

2009 – Refining the Mission and Vision of Housatonic Heritage

We've made great progress on the Housatonic Heritage "Management Action Plan" this past year, in anticipation of completing this crucial document in the summer of 2010. The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area is required to submit its initial Management Plan to the US Dept. of Interior by October 2010.

This strategic plan contains important information about the Heritage Area's relationship to the many organizations, institutions and individuals that we serve. This Plan will also describe the region's priorities (cultural, historic, natural resources) and detail how the Heritage Area's resources can best be applied in support of those priorities.

Our mission is defined in our enabling legislation as "heightening appreciation of the region, preserving its natural and historical resources, and improving the quality of life and the economy of the area". We will continue to work methodically and in cooperation with you to achieve this. .

For the past year we've aspired to listening to and understanding what the regional heritage-related priorities are, how they're being approached, and how the heritage area can assist in achieving the desired outcomes.

As a means to leveraging your commitments to the full implementation of the heritage area, we have successfully lobbied for the passage of legislation that directs the State of Connecticut to consider Housatonic Heritage when they are considering programming or projects that would impact heritage resources in our region. Similar legislation is being considered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Your continued support and participation in our meetings is critical as we finalize this first strategic plan. We've found great value in your past ideas and program suggestions. And, by allowing the Heritage Area to participate in your ongoing work, you've provided us with a glimpse of the priorities that you've established, and thereby have helped to shape our future thoughts and actions.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for the support that you've shown in the past, and urge you to continue to shape the future of your heritage area as we strive to preserve and celebrate our heritage in the years ahead.



Dan Bolognani
Executive Director

Heritage Partnership Theme and Activity Committees

Housatonic Heritage's mission is to preserve and celebrate the historical, cultural and natural heritage of the Upper Housatonic Watershed. Much of the effort is accomplished with our Heritage Partnership Theme and Activity Committees.

Our Theme committees are developed under the four major themes identified in the 2006 legislation designating the Upper Valley as a National Heritage Area. Over time some may become inactive and new ones may be started. The Activity Committees involve ongoing aspects of our mission and tend to encompass all of our themes.

All of the Theme and Activity Committees work with Heritage Partners, organizations and people sharing common interests and who bring a substantive involvement to the activity. In some cases, we are joined by Heritage Sponsors who help underwrite the costs though not directly participating in the activity.

At this time our Heritage Partnership Committees are:

Heritage Themes	Committees
A. Cultural Resort	Performing Arts Committee
B. Scenic Landscape	Trails and Walkways Committee
	Natural Resources Committee
C. Cradle of Industry	Iron Heritage Committee
	Paper Making Heritage Committee
D. Development of Democracy	African American Heritage Trail

Heritage Activity Committees (covering all four Heritage Themes)

- A. Heritage Walks Committee
- B. Heritage Grants Committee
- C. Education Programs Committee
- D. History Organizations Committee

Heritage programs currently in progress

With the generous support of many individuals and organizations, we've again advanced a number of heritage programs in 2009. These projects remain an important step in realizing the full potential of our heritage area – collaborative efforts that offer residents and visitors the opportunity to experience the rich heritage that is ours. Our Board of Trustees, in concert with other regional partners, perpetuated these projects:

Heritage Walks Weekend

Each autumn season the Upper Housatonic Valley Heritage Area organizes an impressive list of historic, cultural and natural sites. Over two Fall weekends the Upper Housatonic Valley Heritage Area and its supporting organizations host dozens of free walks by historians, naturalists and environmentalists for the public to learn about and enjoy the rich natural and cultural resources of the upper Housatonic River Valley.



The diversity of walks will appeal to all interests and abilities. Walks included family-friendly, wheelchair accessible and “pet friendly” walks. The 2009 Heritage Walks marked the eight such annual event. This program continues to provide many opportunities for all citizens to enjoy the diversity of culture, history and natural places nearby. The Heritage Walks collaboration creates partnerships between various historical, cultural and natural resource institutions who generously donate time and resources to this event.

A high degree of active participation shows us that the hikes are an important event for our communities, and that they are supporting the work of developing and protecting our natural, scenic, and cultural heritage.

Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail

“To identify, preserve, share and celebrate our African American heritage in the Upper Housatonic Valley, through the creation of a heritage trail and related interpretive materials.”



