson River deserves. We offer programs on boat building, sailing, rowing, river ecology and history and are developing a community education center at the Hudson Riverfront.

Hudsonia, Ltd.

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<http://hudsonia.org>

Hudsonia Ltd., founded in 1981, is a not-for-profit institute for research, education, and technical assistance in the environmental sciences. Hudsonia scientists make the most of available information and original data to help other professionals and the public make the best decisions regarding our environment and natural resources. We specialize in acquiring and interpreting accurate, up-to-date, site-specific information, and we provide the science that other organizations and individuals need for decision-making. We conduct pure and applied research on natural and social science aspects of the environment, produce technical reports, scientific papers and educational publications, and offer courses and seminars.

As one example of the way Hudsonia is working in Columbia County, under a grant from the Hudson River Estuary Program, we are working with the Town of New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council to develop a conservation plan for the town, identifying water resources, significant habitats, farmland soils, scenic vistas, and nature-based recreational resources and cultural landmarks, and offering recommendations for effective conservation.

New York Interfaith Power and Light (NYIPL)

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Oceanside, NY 11572
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gjacob@nyipl.org
<http://www.newyorkipl.org>

We believe that climate change is the moral issue of our time. Our mission is to help diverse faith communities in New York State actively respond to global warming as responsible stewards of creation. We help congregations reduce their carbon footprint, increase energy efficiency, use renewable energy, and educate their members on climate change. We also encourage people of faith to speak up at community, state and national levels about global warming, and to collaborate with other faith communities in these efforts.

In Columbia County, the Canaan Congregational Church, the Karuna Tendai Dharma Center and St. Peter's Presbyterian Church are members of NYIPL.

New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA)

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Claverack, NY 12513
(518) 828-3155
nyrwa@nyruralwater.org
<http://nyruralwater.org>

NYRWA is a not-for-profit organization organized in 1979 with the goal of promoting the development, improvement, and sound operation of rural drinking water and wastewater systems throughout New York State. Consistent with our desire to protect the integrity of rural water resources, NYRWA

recently expanded its scope to offer training, technical, and administrative assistance to rural communities and systems in need of capacity development. They work directly with municipalities, water and wastewater professionals, and elected officials serving populations under 10,000.

Under a grant from Hudson River Valley Greenway, NYRWA mapped groundwater resources in 10 towns in Columbia County – Ancram, Austerlitz, Chatham, Claverack, Copake, Germantown, Ghent, Hillsdale, Stuyvesant and Taghkanic.. The maps are used as a tool for land use planning, economic development and natural resource protection.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Region 4 Headquarters

1130 North Westcott Road
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014
(518) 357-2068
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 4 staff are responsible for the protection of our environment and the management of our natural resources across the nine county Capital District/Northern Catskill area. The Region includes the counties of Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Schoharie and covers almost 4 million acres.

DEC manages our natural resources and protects our environment through a variety of programs. Our Environmental Quality units regulate the disposal of waste products in our air, water and land, and oversee the cleanup of petroleum spills and hazardous waste sites. Our Natural Resource units manage the region's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, oversee our state forest lands, and regulate the region's mining activities.

DEC is one of a consortium of six state agencies promoting Climate Smart Communities, a network of New York communities engaged in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving climate resilience. To date, the following communities in Columbia County are Climate Smart Communities: the Towns of Chatham, Copake and Kinderhook, and the Villages of Chatham, Kinderhook and Valatie.

Under the Hudson River Estuary Program, DEC collaborates with many partners including nonprofit organizations, academic and scientific institutions, businesses, local governments, state and federal agencies, and interested citizens. This collaborative approach includes grant funding for planning, access, and education projects; research, education, and training; natural resource conservation and protection; restoration projects; and community planning assistance.

**New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Taconic Regional Headquarters**

9 Old Post Road
Staatsburg, NY 12580
(845) 889-4100
<http://nysparks.com/regions/taconic/default.aspx>

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is a state agency charged with the operation of 180 state parks and 35 historic sites. The Taconic Region oversees state parks and historic sites in Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties. In Columbia, the state parks are Taconic State Park in Copake Falls and Lake Taghkanic in Ancram. State historic sites are Clermont in Germantown, and the Olana in Hudson. Hudson River Islands State Park, accessible only by boat and located north of where the Stockport Creek flows into the Hudson, is managed by the Saratoga-Capital Region.

Open Space Institute, Inc.

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Albany, NY 12210
(518) 427-1564, ext 125
www.osiny.org

The Open Space Institute (OSI) protects scenic, natural and historic landscapes to provide public enjoyment, conserve habitats and working lands and sustain communities. Since 1984, OSI has protected more than 116,000 acres in New York State.

In Columbia County, OSI has protected more than 1,100 acres along the pastoral banks of the Kinderhook Creek, including the former estate of President Martin Van Buren and the highly productive Roxbury Farm. In 2016 OSI secured more than 500 acres adjacent to Hand Hollow State Forest. The preservation of this wooded property will expand recreational opportunities in Columbia County, while contributing to the protection of local water quality.

Queechy Lake Club

PO Box 92

Canaan, New York 12029

qlc@fairpoint.net

<http://www.queechylake.org/>

Queechy Lake Club's primary objective is to preserve and protect the beauty and purity of Queechy Lake. Members are represented at the Annual New York State Federation of Lakes (FOLA) to stay abreast of issues and solutions that are important to our Lake and quality of life. The Club oversees the important work of monitoring the quality of the water in the Lake, offers a boat safety course, provides shoreline cleanup and sponsors the annual Queechy Lake Boat Parade.

