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Board Chair Fred Rich (left) and President Ned Sullivan (right) discuss the success of the Great River Sweep with Pete Seeger at a celebration for Sweep volunteers. See Ned's letter, page 3, for more details.

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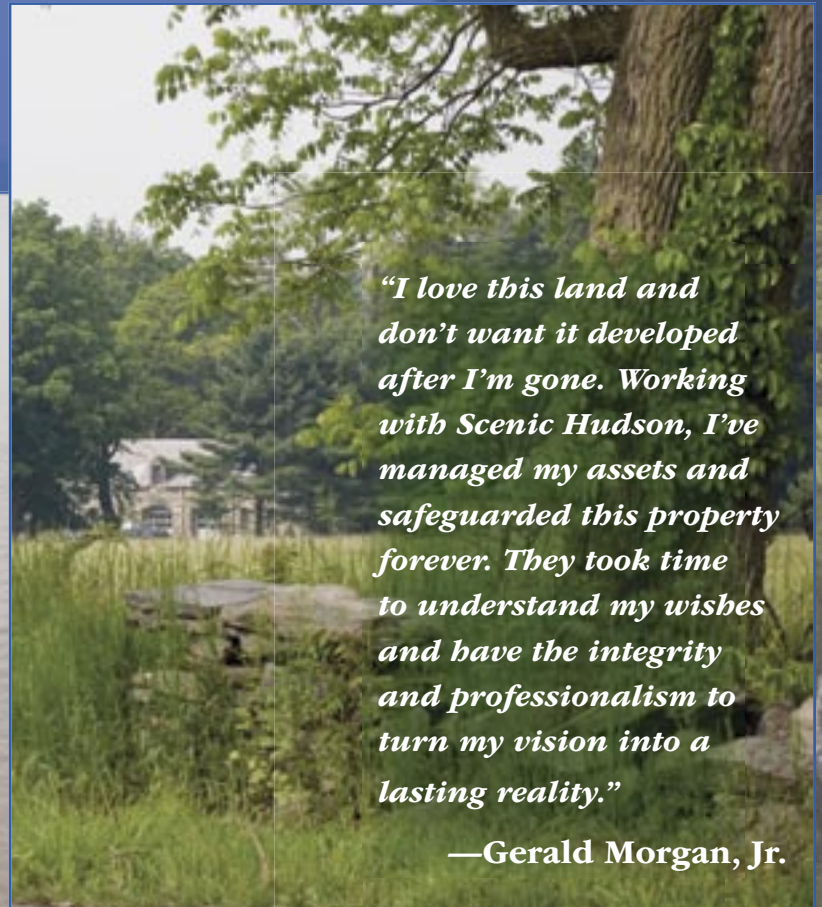


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## Making a Lasting Investment in Our Valley

Gerald Morgan loves the Hudson River Valley. He's made an enduring gift to Scenic Hudson through his plan to leave us a house on 86 acres in Hyde Park, along with a source of maintenance funds so we can make the most of his legacy donation. Mr. Morgan's gift will allow Scenic Hudson to acquire an important piece of undeveloped land adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