The project brings together the efforts over many years by a diverse group of local scholars, historians, educators and community leaders to identify, preserve and share the area’s rich African American heritage. Representatives from every higher education institution in Berkshire County and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, as well as local historical societies, restoration sites, African

American churches, and other organizations formally came together for the first time in January 2004 as the African American Heritage Trail Advisory Council.

Now in its sixth year, this trail tells the story of African Americans in the Upper Housatonic Valley. The events / accomplishments of the African American Heritage Trail supported this year include:

- February - Clinton A M E Zion Church held a ninth annual “Du Bois Birthday celebration”
- April - the Samuel Harrison Society celebrated Rev. Harrison’s birthday and produced a new brochure on African American Heritage in Pittsfield
- August - The Trustees of Reservations held a fourth annual “Mum Bett Day”
- October - AAHT joined the Du Bois Center at UMass Amherst Libraries and Clinton A M E Zion Church to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the Du Bois Boyhood Homesite
- Partnered with the Du Bois Center of UMass Libraries and Friends of the Du Bois Homesite to produce a master-plan to honor the Du Bois Legacy at the Homesite and throughout Great Barrington Download plan at www.duboishomesite.org/improvements08.html
- Updated and reprinted 7500 copies of the AAHT brochure
- With Friends of the Du Bois Homesite, conducted a tour of the Du Bois Homesite for Heritage Walks Weekend
- A resource guide for all Pittsfield schools was assembled, starting with the Conte School’s K-5 pilot project launched March 1. The time span is from the Colonial period to the Civil Rights era of the 60's.."

In addition to the heritage trail and guidebook, the Advisory Board has undertaken:

- to develop a parallel African-American Educators Network of college, high school, and elementary/middle school educators to incorporate guide materials in local school curricula;
- to build upon the Berkshire County Historical Society's Invisible Community oral history project and document the largely unwritten local history of African-Americans in the region
- to support emerging African American heritage centers including an Elizabeth ‘Mumbet’ Freeman center at the Col. Ashley House in Sheffield; the Samuel Harrison House (Chaplain of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment) in Pittsfield; and the W. E. B. Du Bois Boyhood Homesite in Great Barrington

The African American Heritage Trail encompasses all 29 Massachusetts and Connecticut towns in the UHVNHA, interpreting and visualizing in the physical landscape the heritage themes that tell the story of African-Americans in the Upper Housatonic Valley. The trail and the sites it showcases are vehicles for educational initiatives, heritage tourism-lecture series and publications, audio tours, a web site, and signage and other amenities.

The Upper Housatonic Valley Experience - Educational Initiatives

In response to a need to bring a local-heritage curriculum into our regional schools, the Upper Housatonic Valley Heritage Area consorted with the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Berkshire Community College, and the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce to create a graduate-level teachers' course.

Intended for middle/high school teachers of history, social studies, English, science and industrial technology, this interdisciplinary, team-taught course provides a contextual experience that integrates these core subjects by introducing information about the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area. History, business, and environmental experts will weave their content and perspective through a series of mini-lectures, hand-on activities and guided field trip experiences.



The purpose of this course is to introduce teachers to:

- The industrial, historical and cultural heritage of The Upper Housatonic Valley, and to
- Infuse this information into contextual applications and hands on strategies that will enhance students' understanding of social studies, history, science and technology.

Models and practices that encourage underachieving students' participation in class will be demonstrated. Participants will review their current curricula and develop lessons that integrate contextual content with motivational strategies including those that address gender differences and learning styles. Field trips to local cultural, environmental and business sites and presentations by guest lecturers will also be included.

The Upper Housatonic Experience completed the 6th year educating local teachers in the heritage of the Upper Housatonic Valley. This course is conducted as a masters level course through Mass College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College with the assistance of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce and the Berkshire Regional Employment Board.

Since 2004 this course has been attended by over 75 local teachers who then bring the experience back to their class room to educate our youth. During the week-long course the school teachers take "field trips" to local businesses in the industry and arts, local historical and environmental sites to give the students first hand knowledge of the areas heritage. After a week in early July of field

trips and lectures, each teacher develops a curriculum for their area of study based on the local heritage. At the end of the summer the teachers get back together and present their curriculum to each other.

