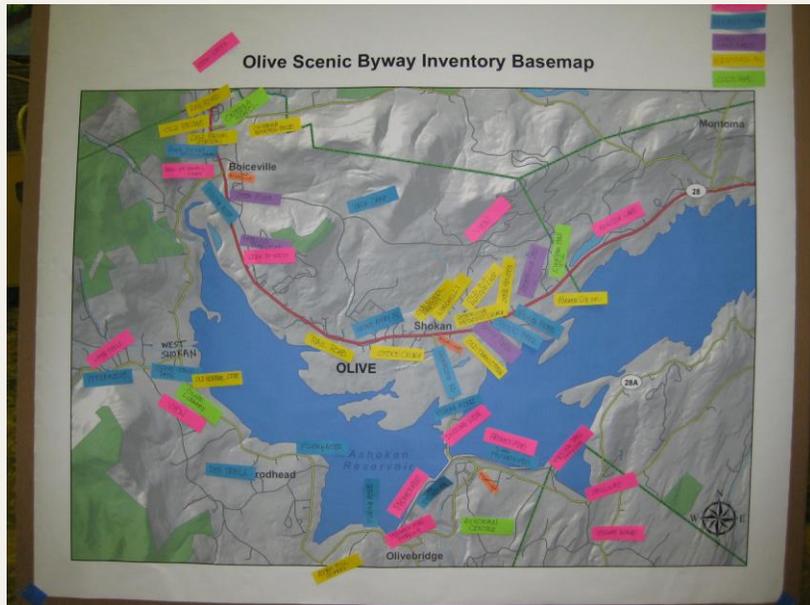


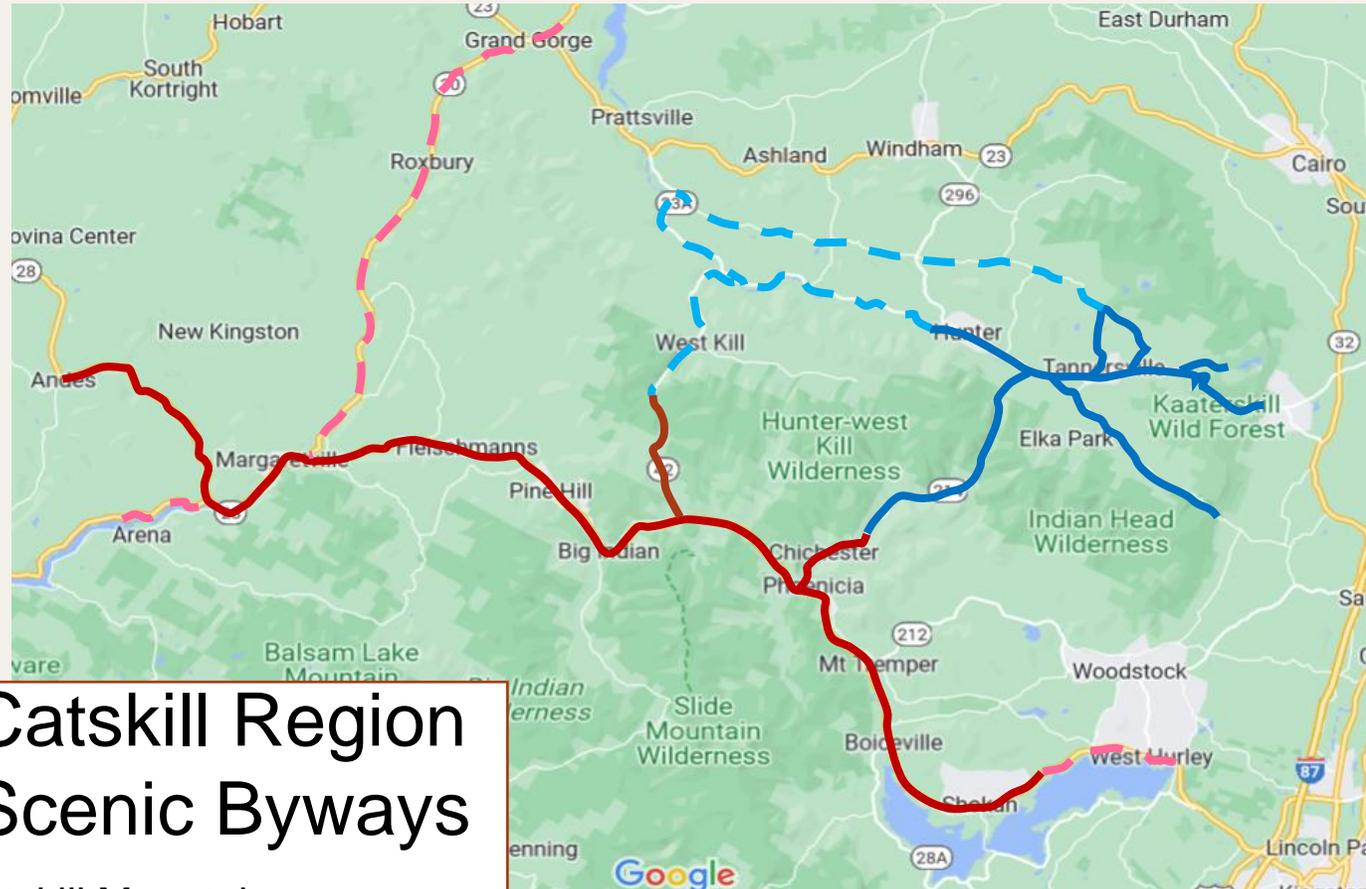


Resource Inventory



Revising Existing Plan and Proposing Extension of the Scenic Byway

- Designated byway communities are revising existing inventories (Olive, Shandaken, Fleischmanns, Middletown, Margaretville, and Andes)
- Two designated byway communities are also conducting inventories for proposed extension segments (Middletown and Margaretville)
- The two new communities are undertaking new inventories (Roxbury and Hurley*)



**Catskill Region
Scenic Byways**

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Resource Inventory

