



Monday, June 30, 2025

Gateway Visitors Center

Schuylerville, New York

MISSION STATEMENT

The Partnership's mission is to preserve, enhance and develop historic, agricultural, scenic, natural and recreational resources and the significant waterways within the Partnership Region. Through the tradition of municipal home rule, the Partnership will foster collaborative projects with pertinent non-profit and governmental entities with an emphasis on both agricultural and open space protection, economic and tourism development and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA – 9:30 am

Call Meeting to Order – Tom Richardson

Secretary's Report – Joe Durkin – May 19, 2025 meeting minutes (sent separately)

Financial Report – Ed Kinowski, Drew Alberti

- Current account balance, income/deposits, expenses;
- 2024 ESD grant Agreement implementation.
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- Managing cash flow/payments.

Chairman's Report – Tom Richardson

- GVC as 250 Celebration headquarters/office – Saratoga County Updates (Tom R and Ian Murray)

Operations of GVC – Kate Morse, Drew Alberti, Ian Murray

- Management - Staffing, days open, events
- Maintenance – building and grounds
- Public Use

Regional Projects

- Regional Projects- updates, ideas, suggestions

-Access to Hoosic River – Collaborating with Hoosic River Watershed Association (HooRWA) - Community Meeting and Community Outreach- Joe Durkin, Drew Alberti. On June 25 the meeting among municipalities and elected representatives to discuss the idea of improving/increasing access to the Hoosic River. The invite letter from both HHHRP and HooRWA was sent to 9 municipalities, 5 members of the Rensselaer County Legislature, State Senator Jake Ashby and Assembly member Scott Bendett. The Mayor of Schaghticoke, Supervisor of Pittstown, a member of the Pittstown Board, and a Senator Ashby staff person attended. HooRWA had 2 persons attending. We also invited the organization Trout Unlimited as another advocacy group; which had 3 attendees. Attending on behalf of the Partnership were Joe D, Drew A, Ian M and Ed K. The meeting was engaging and productive in that all participants agreed that recreation access to the Hoosic River

could and should be examined. There was consensus that the meeting was a good first step and that we should follow up with municipalities and continue outreach.

- Schedule a Membership Meeting. – In addition to the Annual Membership Meeting, we had some membership meetings again last year. Can we schedule a membership meeting before the 2025 Annual Meeting?

- Stewardship Plan – Discussion about the Stewardship Plan in the Partnership statute.

Finance Summary

Current Account Balances:

General Operating – Since last Meeting Financial Report - Starting Balance \$40,198, minus Expenses \$26,521; Ending Balance \$13,677.

2024 ESD Grant Reimbursement:

- Reimbursement of expenses under the 2024 ESD Grant has been completed. We did this through 3 separate requests which covered expenses from April 1, 2023 through June 2024. First Reimbursement - \$67,790 Second Reimbursement \$51,982. Third Reimbursement -\$30,227.

2025 ESD Grant Reimbursement,

- First Request submitted May 27, \$49,537 expenses paid since 2024 ESD Third Reimbursement (see Cash Flow below). No updates on ESD review/approval status (Note reimbursement time can be from 90 to 120 days)

Cash Flow. At the May meeting we decided to make payments to HCP and Flatley Read to bring them more current in reimbursement for staffing costs. Our 2025 ESD First Reimbursement Request includes payments to HCP of \$29,000 and Flatley Read of \$11,000. Regular recurring expenses will include \$150 weekly mowing, \$400 monthly GVC cleaning. Additional upcoming expenses will include an exterminator, garbage pickup and possible canal clearing.

General Operating Account 2025 Summary to date

Balance from 2024	\$ 6,413
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Income

Municipal contributions	\$ 0
<u>ESD Reimburse (2nd)</u>	<u>\$82,210</u>
Total Income	\$88,623

Expenses (-)

Administration*	\$26,150
GVC Management/Programs**	\$44,565
National Grid	\$ 1,383
Water Management Board	\$ 319
Maintenance/Construction	\$ 1,450
Spectrum	\$ 1,050
<u>Bank fees</u>	<u>\$ 30</u>
Total Expenses	\$74,947
Current Balance	\$13,677

*Flatley Read, ** Hudson Crossing Park.

GVC Report June 2025

submitted by Kate Morse

CURRENT GVC HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday, 10am – 1pm

Thursday - Sunday, 11am – 3pm

Events/Programming:

1. We have officially begun summer hours (See above.) As such, the GVC facebook page and page on the HCP website have been updated.
2. Visitorship is picking up...and not just to use the bathroom! We continue to see local folks stopping in who have “never gotten around to visit” and are impressed with all the GVC has to offer.
3. CAG held an informal lunch at the GVC prior to the open meeting on Wednesday, June 25.
4. The Feeder Canal Board of Directors held a board meeting at the GVC on Friday, June 27.

Coming up:

1. A number of events/programs honoring Lafayette’s visit to Schuylerville will be held on Sunday, June 29 including a historical walk starting at the GVC and leading to the Schuyler House. It will be led by either Sean Kelleher or another historian.
2. Working with 250th/Sean Kelleher regarding activities for “Historical Week” (the first week in August). A number of programs and events will start/end at the GVC. (See below.)