This program Introduces and integrates various aspects of the heritage of the Upper Housatonic River Valley – the social, cultural, economic and industrial history of the valley, the ecology of the river throughout that history, and the symbiotic relationship between that history and ecology. Course instructors will assist students in designing projects that will infuse this information into their classrooms while meeting the appropriate standards. Field trips to local cultural, environmental, and business sites and presentations by guest lecturers are a major portion of the course.

Participants review their current curricula and develop standards-based lessons related to the Upper Housatonic River Valley content that integrate contextual applications and motivational strategies, including those that address gender differences and learning styles. School-based and/or content-based teams then develop written lesson plans suitable for dissemination. Each team presents their projects to the class and a wider audience during the Fall semester – the date to be determined by the individual class.

Support for this program has continued to be strong from both MCLA and BCC along with the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, the Berkshire Regional Employment Bureau and the Berkshire County Principals.

Performing Arts Heritage Trail

The Performing Arts Trail is comprised of over a dozen leading performing arts cultural organizations from Northwest Connecticut and Berkshire County. A narrative was created in 2009 for the Trail, and is posted on the Heritage Area website. Reading it, one begins to understand the fertile ground that this area provided for the performing arts.

One of the first goals in the creation of this Trail is to foster a better understanding of the genesis of this heritage, the reason for the fertility, and to draw the historical arc that makes this a Trail. We are doing this work with input from both the obvious stakeholders – the performing arts venues – and other less obvious partners.

In the year ahead we'll be gathering the materials and publications that inform this understanding, and talking with the stakeholders about how they envision their individual sites in the context of the Trail.

The creation of a brochure/guide that describes the context that unifies all of the sites (why and how we're all here amidst this landscape) is an immediate next step. This brochure will also reside on the Heritage Area website. Attention to the website itself is a priority. Early in the new year we will make minor navigation improvements to the Performing Arts Heritage Trail web page.

Also in the early part of 2010, we will hold listening sessions with performing arts

stakeholders. Many ideas have already been generated, and the next step is the creatively channel the ideas that come from these sessions into a few clear action steps.

Future actions may include:

- Create a school bus fund or school field trip fund to support visits to the cultural sites by teachers and students;
- Organize events or one unifying, multi site event for teachers and students;
- an oral history project involving students and teachers in schools along the Trail, presented in sites along the Trail;
- Create a performance about the heritage of the Trail itself.
- Collaborate on performances grounded in the region's history and artistic residents, and to expand school-based programs to incorporate performing arts heritage projects.

The Performing Arts Trail will include the Connecticut based TriArts at the Sharon Playhouse, and Music Mountain at Falls Village, as well as in Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum, Berkshire Opera Company, Berkshire Theater Festival, Colonial Theater, Daniel Arts Center at Simon's Rock College, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Shakespeare & Company, and Tanglewood.

Outreach efforts are currently under way to ensure the collective is including information on all past and current performing arts organizations that have based their roots in the Housatonic Valley landscape.

The 1734 – 1923 Iron Heritage Trail

The goal of the Iron Heritage Trail is to preserve selected archival sites, provide informational materials and conduct educational programs concerning the heritage of iron production in the Tri-State section of Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York including Litchfield, Berkshire, Dutchess and Columbia counties.

For nearly 200 years the Upper Housatonic Valley region produced iron for the nation's development. Known as the "Arsenal of the Revolution", Lakeville's blast furnace produced some 80% of all cannons provided for General Washington's army. More than forty furnaces operated during the 1800's, providing iron for military armaments and civilian needs.

The Iron Heritage Trail programs were again extremely active in 2009, with events and programs that were targeted to adults, students, history buffs and the curious. Highlights at the Beckley Furnace, Centerpiece of the Iron Heritage Trail, (and operated by the Friends of Beckley Furnace):

- Interior renovation of the house included with the FOBF lease from the DEP; nearly all work done by FOBF volunteers.
- Work on the Barnum Richardson Co. office building by FOBF volunteers - hall, toilet and research office nearing completion.
- Special studies by members of the FOBF Board of Trustees.

