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RE: The Final Transfer of the Hudson Highlands Gateway Park (Hillpoint) 352 Acres to the Town of Cortlandt

Great News – The Town of Cortlandt on March 10, 2016 officially closed on the 352 park area called "Hudson Highlands Gateway Park". It was originally called "Hillpoint" by the previous owner Mr. Martin Ginsburg in the 1990's.

In 2000, Scenic Hudson and the Town jointly purchased this beautiful property, with the Town being the steward of the land and responsible for developing a trail to the summit, which offers a lovely view of the area and the Hudson River.

The Town and Scenic Hudson agreed that the property would be conveyed/transferred to the Town of Cortlandt for preserved open space **forever,** after 15 years. That conveyance took place March 10, 2016.

The purchase of this property ensured that the proposed large application of homes (352) by the developer would not take place. After an appraisal was done, the total cost was 6 million dollars to ensure **no** development would ever take place in the future.

We were able to put together an excellent partnership with New York State ($1 million), Westchester County ($1 million), Scenic Hudson ($2.5 million), Town of Cortlandt ($1million), residents in the area ($600,000.) and Mr. Ginsburg ($100,000.) to cover the appraised purchase of these 352 acres. The deed is now recorded in the Town Clerk's office.

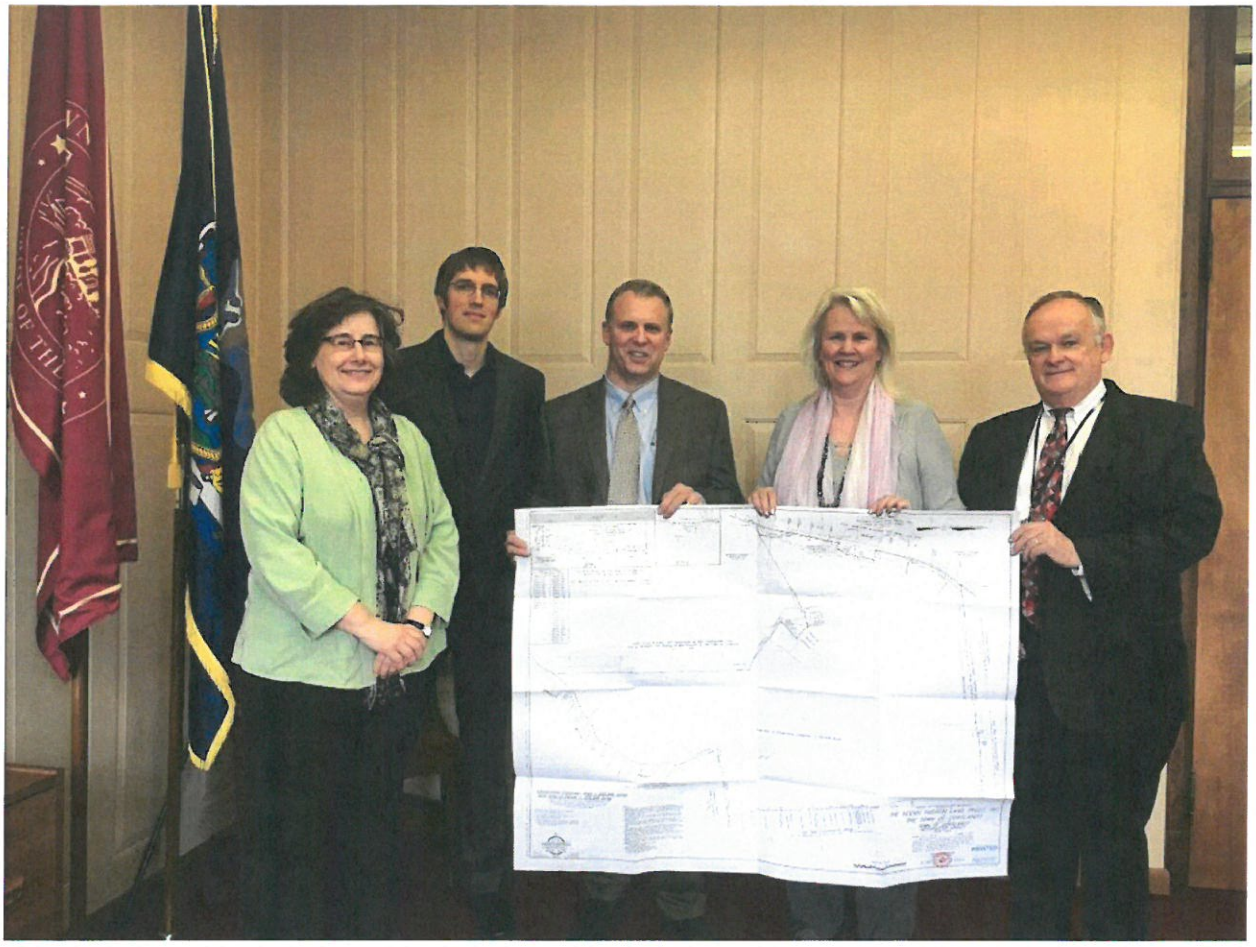
"I had the honor of signing the documents today at the closing with Scenic Hudson representatives. This pristine property is now a part of our open space in Cortlandt for future generations to enjoy and I thank Scenic Hudson and all of our other partners in making our dream become a reality"

~Supervisor Linda Puglisi

"Hudson Highlands Gateway Park is a tremendous natural asset of the Town of Cortlandt and the Hudson Highlands. We were gratified to work collaboratively in 2000 with the town, Westchester County, New York State and multiple private donors to conserve this important property, which had been slated for over 300 homes on its forested slopes. We are just as gratified to turn over full ownership to the town, which has been a fine steward of the property over the past 15 years. Scenic Hudson will hold a permanent conservation restriction on the property that will ensure it remains protected open space forever."

~ Steve Rosenberg, Executive Director of Scenic Hudson Land Trust.

Note: This Park is off of Sprout Brook Road and Revolutionary Road

The Story of Hudson Highlands Gateway Park

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