Admin/Other work:

1. Met with NYPA and NYS Canal Corp representatives to discuss displaying their WMHT shorts and/or video promos on the GVC display and/or touch screen. We are looking into adding 5-7 minute videos to the touch screen options and then potentially shorter versions or specific videos based on subject/timing for the digital display (TV).
2. Worked with Lauren Roberts and Jacob Keyes to schedule the Erie Canalway 200th Anniversary traveling exhibit to be in the GVC to coincide with the Albany Symphony performance at HCP on July 6. The exhibit will be up 6/30 - 7/14. (It won’t take up much room – essentially a case with canal related items that is about 4' long, 4' tall, and 2' wide, and a roll down banner that is about 7'x3'.)
3. A new agreement between HHRP and HCP needs to be reviewed and signed for 2025. Am I supposed to update this or...?

Historical Week

TURNING POINT PARADE – “Celebrating 30 Years!”

Sunday, August 3 (1:00–2:30 p.m.)

Enjoy a parade with small-town charm featuring over 100 units, including marching bands,

fire and rescue teams, law enforcement, reenactors, and military units past and present. Held along Broad Street.

More info: www.turningpointparade.com

Twilight on the Trails

Monday, August 4 (8:00 p.m.)

Explore Hudson Crossing Park in a new light—by the glow of the full moon. As the sun sets, participants will tune into crepuscular creatures like foxes, deer, rabbits, bats, and fireflies. Join park staff for this inclusive, family-friendly evening adventure that engages all the senses.

More info: www.HudsonCrossingPark.org

Writing the Revolution

Tuesday, August 5 (2:00 p.m.)

Join Anne Clothier, Assistant to the County Historian, to explore how words shaped the Revolution. View replicas of 18th-century broadsides, newspapers, and letters, then try your hand at writing with a quill pen, printing with a wooden block, and setting type. Old-fashioned toys and games will also be available. Best suited for ages 6–12, but all are welcome. Schuylerville Public Library, 52 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871

Women of the Saratoga Campaign

Tuesday, August 5 (6:30 p.m.)

We know the names—Burgoyne, Arnold, Schuyler—but what about the women? Some traveled with armies; others faced the war on their doorsteps. Anne Clothier shares powerful and lesser-known stories of women on both sides of the Saratoga Campaign, revealing how their lives were forever changed by America's turning point.

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Native New York

Wednesday, August 6 (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Drop in to explore Native American life and culture in the Saratoga region. Charlene DuBuque, Director of Education at the Saratoga County History Center, will guide visitors through hands-on sessions about food, shelter, and community traditions of northeastern woodland nations.

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Stories Beneath Our Feet: A Walk Through Hudson Crossing Park

Wednesday, August 6 (4:00–5:30 p.m.)

Join local historian Mike Biekiewicz for an easy, two-mile walk along the Champlain Canalway Trail in Hudson Crossing Park. Explore the deep roots of this historic corridor—

from the First Nations who called it home, to British General Burgoyne's "Bridge of Boats" during the Battles of Saratoga, to the Champlain Canal's pivotal role in local industry and the Underground Railroad. Along the way, Biekiewicz shares powerful stories of place, resistance, and resilience.

Meet at the Dix Bridge area, Hudson Crossing Park

Schuyler's Saratoga

Thursday, August 7 (4:00–5:15 p.m.)

Join Town Historian Sean Kelleher, Vice Chairman of Saratoga 250, for a walking tour of Schuylerville. Explore the landscape of General Philip Schuyler's estate and learn about his role in shaping Saratoga before, during, and after the Revolution.

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An Evening with General Schuyler

Thursday, August 7 (6:30 p.m.)

Step back into the Revolutionary era with a first-person appearance by local historian Jon Jasewicz portraying General Philip Schuyler. Through vivid storytelling and historical interpretation, Jasewicz brings to life Schuyler's role in shaping the early course of the war—from the Invasion of Canada to the Saratoga Campaign. Discover how Schuyler navigated military command, diplomacy with Native nations, and political tensions at America's turning point.

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Saratoga County Water Works

Friday, August 8 (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Younger visitors will explore the importance of water through maps, artifacts, stories, and science experiments. Led by Charlene DuBuque, participants will test water pH levels, lift a block of ice with tongs, trace the history of log drives on the Hudson, and compare waterwheel and turbine technology. Discover how water shaped—and still sustains—Saratoga County's agriculture, industry, and daily life.

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Trails of Revolution: Knox, Schuyler, and the Winter That Forged America

Friday, August 9 (6:30 p.m.)

When the rivers froze, the Revolution rolled forward. Join Saratoga Historian Sean Kelleher for a gripping look at the 1775–76 winter journey that changed the course of the war. Learn how Henry Knox hauled artillery from Fort Ticonderoga and how Philip Schuyler's leadership helped resolve the siege of Boston. Through historic maps and vivid storytelling, Kelleher brings to life the icy trails, bold decisions, and sheer resolve that helped forge a nation.

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