The **resource inventory** is the collection and documentation – mapping, photographing, researching, copying related materials, charting, etc – of your community’s **intrinsic qualities** in support of the byway’s designation.

Intrinsic qualities, also known as byway **themes**, are “overarching themes or ideas that describe features specific and unique to the proposed byway.” (BYB p. 2)

- 1) Each Local Byway Group leads the resource inventory for the individual community/ municipality
- 2) Each LBG makes a presentation to the full CCC

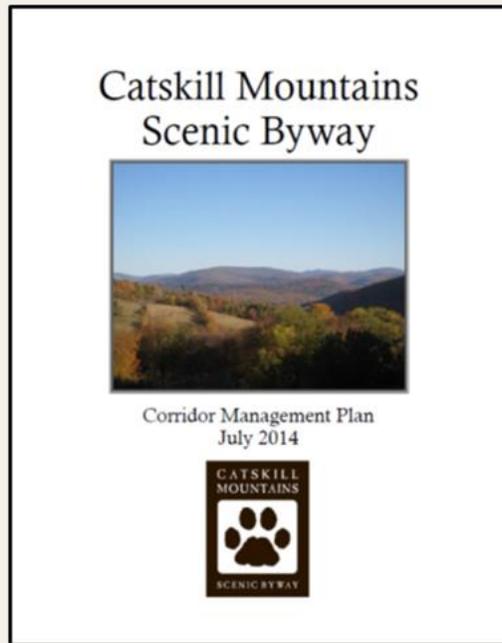
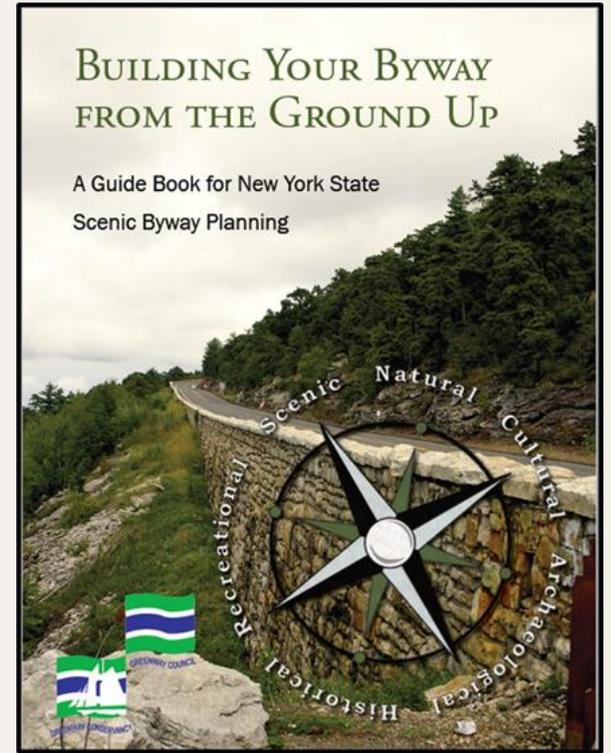


