Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership

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Dear ……….,

The Historic Hudson-Hoosick Rivers Partnership invites your organization to pass a resolution to become a member. The Partnership fosters collaborative projects of non-profit and governmental entities by focusing on both agriculture and open space protection, economic and tourism development, and protection and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage.

Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Washington County municipalities bordering the Hudson and Hoosic Rivers and non-profit organizations can be members. Six members, appointed by NYS, are also part of the general membership.

Your organization may have joined the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership created by an act of NYS legislation in 2006. Legislation passed in 2012 expanded the Partnership to include the region bordering the Hoosic River. The Partnership general membership updated its by-laws in 2017 to accommodate changes in this non-profit, corporate and public body. A Board of Directors was established to manage Partnership affairs.

The Board, consisting of no more than 11 or less than 9 members with “staggered” three- year terms, is elected by all members at an Annual Meeting held in November or December. Up to 2 Directors may be members representing non-profit organizations. All members are invited to attend and give input at the monthly Board meetings, but Partnership business is conducted by elected Directors that represent the general membership.

During the past decade the Partnership has assisted with numerous projects and facilitated funding amounting to more than 6 million dollars.

* Restoration of the Dix bridge to connect Saratoga and Washington Counties for hiking, biking and snowmobiling.
* A Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center promoting all 3 counties (in progress).
* Saratoga Surrender Site (in progress).
* Ft. Edward Pedestrian Corridor.
* Susan B. Anthony House repairs, Town of Greenwich.
* Historic Champlain Canal Trail Interpretive Signage Project – Halfmoon.
* Route 67 Concrete Wall Improvement Project - Mechanicville.
* Old Saratoga on the Hudson Fish Creek Trail Creel Segment and Fish Creek Revolutionary War Interpretive Site
* Houser Farm Project – Easton.
* Village of Greenwich Comprehensive Plan Request.
* Col. Baum’s Interpretive Trail Project – Washington and Rensselaer Counties.
* Tour de Farm Self-Guided Bicycle Trail Project – Washington County.
* Broad Street Improvements – Waterford.

Members will be asked to renew memberships every 2 years. We encourage you to give careful attention to this invitation and decide to join the Partnership which can support your projects. This collaboration can have more of an impact in seeking assistance, in both financial and policy matters, than the “voice” of one municipality or non-profit. Enclosed is a draft format of a resolution that may be used by your Board.

Yours truly,

Tom Richardson, Chairman