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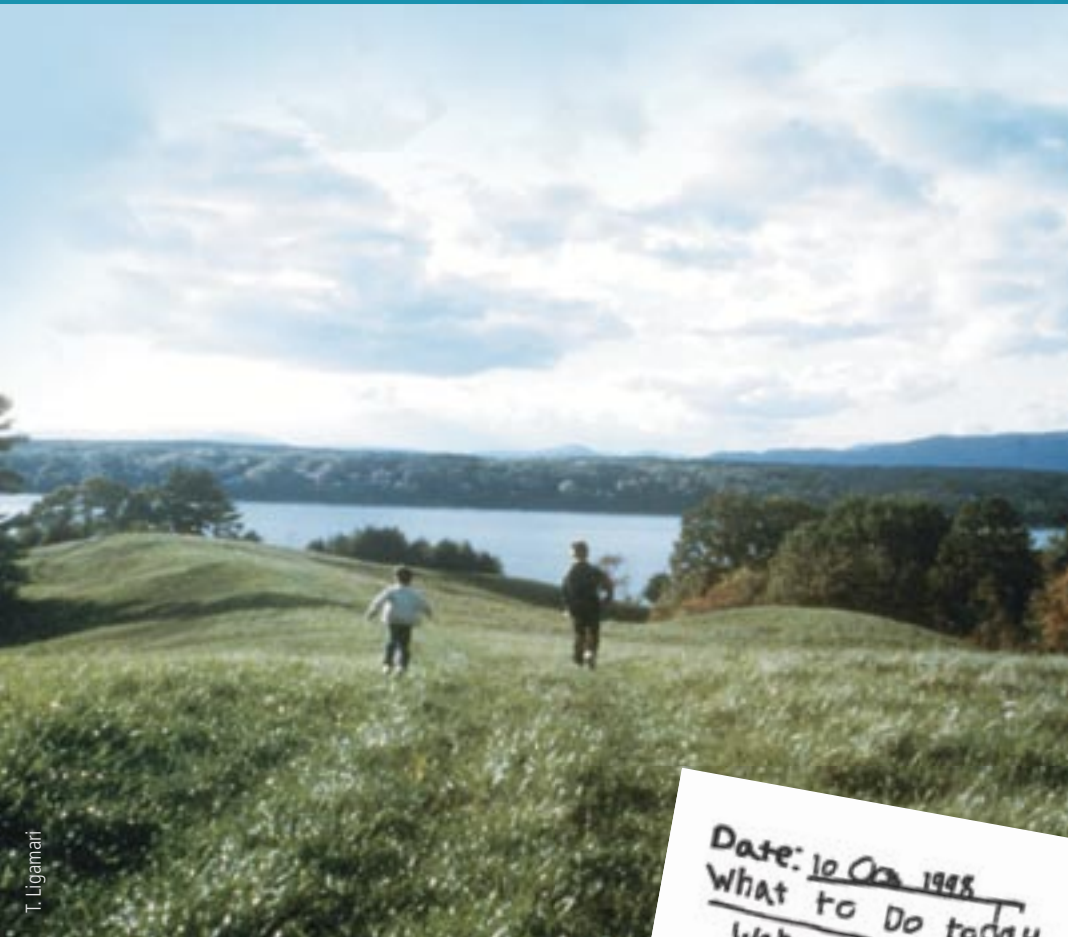


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*"I love this land and don't want it developed after I'm gone. Working with Scenic Hudson, I've managed my assets and safeguarded this property forever. They took time to understand my wishes and have the integrity and professionalism to turn my vision into a lasting reality."*

—Gerald Morgan, Jr.

# Your Valley



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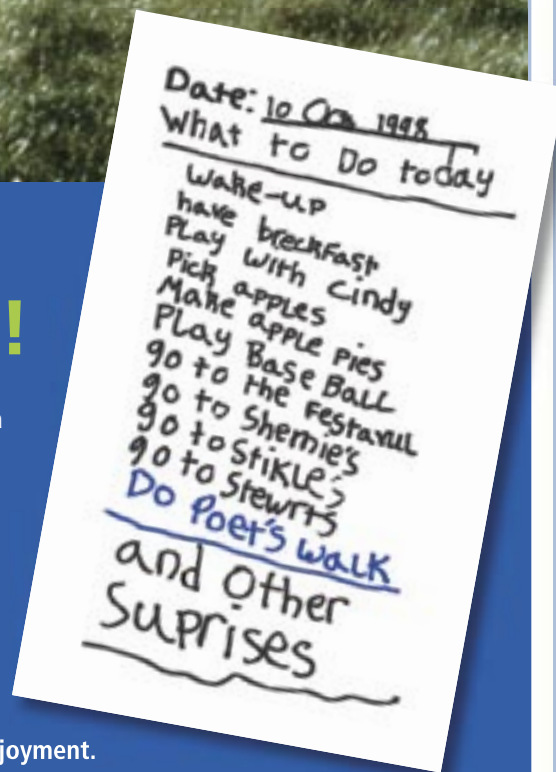
## Put a Park on Your To Do List!

Joan K. Davidson, of Clermont, Columbia County, shared this to do list, which her granddaughter Eliza Rose Davidson wrote seven years ago when she was eight years old. Joan and Eliza, now a sophomore at St. Ann's School in Brooklyn, still enjoy exploring Scenic Hudson's Poets' Walk Park.

Scenic Hudson has protected 22,000 acres and created 30 parks for public enjoyment.