- Saturday tours with docents from May to September; very well attended, daily visitors on a regular basis even in the winter months.
- Annual Blackberry River Walk on 8/15/09; seventy-seven in attendance; iron and steel expert Dr. Robert Gordon of Yale was the feature speaker. Among the attendees were locals and others from various areas.
- Regular student programs at Beckley for both public and private schools including four classes of primarily foreign students in July.
- Program at Beckley for the group attempting to preserve the Copake, NY blast furnace remains.
- FOBF support for a book being written by Walt Michaels (board member and grandson of the last manager of the Beckley Furnace and Furnace #3) concerning the industries of East Canaan, CT.

Also in 2009, thanks in part to a Housatonic Heritage Partnership Grant, the Iron Heritage Trail installed new interpretive signs at the Sharon Valley Lime Kiln in November. Signs are in the developmental stage for the iron period in Salisbury. A field program for 6th Grade Sharon Center School students was created to illustrate the process of making charcoal for the iron industry, and there were numerous showing of the educational film *Visions of Iron* in schools, historical societies and other locations.

Ongoing research into the iron heritage included studies of additional sites including the BRC Buena Vista Furnace, Joyceville Furnace, 1740 Skinner Forge, 1750 Gray's Forge and 1760 Hutchinson Forge. Educational and interpretive tours of the Richmond Furnace site in MA were included in the 2009 Heritage Hikes.

Iron Heritage Trail leader and Heritage Area Trustee Ed Kirby is continuing the work on working on *Seldom Told Tales of Sharon - Book III*, scheduled for 2011 publication. One Tale, titled *Iron Making in and Around Sharon*, will deal with new information concerning the role of the Barnums and Richardsons in the Salisbury Iron District and national iron making scene.

Heritage Trails & Greenways Initiatives

Berkshire County

The Upper Housatonic Valley NHA is partnering with others to facilitate a process through which officials in 11 Berkshire County communities have signed on to a countywide bike path vision plan. In addition, the UHVNHA has collaborated with the Berkshire Bike Path Council, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and south county municipal committees in the southern part of Berkshire County to ensure that these groups are able to coordinate efforts with similar groups in Connecticut.

The consortium of partners is working to create a border to border bikeway route of approximately 75 miles-utilizing railway corridors and related off-road bike paths and (where possible) on-road bike lanes. The planned and mapped trail will extend

from the Vermont border in Williamstown south through North Adams, Adams, Cheshire, Lanesboro, Pittsfield, Lenox, with further exploration needed for defining routes through Stockbridge, Lee, Great Barrington and Sheffield to the Connecticut border.

Though in it's early stages of full implementation, Housatonic Heritage remains instrumental by assisting the partners in developing trail projects, providing grant funding, when possible, for planning of trail projects through Housatonic Heritage's competitive grant program and by partnering with appropriate organizations and agencies to enhance the trail experience with the addition of interpretive signage and other amenities.

The Berkshire Bike Path is a celebrated addition to the recreational and alternative transportation landscape of the Upper Housatonic Valley, and is well on the way to touching all 29 communities in the heritage area. The segments of the trail that are complete now serve in excess of 10,000 people annually.

Litchfield County

Similar to the collaborative effort in Berkshire County, Housatonic Heritage has partnered with the Northwest CT Council of Governments, Northwest CT Conservation District and several for-profit entities to begin the organizational work of a regional biking trail system.

The proposed bike route will include a North – South central “spine” plus numerous loop and connector trails that will provide access from the spine to village centers and heritage points of interest. Coordination with the Berkshires trail program will insure that a contiguous, multi-state will result.

Immediate program goals may include:

- Develop and market a map showing bicycle rides and routes in the area. The finished maps will illustrate favorable roads for cycling, give an indication of topography and provide information on such travel amenities as bed and breakfasts, bike shops and ice cream stores. Routes will be planned that encompass specific themes such as routes for tourists, apple orchards, river views, etc.
- Place bicycle maps and cue sheets on Chamber, municipal and State tourism websites to entice greater rider ship among locals and stimulate bicycling-related tourism.
- Conduct advertising campaigns in regional and national publications devoted to cycling and outdoor sports.
- Work with local tourism-related businesses - hotels, B&Bs, restaurants, etc. – to help them recognize the potential for bicycle tourism and to make their businesses more bike friendly.
- Contact bicycle touring companies and work with them to develop tours in the area.