Brunel Sculpture Garden, Olive

During and/or after the inventory, an **assessment** of the resources will be conducted to identify the significance of the resources, how they express one or more of the themes, and how they contribute to the story of the byway and the traveling experience. Local byway groups can assist the assessment through their local presentations; the project coordinator will be assessing how the themes fit within the whole byway, and group discussions and exercises can complement assessment activities.

Guidance for the Resource Inventory

- Building Your Byway pp. 55-66
- The CMSB CMP
- CCC members who have undertaken an inventory
- Other CMPs in NYS (available on NYS Scenic Byway Program website)
- Your own creativity
- These slides



The Corridor Management Plan uses the *Building Your Byways from the Ground Up* document to describe how the byway meets each of the intrinsic qualities associated with the byway. - NYS CMP Review Checklist

Byway Themes

Scenic

Natural

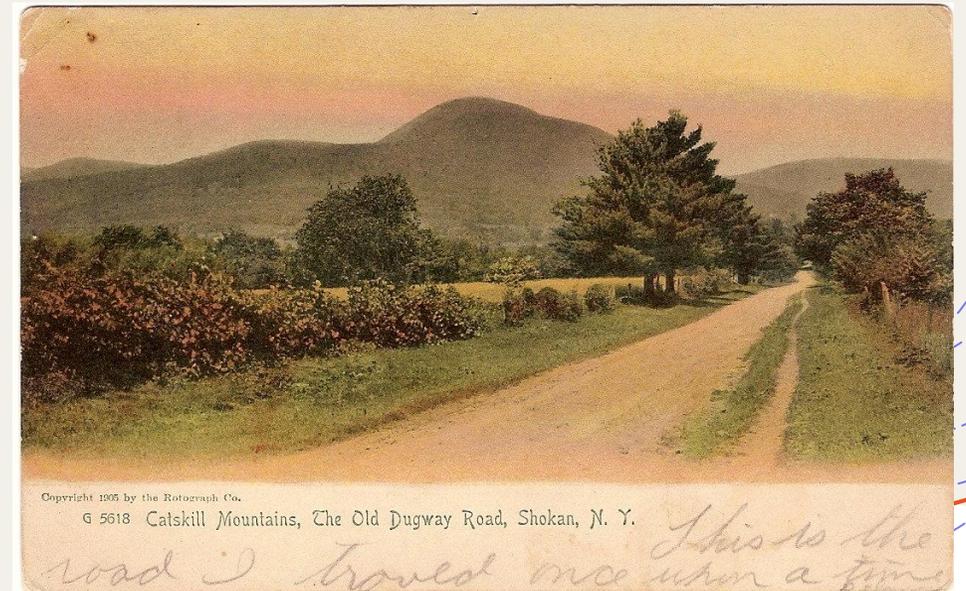
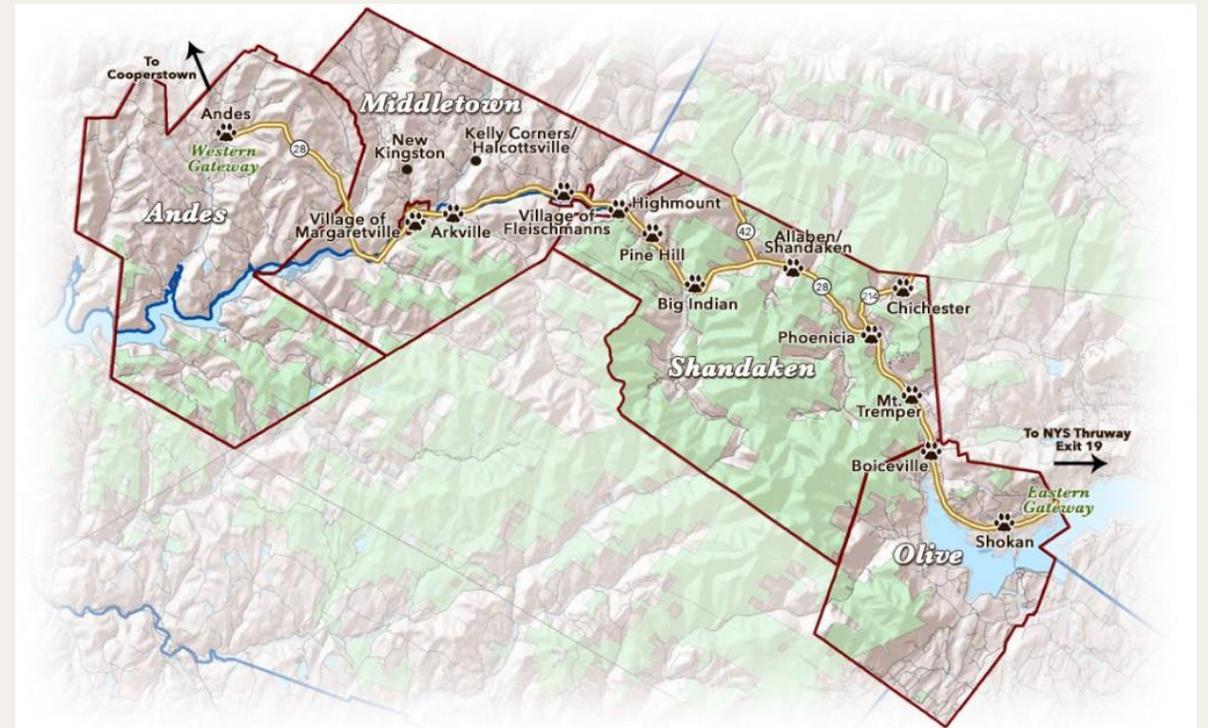
Recreational

