





Project Description

he Durham Valley Scenic Byway (Byway) spotlights a region where mountains begin quite dramatically with the Catskill Escarpment rising up suddenly from the Hudson Valley. Designated as Scenic Roads "of extraordinary scenic quality" by Environmental Conservation Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling in 1991, the Byway traverses a unique landscape. It is an intimate landscape that offers the traveler a chance to sample the local flavor and interact with the regional character of the Town of Durham in Greene County. Part of that flavor and character are the Catskill Mountains, diverse natural and scenic beauty, agricultural heritage, and the variety of historic and cultural sites along the Byway.

The corridor management plan will serve as a resource management guide and present strategies to conserve and interpret the Byway's diverse resources, as well as promote tourism and economic development. Goals of the corridor management plan and its implementation are to:

- Maintain community support and involvement.
- Protect, conserve, and enhance corridor resources.
- Develop collaborative strategies to protect and conserve the scenic, natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources of the corridor.
- Enhance the visitor experience through interpretation and educational opportunities.
- Develop collaborative strategies that encourage visitors to enjoy the unique qualities of the corridor while staying in the communities surrounding the corridor.
- Promote the Byway consistent with community goals and resource protection needs.
- Upgrade and maintain roads and facilities for the safety of visitors, residents, wildlife, and livestock.
- Ensure appropriate access to support the various Byway uses.
- Design and build interpretive sites to enhance visitor's knowledge, appreciation, and enjoyment.
- Develop an integrated highway signage program.

Durham Valley Scenic Byway Coordinating Committee:

- Richard Goldstein (Durham Valley Land Trust)
- Linda Sutton (Town of Durham Board & Town of Durham Historic Preservation Commission)
- Alan Beechert (Town of Durham Deputy Highway Superintendent)
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