- Serve as an advocate for cyclists with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the towns to make sure that the needs of bicyclists are considered in all transportation projects.
- Encourage bicycle events such as the Tour of the Litchfield Hills that occur in the area.
- Encourage towns to get a “bicycle friendly” designation from the League of American Bicyclists.

The potential exists to make the Upper Housatonic Valley a destination for bicyclists and to contribute significantly to the entire area’s economy and quality of life.

The Paper Trail

Discussions surrounding the creation of a Paper Heritage Trail had been on-going for more than a year before a small group of dedicated enthusiasts came together in 2009 to formally begin laying the foundation for future activities.

The Paper Trail is on its way begin fulfilling its goals, which are to preserve, interpret and share the history of fine papermaking in the Upper Housatonic River Valley through archival ephemera, interpretive projects, brochures and digital sources.

Research into the nature and location of historical documents and artifacts is being undertaken; information that will be drawn upon to bring to life the history and impact of papermaking for more than 200 years in the region, as well as its impact on the lives of its citizens today.

A blog has been created: <http://housatonicpapertrail.blogspot.com> to share our findings with other paper enthusiasts around the region and around the world. A Paper Trail website is being investigated as well.

To formally introduce The Paper Trail to the public, an exhibition will be held September 1 through October 2, 2010 at the Lichtenstein Center for the Arts in Pittsfield, with a formal opening Friday, September 3, from 5 to 7 p.m.

We welcome you to the opening, and we welcome you to join us as we explore The Paper Trail.

Alliance of History Organizations

A new initiative for 2009, the Alliance was created for the purpose of understanding the challenges and issues that commonly confront history organizations. The Upper Housatonic Valley region is home to dozens of historical societies, historical commissions and house museums, all of whom agree that some form of centralized support would be beneficial.

The Alliance of History Organizations initiative began with a meeting at Arrowhead on October 5th, 2009. History organization staff members and

directors from towns and cities throughout the region came to hear Berkshire Historical Society director Betsy Sherman discuss the challenges of restoration, to take a tour of Arrowhead, and to meet and network among themselves.

During a post tour brainstorming session, participants told us about some of their challenges and needs. The event was cosponsored by the Connecticut League of History Organizations, as part of a collaboration with the Heritage Area that will continue in the new year.

Two focus groups followed that Pittsfield meeting, one in Stockbridge and one in Sharon, where Housatonic Heritage Executive Director Dan Bolognani and Program Manager Judith Monachina talked with historical society members about their ideas and concerns, including such issues as securing their collections, conducting meaningful organization self assessment and developing relationships with teachers and schools.

The information gathered at these focus groups is the basis for action for the newly formed advisory group. That group, representing organizations large and small, will help the Heritage Area to prioritize its own work with history organizations and devise the most appropriate and effective ways to facilitate collaboration among them.

Contributors and Supporters 2009

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions from the many local supporting organizations and individuals whose dedication to the preservation and celebration of our heritage has been unwavering for these many years. Your generous contribution of time and resources have allowed us to carry out our mission, and to meet the challenges that we all have common interest in. In addition to members of our Board of Trustees and the dedicated Historical Societies of Litchfield and Berkshire Counties, we specifically thank the following for their support this year:

Becton Dickinson Co.
Interlaken Inn
Crane & Co.
Berkshire Historical Society
Berkshire Bank Foundation
Berkshire Taconic Community
Foundation
Clinton AME Zion Church
CT League of History
Organizations
University of Connecticut
Foggy River Fund
Friends of Beckley Furnace
Legacy Banks
Barkhamsted Historical Society
Interlaken Inn

The Institute for American Indian
Studies
The Salisbury Association
TimeExpo Museum
White Silo Farm & Winery
Hopkins Vineyard
Mohawk Mountain Ski Area
Ski Sundown
Mahaiwe Performing Arts
Center
Miranda Vineyard
Robert Paynter
Litchfield Historical Society
Connecticut Landmarks
Railroad Museum of New
England
Sloane-Stanley Museum

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Hancock Shaker Village
African American Heritage Trail,
W.E.B. DuBois Homesite,
and Housatonic River Walk
Housatonic River Museum

A look ahead to 2010

Completion and submission of the Housatonic Heritage Management Action Plan Of critical importance in 2010. This document will describe the future actions of the Heritage Area, and will detail the role of partner organizations and municipalities. Stipulated in the legislation the create the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, this plan must be submitted and approved by the U.S. Department of Interior by October 1, 2010.