Cultural

Historical

*** Archaeological**

While it is fine to have multiple themes, one of them should emerge as being the most compelling or the strongest. - BYB p. 67



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G 5618 Catskill Mountains, The Old Dugway Road, Shokan, N. Y.

This is the road I traveled once upon a time

Vision and Theme

The CMSB Vision and Theme are on pp. 22-23 of the CMP

We will revisit these components; however, a compelling case is established for history being the chosen theme.

- Hurley completed a resource inventory, although they did not join the byway nomination in 2014.
- Roxbury's intrinsic qualities are also largely driven by the historical theme.

The rich history of the Catskill Region connects the threads of the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway's story. It is a history that binds together the natural resources of the reservoirs and the mountains, the past and present artistic colonies and communities, the historic railroads and the early settlers, and the recreational opportunities for residents and visitors afforded by the widespread publicly protected lands. – CMP



CMSB Vision

The Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway wends through the heart of the Catskills, offering the traveler a unique experience of mountain scenery, clear waterways, and rolling farmland, complemented by historic hamlets - and it is this combination of resources that gives the region much of its character and is vital to the region's economy. The Byway will celebrate the Catskill Park, the New York City Watershed, and the wild scenery that influenced the appreciation of nature in America culture and continues to inspire artists, writers, spiritual followers, and tourists. The Byway's story connects the threads of history in the Catskill Region, bringing together the natural resources of the reservoirs and mountains, the past and present artistic colonies and communities, the historic railroads and the early settlers, and the recreational opportunities for residents and visitors afforded by the widespread publicly protected lands.

