

OUR MISSION

To protect and foster the environmental, cultural and economic well-being of the Catskill region.

Since 1969, we have led the effort to protect the more than 700,000 acres of the Catskill Park and Catskill Forest Preserve. We are the major force advocating for the Catskill region.



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conservation creates opportunity

The work of the Catskill Center presently focuses on four major program areas

Advocacy

In 2012 twelve people joined the Catskill Center and other regional organizations in Albany to demand equity in state resources for our region. The Catskill Center co-founded the Catskill Park Coalition with Catskill Mountainkeeper and continues to organize the region politically for both equal representation and protection through tools such as the Environmental Protection Fund and Aid to Localities. In 2015 we helped secure funding through the state budget for the Catskill Park and Forest Preserve.

Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center

Few places on earth have the abundance of the Catskills' pristine natural beauty so close to so many people. With hundreds of thousands of acres of publicly accessible land, we help visitors and residents alike interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Catskills.

Invasive Species Protection

Through the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) we are working to turn the tide on invasive species such as Emerald Ash Borer and prevent the spread of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid through innovative work like our Save the Hemlocks biocontrol, currently being established at our Thorn Preserve.

Riparian Zones

Working in partnership with the largest landowners of the region, our innovative and groundbreaking work in riparian zones is building the architecture for the Catskills a century into the future.

Visit one of our preserves, hike to a fire tower, explore the Catskill Interpretive Center or enjoy a gallery opening at our headquarters.

There's always something going on at the Catskill Center.

Visit CatskillCenter.org/Events for the latest!



Thorn Preserve

Thorn Preserve is comprised of 60 beautiful acres near the Town of Woodstock, Ulster County and home to our Hemlock program.
Woodstock, NY

Platte Clove Preserve

Platte Clove Preserve is comprised of 208 acres with beautiful waterfalls at the head of the rugged and scenic Platte Clove in the Town of Hunter, Greene County. Also home to our Artist in Residence program.
Elka Park, NY



Fire Tower Project

The Catskill Center helps manage five fire towers throughout the Catskill region, open to weekend visitors all summer.
Catskill Region



Catskill Interpretive Center

The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center is a partnership of the Catskill Center, Friends of the CIC and the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation.
Mt. Tremper, NY



Erpf Gallery

Throughout the year the Catskill Center, through its Erpf Gallery, hosts a number of exhibitions of works by local artists.
Arkville, NY





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