In addition to our ongoing Heritage Programs noted above, other plans include expanding the Upper Housatonic Valley Experience, our graduate-level teachers' course. We'll seek new heritage sites to be included in the week-long event, and will partner with new collaborators to expand the numbers of students that visit and learn about our regional heritage.

The Heritage Partnership Grant Program will be expanded in 2010, with new eligibility criteria and a streamlined reporting process. Details will be announced in May.

The challenges of funding remain as we strive to move each of our existing heritage projects forward , but remain reliant on the generosity of our supporters. Please help by continuing to spread the word to friends and organizations in the region, by participating in our development, and, as you see fit, providing a financial contribution for our activities.

Please note that, i accordance with PL 109-338 (10/2006) and Cooperative Agreement CA H1953-07-0011, The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area issues this annual report that includes certain information. As required, The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, Inc. shall submit to the National Park Service an annual report describing the accomplishments of the Cooperator, the expenses and income of the Cooperator, and each entity to which the Cooperator made any grant during the fiscal year. This Annual Report contains such information.

The Board of Trustees

The road to designation as a National Heritage Area, and the subsequent challenges of its implementation has been possible through the strong support that we have felt from our communities. As our ninth year of heritage activities gets under way, we must again acknowledge the strong support that we've received from many individuals, companies, heritage organizations and governments. It is your continued support that insures this important work to continue in the years ahead, and we're deeply appreciative.

By the Trustees:

Richard Aldrich, Lee
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Appendices:

1. 2009 Financial Statement
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2009 Financial Results

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Profit & Loss October 2008 through September 2009

	<u>Oct '08 - Sep 09</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Contributed support	
4010 · Indiv/business contribution	26,330.24
4230 · Foundation/trust grants	
4231 · Foundation Grant	36,936.41
Total 4230 · Foundation/trust grants	36,936.41
4520 · Federal grants	111,891.00
Total 4000 · Contributed support	175,157.65
5000 · Earned revenues	
5110 · Publication sales - program-	
5111 · AFAM Guide sales	2,613.64
Total 5110 · Publication sales - program-	2,613.64
Total 5000 · Earned revenues	2,613.64
Total Income	177,771.29
Expense	
7000 · Grant & contract expense	
7010 · Contracts - program-related	26,080.85
7020 · Grants to other organizations	19,700.00
7040 · Awards & grants - individuals	2,500.00
7090 · Contracts - Management Plan	30,450.00
Total 7000 · Grant & contract expense	78,730.85
7500 · Other personnel expenses	
7520 · Accounting fees	50.00
7530 · Legal fees	25.00
7540 · Professional fees - other	869.25
7550 · Temporary help - contract	48,986.11
Total 7500 · Other personnel expenses	49,930.36
8100 · Non-personnel expenses	
8110 · Supplies	580.93
8130 · Telephone & telecommunications	586.86
8140 · Postage, shipping, delivery	1,829.01
8170 · Printing & copying	6,261.68
8180 · Books, subscriptions, reference	358.45
Total 8100 · Non-personnel expenses	9,616.93
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	
8310 · Travel	4,576.22
8320 · Conference, convention, meeting	4,692.77
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses - Other	288.96
Total 8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	9,557.95
8500 · Misc expenses	
8520 · Insurance - non-employee	507.00
8530 · Membership dues - organization	562.00
8560 · Outside computer services	
8561 · Website Hosting & Maint.	563.56
Total 8560 · Outside computer services	563.56
8570 · Advertising expenses	3,383.11
8598 · Website Development	9,207.24
8500 · Misc expenses - Other	0.00
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	14,222.91
8600 · Business expenses	
8670 · Organizational (corp) expenses	32.58
Total 8600 · Business expenses	32.58
Total Expense	162,091.58
Net Ordinary Income	15,679.71
Net Income	<u>15,679.71</u>

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2009 Budget (October 1st – September 30th)

UHVNHA 2010 BUDGET

REVENUES:

