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Title:	Town of Poughkeepsie Greenway Connections
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Abstract

The New York State Hudson River Valley Greenway Act of 1991 provides economic and technical assistance to communities within the Greenway area, the 13 counties that border the Hudson River and the 242 municipalities within them, who voluntarily adopt a regional planning compact. The Greenway Act also gives incentives to municipalities that join county Greenway compacts. The option to participate in a county compact preserves local decision-making authority. The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, in 2000, created “Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities.” This comprehensive manual outlines landscape ecology principles to ensure that habitats are connected and farmland fits seamlessly into the larger landscape. Some municipalities, such as Poughkeepsie, have added Greenway goals to their ordinances, meaning that any changes to their zoning law must be consistent with Greenway Connections.

Resource

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 PART I ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION
 Chapter 18, GREENWAY CONNECTIONS
 § 18-1 to 18-3

HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie 8-2-2000 by L.L. No. 14-2000. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Subdivision of land -- [See Ch. 177.](#)

Zoning -- [See Ch. 210.](#)

§ 18-1. Adoption

Pursuant to the provisions of § 44-0119 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, the Town of Poughkeepsie hereby adopts the statement of land use policies,

principles and guides entitled "Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities" (hereinafter referred to as "Greenway Connections"), by which action the Town of Poughkeepsie becomes a participating community in the Greenway Compact.

§ 18-2. Amendments

Proposals to amend Greenway Connections may from time to time be made by the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (hereinafter referred to as "Greenway Council") in response to requests from participating communities. Within 90 days of receipt of any such proposal from the Greenway Council, the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie shall determine whether to accept or to reject such proposed amendment. Any proposed amendment so accepted shall be considered an amendment of Greenway Connections as adopted by the Town of Poughkeepsie. Any proposed amendment rejected by the Town Board will not be considered to be an amendment of Greenway Connections for the Town of Poughkeepsie, and notice of such rejection shall be provided to the Greenway Council.

§ 18-3. Consistency with town laws.

It is the policy of the Town of Poughkeepsie that, to the extent that the town amends its current, or enacts new, land use laws and regulations, such new or amended laws and regulations, whenever appropriate, will be designed to be consistent with Greenway Connections.

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