Visit [www.scenichudson.org/parks](http://www.scenichudson.org/parks) to help plan an adventure.

While you're online, click on the big red button to become a FREE member of Scenic Hudson, and we'll e-mail you notices of events happening in our parks. Get outside, and we promise you'll feel better inside.



## Riverfront Bulletin

Throughout the valley, Scenic Hudson is helping residents create a positive vision for their waterfronts as an alternative to projects that heavily benefit developers.

### Kingston

City planners are reviewing two projects that could bring 2,500 homes to this small city's waterfront. We and our allies have created an alternative proposal to spur economic progress without fouled water, clogged roads or spiraling taxes. More public hearings are coming.

### Newburgh

After review of 19 candidates, Newburgh has selected neighborhood-oriented developer Leyland Alliance to spearhead a redevelopment of the city's abandoned industrial waterfront. Scenic Hudson applauds Newburgh's approach, which will allow public input to shape plans from the beginning of the process.

### Sleepy Hollow

At stake is the lower Hudson's largest undeveloped parcel — site of the 97-acre former GM plant. With residents we're pushing a less congested project. We're promoting a riverside buffer with natural areas for the public and wildlife, as well as a more beautiful and healthier Pocantico River. More public hearings are coming.

### Tarrytown

A waterfront asphalt plant that kept people from the river for a century will become a public park through an arrangement by Scenic Hudson, working with the village, county and a developer. By involving residents in planning the park, we ensure that it will benefit the whole community.

Registering as a Scenic Hudson member ([www.scenichudson.org](http://www.scenichudson.org)) is free and keeps you informed and ready to act.

# JOIN US FOR A DAY IN THE PARK

*This summer, our expert staff is leading guided tours through some of our most popular parks*

We want to get you to the river this summer. Or to a mountaintop. Or to an unspoiled natural area rich in wildlife. When you visit a Scenic Hudson park, you'll feel the instinctive connection to the land and water that has inspired generations of Hudson Valley residents.

Whether you seek peaceful contemplation, heart-pumping exercise, lofty views, or a connection to high points in our nation's history, we've got a park for you. Join us for a guided tour through some of our most beautiful and popular parks. RSVP online at [www.scenichudson.org/events](http://www.scenichudson.org/events) or by phone at **845 473 4440, ext. 210**.



## HERITAGE

*Heart of America's Industrial Revolution, Putnam County*

**West Point Foundry Preserve, 87 acres along the Hudson, Cold Spring**

**June 17, June 18, July 15, July 16  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

West Point Foundry was a technological, economy-building powerhouse. From 1818 to 1884, the ironworks made steam engines,

mill equipment, Parrott guns that helped win the Civil War, and massive pipes for NYC's water system. See foundry remains, wildlife, a waterfall in Foundry Brook and an ecologically important marsh that years earlier was polluted with toxins, and now is restored. In addition, we will be leading informal tours every Friday this summer between 3 and 5 p.m.

## SUSTAINABILITY

*Hotel and Public Park of the Future, Dutchess County*

**Long Dock Beacon, 25 acres along Hudson, Beacon**

**June 14, June 21 — 4-6 p.m.**

Beacon is a riverfront community in renaissance. Its waterfront shows the power of making a clean, healthy environment a key part of economic development. Learn how Scenic Hudson is a catalyst for this success, which includes attracting the art museum Dia:Beacon and the state's Rivers & Estuaries Center. Explore our 25-acre "park in progress," a once pollution-blighted area we and developer Foss Group Beacon are transforming into a world-class park and "green" hotel. Great birding opportunities and unrivaled river views.



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## SPECTACULAR SUMMIT

*Historic Mountaintop, Dutchess County*

**Mount Beacon/Fishkill Ridge, 1,887 acres, Beacon**

**June 26, July 17, July 31 — 4-7 p.m.**

Mount Beacon's 1,500-foot summit was the site of the signal fires that General Washington used to warn of British troop movements. Silent movies were filmed there during the 1920s. For most of the 19th century, it was the valley's most popular day trip thanks to one of the world's steepest incline railways and a hotel with restaurant and dance hall. Those up for the challenging one-mile ascent will learn more of this dynamic history and about endangered species that make the mountain their home. All that and astounding panoramic views.