The Scenic Byway communities will benefit through increased cooperation and will realize multiple opportunities for interpreting and promoting a wide range of assets for the environmental and economic well being of the region. Travelers will have greater awareness of the numerous historic landmarks and cultural attractions along the corridor. Visitors will gain an appreciation for the role of working landscapes and local businesses. A much improved system of signage will enhance connections with trail systems, waterways, other recreational resources, and vibrant downtowns. Byway communities envision improved public and non-motorized transportation, including bike lanes and corridor trails. Continued restoration of the historic Ulster and Delaware rail corridor will enhance connectivity. These transportation improvements, along with means of sustaining species biodiversity and ecosystem integrity adjacent to and across the corridor, will help retain the rural feel of the traveling experience. More pronounced gateways will greet travelers and play key roles in the interpretation and celebration of the Byway and the region.

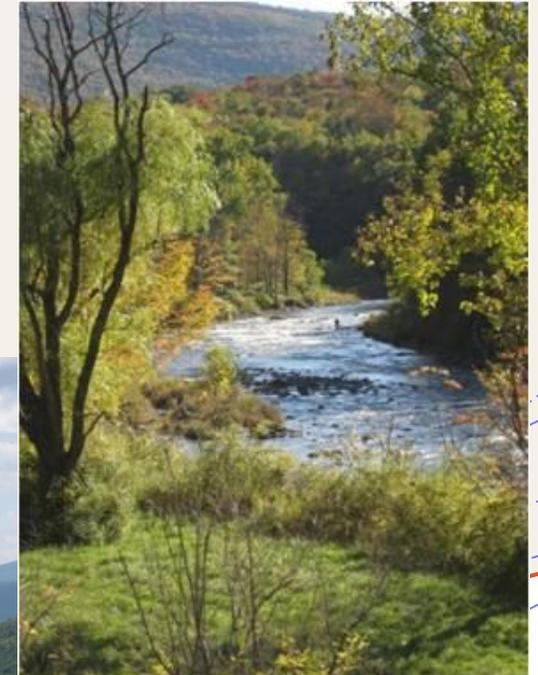
Scenic

Scenic Quality is unique or representative of the area. Elements of a view fit harmoniously together. There is a fusion of elements that complement each other.

The criteria used to determine scenic beauty has been identified and the attributes used to determine scenic quality are described in detail. Scenic views are identified and mapped as resources.



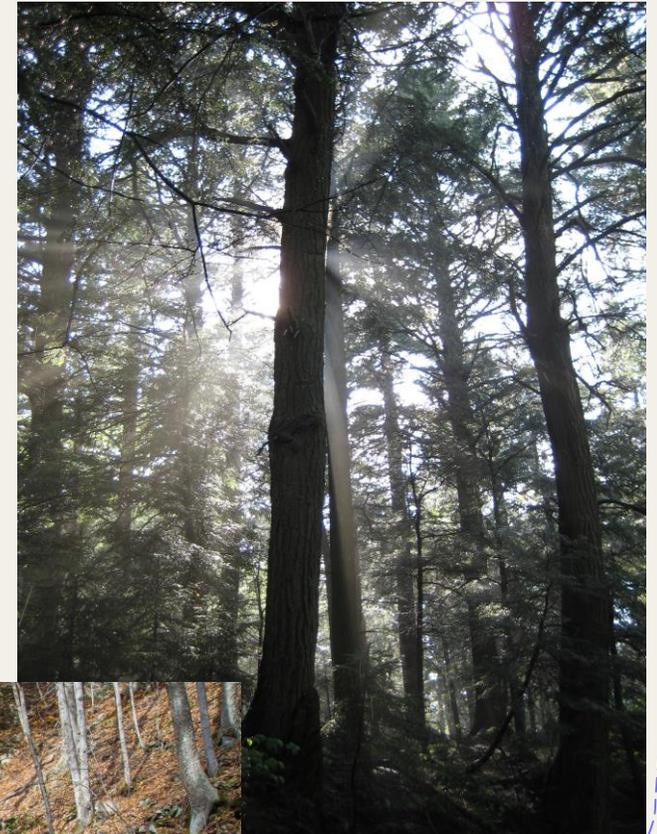
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Natural

Natural Quality includes resources that are relatively undisturbed by human interference, revealing the variety and splendor of the natural world.

Natural resources can be described as unique, distinctive, and/or irreplaceable and do not have to be beautiful.

