



# Catskill Mountainkeeper 2022 Program Highlights



## Protecting the Catskill Park

Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Park Coalition scored big for the Catskill Park and broader region in 2022, when the state committed to a historic \$400 million Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), including \$8 million to address high trail use in the Catskill and Adirondack Parks, and \$150,000 for the Mountainkeeper co-managed Trail Stewards Program.



## Winston Farm

Mountainkeeper has stalled a massive development proposed at the pristine Winston Farm in Saugerties that threatens wildlife, water quality, and fragile ecosystems. This project could destroy 800 acres of forest, meadows, and stream corridors while threatening the town's already overtaxed water supplies with huge demand, paved surfaces, and buildings. We are calling for a moratorium on approving any high-water-use developments throughout the town until Saugerties can secure its water sources.

## Protecting Pollinators

Mountainkeeper doubled-down on our efforts to protect bees and other pollinators by raising awareness about the threats to their survival, educating people about planting pollinator-friendly plants at home, and advocating for passage of the neonics-banning Birds & Bees Protection Act (BBPA). The BBPA came to a standstill in the 2022 legislative session, but we're working hard to set it up for success next year.



## Clean Water & Air, Climate Solutions & Green Jobs

Working with hundreds of organizations statewide, Mountainkeeper galvanized voters to overwhelmingly approve NY State's \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act in November. Bond projects will generate nearly 100,000 jobs, help mitigate the climate crisis, and upgrade wastewater systems throughout NY State. The bond also invests heavily in low-income, minority communities, which disproportionately suffer the worst impacts of the climate crisis.



## Building the Movement

As part of the Extreme Energy Extraction Collaborative, Mountainkeeper traveled to the Lummi Nation in WA for a May meeting to plan campaigns, gatherings, and ceremonies to support climate justice in NY and nationally. We then joined members of the Lummi Nation's House of Tears Carvers on a Totem Pole Journey from WA to the Clean Energy Ministerial meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. This journey highlighted the need for frontline voices in global climate decisions and called for an end to our country's addiction to fossil fuels.

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## OUR MISSION

Catskill Mountainkeeper's mission is to protect our region's forests and wild lands; safeguard air and water; nurture healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities; empower environmental justice communities; and accelerate the transition to a 100% clean and just energy future in NY State and beyond.

## FOOD & FARMS



Increase in the **use of government food vouchers** at Mountainkeeper's Liberty Farmers Market to buy fresh healthy food, compared to the 2021 season.



Our Liberty Farmers Market hosted nine farms, bakeries, and artisans throughout the 2022 summer season, boosting local commerce.

## BUILDING THE NETWORK

# Six



In 2022, Mountainkeeper hosted **six** informative webinars on topics ranging from invasive species and protecting the Catskills to renewable energy and climate justice.

# 950+



More than 950 supporters viewed our webinars and asked questions of the experts. Check out [catskillmountainkeeper.org](https://catskillmountainkeeper.org) to catch up on anything you missed.

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Pollinators are responsible for one of three bites of food we eat. All of these birds, bees, and butterflies are threatened by neonicotinoids—a widely-used class of toxic insecticides. Until NY passes the Birds & Bees Protection Act, we cannot safeguard the pollinators who make our food systems possible.



## CATSKILL STEWARDS ON THE TRAILS

# 5,328

Visitors greeted



# 716

Quality interactions between stewards and visitors



# 193

Dogs greeted



# 10

Contractor bags full of trash removed



# 320+

Mountainkeeper is working with more than 320 NY Renews member organizations statewide to pass the 2023 Climate, Jobs & Justice Package.

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