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## WATERFALL

*Creek and Marsh are Biological Powerhouses, Dutchess County*  
**Madam Brett Park, 13 acres along the Fishkill Creek, Beacon**

**June 19, July 10, July 24,  
Aug. 7 — 4-6 p.m.**

It takes little effort to reach the key attraction at this park, which borders a former hat factory. The rushing Tioronda Falls are a short stroll from the parking lot. Other high points of this tour include a hike along the Fishkill Creek to a tidal marsh inland from the Hudson. Learn about a marsh's natural wonders and how this one helps clean the creek's waters before they reach the Hudson. Birding opportunities are strong, especially at the marsh. History buffs will enjoy hearing about Catharyna Rombout Brett, Beacon's founder.



N. Maddocks



S. McKee

## NATURALIST'S PARADISE

*Bird and Fish Haven with 3-Story Observation Deck, Greene County RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary, 480 acres along the Hudson, Catskill*

**June 26, July 10, Aug. 7 — 6 p.m.**

Think that visiting a swamp isn't fun? Wait till you've toured this property, the river's largest tidal swamp forest. You'll see feeding areas for a variety of wading birds and waterfowl as well as breeding grounds for American shad and bass. Three miles of trails are waiting for you, as is a 28-foot deck designed for wildlife observation.

## RIVER VIEWS

*Powerfully Rising Bluffs, Ulster County Franny Reese Preserve, 250 acres along the Hudson, Lloyd*

**June 24 — 10 a.m.  
July 12, Aug. 9 — 6 p.m.**



Those crossing the Mid-Hudson Bridge have long appreciated the rising bluffs and impressive ridgeline immediately to the south along the river's western shore. Enjoy this rugged landscape, which features carriage trails and boasts commanding views. Also learn how the Hudson Valley would be far different today if not for nearly four decades of Franny Reese's vision and dedication. One of Scenic Hudson's founders, she was passionate about conserving our natural and historic treasures long before it was fashionable. An open field offers prime birding possibilities.

# Redefining the River's Possibilities

The 2006 Great River Sweep set a new standard for citizen activism in the valley. Our prior record of 115 cleanups was blown away, despite harrowing weather on the first weekend. A total of 223 Sweeps took place from Manhattan to the Adirondack foothills, rallying some 7,000 volunteers – including thousands of kids – in removing 100 tons of riverside trash. We salute our coordinators, volunteers and generous corporate sponsors (see [www.greatriversweep.org](http://www.greatriversweep.org)) for making it happen! If you participated in the cleanup but did not take advantage of a FREE Scenic Hudson membership, visit [www.scenichudson.org](http://www.scenichudson.org)

## WHO'S IN CONTROL OF YOUR WATERFRONT?

This example of residents taking control of their waterfront is precisely what we believe must happen all along the river to safeguard the beauty, character and future prosperity of our National Heritage Area. But right now developers are often calling the shots. Some 1,200 houses are proposed for Sleepy Hollow and 2,500 for the Kingston waterfront. In Yonkers a 30-story waterfront tower is proposed, just the first of many on the boards in this city. The vision of a public and natural waterfront for all valley citizens is about to be lost in a sea of sprawling riverfront development that could turn the "landscape that defined America" into "Anywhere USA."

Some communities are making progress. Hudson, Red Hook, Pine Plains and other towns are working to adopt master plans and zoning that will protect farmland and waterfront areas. In Tarrytown we've spearheaded an effort with the mayor, planning board, county, a developer and residents to design a waterfront park that will replace a relocated asphalt plant.

## OUR SECRET WEAPON IS YOU – SO HIT THE RED BUTTON

Eager to swing into action? First, make sure you're an official Scenic Hudson member, and then get your family and friends to join. Free membership keeps you on the pulse of river issues through "you-heard-it-first" updates. Come to fun events, share your views with public officials without leaving your computer, or be a volunteer. It's all waiting for you at [www.scenichudson.org](http://www.scenichudson.org) — Look for the red button.



Sincerely,

NED SULLIVAN  
PRESIDENT

*"Along with the inherent beauty of the Hudson Valley, comes the responsibility to respect it and protect it. We have Scenic Hudson to thank for holding back the tide of carelessness and abuse of our natural resources."*

—Taconic Press, April 22

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