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA)

PO Box 790

Averill Park, NY 12018

(518) 712-9211

info@rensselaerplateau.org

<http://www.rensselaerplateau.org/>

RPA is a coalition of organizations and individuals that works with the community to promote and facilitate the conservation of the undeveloped and unfragmented forests and other ecologically important areas of the Rensselaer Plateau region. These possess many significant natural features and provide many benefits including natural habitats for plants and animals, forest products, recreation and most important, water and air quality.

River Haggie Outdoors

PO Box 422

Ghent, NY 12075

(518) 766-0010

riverhaggie@peoplepc.com

River Haggie Outdoors provides outreach and education to raise awareness about and promote stewardship of our natural resources. Programs are designed to connect adults and children to the natural world by raising awareness, understanding and appreciation. Learning experiences are interactive and hands-on. Feet get wet! Hands get muddy! Bodies and minds are active!

Riverkeeper, Inc.

20 Secor Road

Ossining, NY 10562

(800) 21-RIVER

<http://www.riverkeeper.org/>

Riverkeeper is a 50-year old member-supported watchdog organization dedicated to defending the Hudson River and its tributaries and protecting the drinking water supply of nine million New York City and Hudson Valley residents. We protect, restore, and defend the Hudson River through advocacy, water quality sampling, patrolling the Hudson with our boat, and with community engagement.

In Columbia County, the Annual Riverkeeper Sweep provides shoreline cleanup along the riverfronts in Hudson, Germantown and Stuyvesant. In another example, the Ro Jan Watershed Association is testing the waters of the Roeliff Jansen Kill as part of Riverkeeper's Water Quality Program. We encourage communities to use this data to restore and protect their local waterways.

Roe Jan Watershed Community

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The Roe Jan Watershed Community was formed in early 2016 to protect and enhance the Roeliff Jansen Kill. In collaboration with Riverkeeper as part of their Water Quality project, and with strong support from the Bard Water Lab and Trout Unlimited, we started a project to sample the 60 miles of the stream for *Enterococcus*. We're planning to address streambed and riverbank issues, to work on connectivity, and to work towards greater access. The Roe Jan is a beautiful, healthy, but underappreciated gem, so advocacy and education will be central parts of our mission.

Scenic Hudson

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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<http://www.scenichudson.org/>

Scenic Hudson is the largest environmental group focused on the Hudson River Valley. Its team of experts combines land acquisition, support for agriculture, citizen-based advocacy and sophisticated planning tools to create environmentally healthy communities, champion smart economic growth, open up riverfronts to the public and preserve the valley's inspiring beauty and natural resources.

In Columbia County, Scenic Hudson protects farmland as well as ecologically important areas in the towns of Claverack, Clermont, Copake, Germantown, Greenport, Livingston, Philmont, Stockport, Stuyvesant and Taghkanic. Scenic Hudson has conserved more than 1,600 acres of forests and farm fields surrounding Olana, hilltop home of renowned 19th-century landscape painter Frederic Church, preserving views he and other Hudson River School artists immortalized on canvas. The organization's network of free public parks up and down the Hudson River includes Harrier Hill Park in Stockport and RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary, just across the Hudson in Catskill, Greene County.

Shaker Swamp Conservancy

PO Box 833

New Lebanon, NY 12125

info@shakerswamp.org

<http://shakerswamp.org/>

The mission of the Shaker Swamp Conservancy is to preserve the Shaker Swamp as a unique and defining asset of the Lebanon Valley, to promote understanding of this natural resource and its human heritage and to create related opportunities for public access, education and recreation.

Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline (SNYFGP)

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Canaan, NY 12029

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<http://stopnypipeline.org/>

Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline (SNYFGP) was formed in the spring of 2014 to fight the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) gas pipeline proposed to go through Columbia County, NY on its way from the fracking fields of Pennsylvania to a town near Boston, MA. The route was later moved into Rensselaer County, NY.

SNYFGP spearheaded the NY resistance to the NED pipeline by organizing informational forums, writing letters to the editors, putting up lawn signs, creating media events, creating a website, Facebook and GoFundMe Page, writing and signing petitions, and getting a well water protection bill passed in Rensselaer County. They developed a mailing list of 1500 people and had a core group of about 100 who were very actively involved. In January of 2016, SNYFGP joined United Against Fossil Fuels, a NY statewide network of groups fighting fossil fuel infrastructure. In the spring of 2016 Kinder Morgan, the company proposing the pipeline, withdrew its application for a permit to build the pipeline.

SNYFGP is now lending its expertise and support to others fighting fossil fuel infrastructure and promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation measures. Becky Meier and Bob Connors are the co-founders.

The Nature Conservancy

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The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Locally, the Conservancy and partner organizations are working to identify needs and opportunities for habitat restoration, community infrastructure and river access in the Hudson River Estuary and the communities along its shoreline.

Wyomanock Center for Sustainable Living

68 Wyomanock Road
Stephentown, NY 12168
<http://wyocenter.org/>

Wyomanock Center was conceived to promote the ethos of sustainable living and environmental education. It is a venue where people can learn about topics within the realm of sustainability, natural history, creative arts and personal health. Through our website you can sign up for information to be sent to your email about upcoming events.