Federal Appropriation	\$295,488	\$295,488
Contributions (including non- NPS funds on hand)	\$24,000	
Grants and matching funds paid to us	\$172,000	
Books and other publication/events revenues	\$2,012	\$198,012
Total		\$493,500

EXPENDITURES:

Operations	Exec. Director	\$42,000	
	Other Program Staffing	\$25,000	
	Bookkeeper and Audit	\$8,000	
	Operating expenses	\$24,000	\$99,000
NHA Presence & Identity	Logo, Web site, marketing	\$4,000	
	Signage, brochure, etc.	\$30,000	\$34,000
Management Plan		\$86,000	\$86,000
Heritage Area Projects	October Walks	\$22,000	
	African American Trail	\$22,000	
	Iron Heritage Trail	\$4,000	
	Teachers' Course	\$45,000	
	Grants Program	\$60,000	
	Regional Trails Program	\$16,000	
	Paper Heritage Trail	\$10,500	
	Performing Arts Heritage Trail	\$8,000	
	Native american Heritage Trail	\$10,000	
	Local Historical Societies Coordination	\$12,000	
	Blues Festival (African American Heritage)	\$18,000	
	Other Project Activity	\$47,000	\$274,500
	Total		\$493,500

Note: This is a rough estimate for 2010 and is not intended to be precise targets for revenues and expenditures. Most of the required matching funds do not flow through our books.

Appendices

2009 Heritage Partnership Grant Awards

The attached list includes details on all grants awarded in 2009. For more information about Housatonic Heritage Partnership Grant Programs, please contact Dan Bolognani, Executive Director, at 860-435-9505 or info@housatonicheritage.org. For information about the projects and activities receiving grants, please contact the grant recipient institutions directly.

Project Title: *Visit Cornwall.*

- Deliverable: Acquisition of display racks for visitor information. Also printing and publishing maps and brochures of the Town of Cornwall and area that highlights historic and other points of interest.
- Contact: Gordon Ridgway
- Recipient: Town of Cornwall
Box 97
Cornwall, CT 06753

We are awarding the amount of \$4,150.00 that was requested for the project: *Visit Cornwall.*

Project Title: *Walk! Bike! Drive! West Stockbridge.*

- Deliverables: A walking-biking-driving tour of West Stockbridge Village and beyond, to expand target audience there and will include significant non-Village points of interest critical to understanding our rural heritage.
- Contact: Patricia Soldati
- Recipient: Town of West Stockbridge
PO Box 242
West Stockbridge, MA 01266

We are awarding the amount of \$1,300.00 that was requested for the project: *Walk! Bike! Drive! West Stockbridge.*

Project Title: *19th – Early 20th Century Industry in the Parish of St. Bridget.*

- Deliverables: Enhancement of an existing walking tour of Cornwall Bridge with findings from the Iron Workers Project. Also producing a web-based tour of the historical village surrounding St. Bridget Church. To include information about parishioners, their occupations, workplaces and related sites.
- Contact: Ginny Potter
- Recipient: Cornwall Historical Society
PO Box 115
Cornwall, CT 06753

We are awarding the amount of \$3,000.00 that was requested for the project: *19th - Early 20th Century Industry in the Parish of St. Bridget.*

Project Title: *A Multi Format Tour of Sharon's Historical Green.*

- Deliverable: Town of Sharon and Sharon Historical Society will produce a web-based walking tour of Sharon's Central Green Historic District. The tour will feature

an interactive map of Sharon Green with multiple historic sites identified by photographs, text, video, audio and downloadable files.

- Contact: Liz Shapiro
- Recipient: Town of Sharon
PO Box 511
Sharon, CT 06069-0511

We are awarding the amount of \$4,500.00 that was requested for the project: *A Multi Format Tour of Sharon's Historical Green.*

Project Title: *A Walking Tour of Historic Canaan Village Center.*

- Deliverables: Planning, designing and printing a brochure that details a self-guided walking tour of the Canaan Village Historic District of the Town of North Canaan.
- Contact: Adele Strelchun
- Recipient: Falls Village - Canaan Historical Society
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We are awarding the amount of \$1,500.00 that was requested for the project: *A Walking Tour of Historic Canaan Village Center.*



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Appendices
