



OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE

For young leaders looking for a nonprofit with which to partner, here is a list of some nonprofit organizations in the Hudson River Valley.

Audubon New York

<http://ny.audubon.org/>

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.

Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries

<https://www.bire.org/>

Leverages science and technology to understand and protect rivers, estuaries and other important freshwater resources.

Black Rock Forest

<https://www.blackrockforest.org/>

Black Rock Forest's mission is to advance scientific understanding of the natural world through research, education, and conservation programs. We maintain a 3,920-acre forest and a scientific field station in the Hudson Highlands, 60 miles north of New York City. We collaborate with our Consortium members – universities, schools, scientific and cultural institutions – to pursue and foster scientific inquiry, and to create educational programs for K-16 students, teachers, and the general public.

Cary Institute

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

Founded in 1983, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies is one of the world's leading independent environmental research organizations. Areas of expertise include freshwater, the ecology of infectious diseases, environmental chemistry, invasive species, and climate change.

Clearwater

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

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit, member-supported corporation whose mission is to preserve and protect the Hudson River, its tributaries and related bodies of water. As an organization, Clearwater works to

provide innovative environmental programs, advocacy, and celebrations designed to inspire, educate and activate the next generation of environmental leaders.

Columbia Land Conservancy

<http://clctrust.org/>

The Columbia Land Conservancy works with the community to conserve the farmland, forests, wildlife habitat, and rural character of Columbia County, strengthening connections between people and the land.

Glynwood

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

Glynwood's mission is to ensure that farming thrives in the Hudson Valley. We farm, train farmers, empower farm communities, promote regional food and foster collaboration. We work to advance regenerative agriculture that benefits the natural environment, energizes local economies, enhances human health and strengthens rural communities. Our vision is a Hudson Valley defined by food: where farmers prosper, food entrepreneurs succeed, residents are nourished and visitors are inspired.

Historic Hudson Valley

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

The mission of Historic Hudson Valley is to celebrate the history, architecture, landscape, and material culture of the Hudson Valley, advancing its importance and thereby assuring its preservation.

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

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

The mission of the Museum is to create responsible caretakers of our environment. Through quality educational programs for the public that focus on the unique ecology of the Hudson Highlands, the Museum promotes knowledge and appreciation of our natural world and the dynamic role of human interaction in its well-being.

Hudson Valley Initiative

<https://www.arch.columbia.edu/research/initiatives/7-hudson-valley-initiative>

The Hudson Valley Initiative (HVI) facilitates applied research into the complex spatial, ecological, and economic opportunities of this vast region. Extending several hundred miles north from Manhattan Island, touching five states, the region includes nine counties, 13 cities and over 200 villages and towns, and its watershed covers over 13,000 square miles.

Kingston Land Trust

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

The Kingston Land Trust is a 501c3 non-profit organization committed to the protection and preservation of open space, historic sites, wetlands, scenic areas, and forests in the City of Kingston and the surrounding region to include the Town of Ulster and the Town of Kingston.

McEnroe Organic Farm

<https://www.mcenroeorganicfarm.com/>

McEnroe Organic Farm and Composting demonstrates the power of climate-resilient farming by reducing food waste, providing organic produce and beef, and educating the community. In 2007, the non-profit Model Organic Farm Foundation was established to manage McEnroe's operations and to enhance its educational offerings. Our farm has been NOFA-certified organic for over 25 years, with all waste from crop cultivation and livestock being recycled through our state-of-the-art composting facility. The composting operation produces seven different soil blends that are used throughout the farm to promote healthy soil and plant growth, with any organic waste from the farm returning to the composting facility, ensuring nothing is wasted.

Mohonk Preserve

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

In partnership with our members, supporters, and volunteers, we protect and manage over 8,000 acres of mountain ridges, forests, fields, streams, ponds, and other unique and beautiful places.

NY-NJ Trail Conference

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

Since 1920, the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference has partnered with parks to create, protect, and promote a network of over 2,000 miles of public trails in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan region.

Olana

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

The Olana Partnership supports the conservation, preservation, development and improvement of the Olana State Historic Site, which is open to the public throughout the year. Its goal is to inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Olana, and to create the most widely recognized artist's home and studio in the world, vibrant with the activity of students, visitors and scholars.

Orange County Citizens Foundation

<http://www.occf-ny.org/webpages/home/>

The Orange County Citizens Foundation is your voice in creating the environment that improves the lives of Orange County residents. Through studies, policy-making, forums, educational seminars, exhibits and other events, we encourage innovative land use and transportation planning, recreational opportunities, water conservation, and preservation of our environmental and cultural heritage.

Orange County Land Trust

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

The mission of the Orange County Land Trust is to preserve the fields, forests, wetlands, ridgelines and river corridors in and around Orange County for the benefit of people. We strive to protect the natural and agricultural heritage of the county, working with farmers and other landowners who wish to keep their land untouched by future development.

Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley

<https://www.climateactionhv.org/>

We are the Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley. We effectively and efficiently identify and remove barriers to local ecological action using social, financial, natural, human, and/or political capital

Preservation League of New York State

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

The Preservation League of New York State is dedicated to the protection of New York's diverse and rich heritage of historic buildings, districts, and landscapes. It actively encourages historic preservation by public and private organizations, agencies, and individuals in local communities throughout New York State and provides the united voice for historic preservation.

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance

<http://rensselaerplateau.org/>

The Rensselaer Plateau Alliance works with the community to promote and facilitate the conservation of the Rensselaer Plateau's undeveloped and unfragmented forests and other ecologically important areas. 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.

Rondout Valley Growers Association

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

The *Rondout Valley Growers Association* is a non-profit community organization comprised of local farmers, residents, and businesses that are committed to

strengthening the region's family farms and preserving agricultural open space for future generations.

Saratoga PLAN

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

Saratoga PLAN is a nonprofit land trust that works to preserve the rural character, natural habitats and scenic beauty of Saratoga County so that these irreplaceable assets are accessible to all and survive for future generations. We help landowners conserve their farmland, woodlands and natural habitats. We connect people to nature through an extensive trail network and 12 public nature preserves, for hiking, biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and kayaking.

Shaker Heritage Society

<http://shakerheritage.org/>

Shaker Heritage Society is an education and historic preservation organization incorporated by the New York State Department of Education. The mission of the Shaker Heritage Society is to celebrate and interpret America's first Shaker settlement and to preserve it for the benefit of future generations.

Teaching the Hudson Valley (THV)

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

Teaching the Hudson Valley (THV) helps educators discover, appreciate, and share the region's natural, historic, and cultural treasures with children and youth. THV fosters collaboration among schools, museums, parks, historic sites, art galleries, libraries, and other groups. THV's growing collection of free K-12 resources uses significant Valley sites to teach virtually all subjects. Our grant programs make it easier for teachers to get students out of the classroom and into the community. And, our summer institute and other programming offer rare opportunities for school and informal educators to meet and exchange ideas.

Thomas Cole National Historic Site

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

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site preserves and interprets the home and studios of Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School of painting, the nation's first art movement. Cole's profound influence on America's cultural landscape inspires us to engage broad audiences through educational programs that are relevant today.

Wallkill River School of Art

<http://www.wallkillriverschool.com/>

The Wallkill River School is a nonprofit artists' cooperative that runs an art school and fine art gallery as well as a plein air art workshop series on local farms and open spaces. Our mission is to preserve open space through art and art activism, and create economic opportunities for Orange County artists.

Winnakee Land Trust

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

At the heart of the Winnakee's mission is a deep regard for the history and natural beauty of northern Dutchess County. Winnakee not only protect farmland and natural habitats from development, but provides public recreational opportunities through its two parks—Burger Hill in Rhinebeck and Winnakee Nature Preserve in Hyde Park. We also have established miles of public access trails and are continually working to add to those.

Woodstock Land Conservancy

<https://www.woodstocklandconservancy.org/>

The Woodstock Land Conservancy permanently protects open lands, natural resources, scenic areas, and historic sites in Woodstock and the surrounding eastern Catskills.

National Young Farmers Coalition

<https://www.youngfarmers.org/>

The National Young Farmers Coalition (Young Farmers) represents, mobilizes, and engages young farmers and ranchers to ensure their success. Since 2010, Young Farmers has launched 41 farmer-led chapters across the United States, including the Hudson Valley Young Farmers Coalition. NYFC helps young farmers become leaders in their communities through local chapter organizing, ensuring they have a seat at the table in local, state, and national policy decisions. We address structural barriers facing young farmers through farm bill advocacy, USDA program reform, and by training key stakeholders and service providers to better serve the next generation. NYFC also provides business services to young farmers, offering tools, resources, and technical assistance to help them navigate business challenges and seize market opportunities.

Mianus River Gorge (MRG)

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

Mianus River Gorge's mission is to preserve, protect and promote appreciation of the natural heritage of the Mianus River watershed through land acquisition and conservation, scientific research and public education throughout the region. Students engaged in its highly acclaimed College Internship in Suburban Ecology and Research Assistantship Program for master and doctoral candidates work together to create a rich scientific learning community tasked with developing a better understanding of our

local ecology through collaborative studies. Students' individual research projects and their contribution to ongoing projects at MRG all focus to some extent on applied ecology and forest management to further the organizations' mission.

Westmoreland Sanctuary

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

Westmoreland's mission is to acquire and enrich land, provide free public access and educate the public in the importance of environmental conservation and preservation. Each year we educate approximately 7,000 students, ages Pre-K - Grade 12, in topics related to pond and forest ecology, invasive species management, biomimicry and more. We also offer high school and college internships each year whereby students engage in advanced hands-on field work throughout our preserve. College interns, in particular, are required to pursue an independent research project in a topic of their choice. After their 6-12 week internship program, college interns are required to contribute their data to our ongoing natural resource management plan. We believe we would be a great partner for the Open Space Institute because we already engage in similar activities with our college students. We support youth who are motivated, able to work independently, and passionate about environmental conservation.