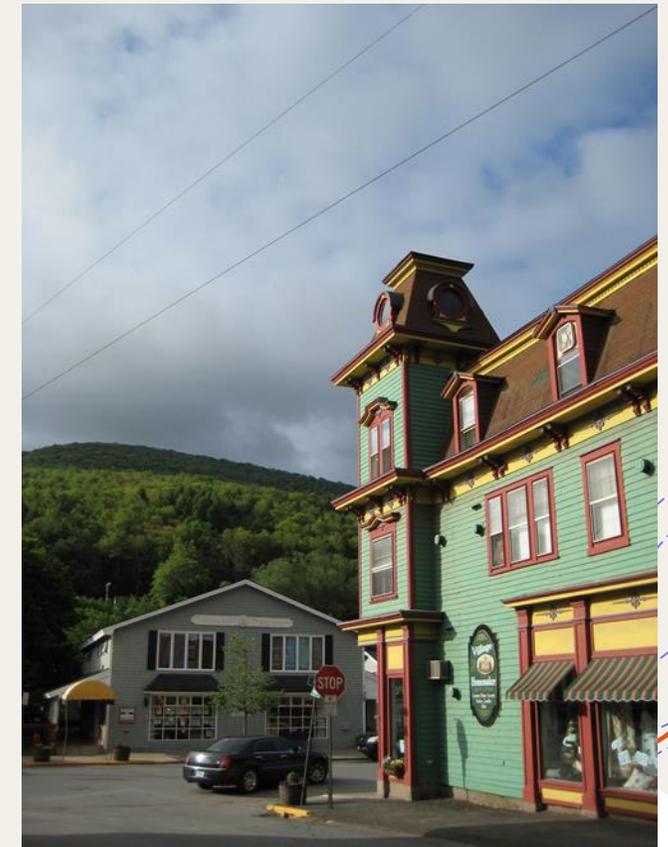
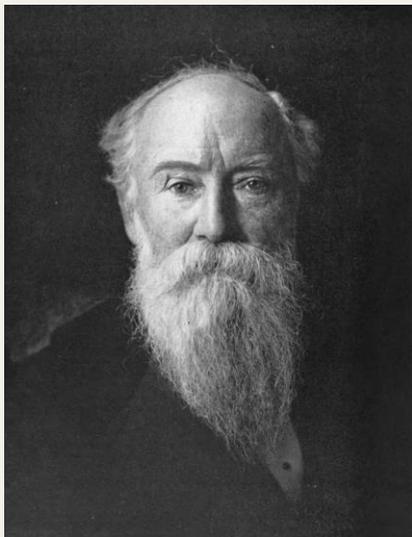


High Point: Shandaken Mountains, Asher Durand, 1853

Historical

Historic Qualities are derived from a story that the byway tells about the region, state or nation.

Historic events that occurred along the byway may include battles, the life of important figures, evaluation of transportation infrastructure, or growth of an artistic movement. The physical evidence of the historic event is present along the byway route. Historic resources are ideally themed or related.



Cultural

Cultural Qualities are more difficult to evaluate.

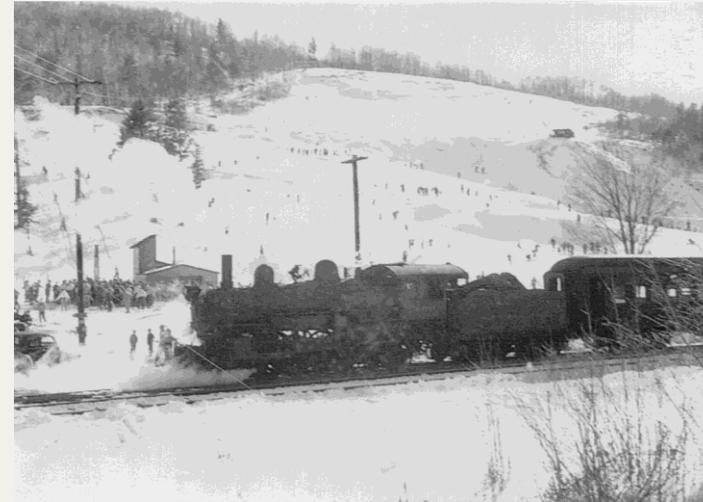
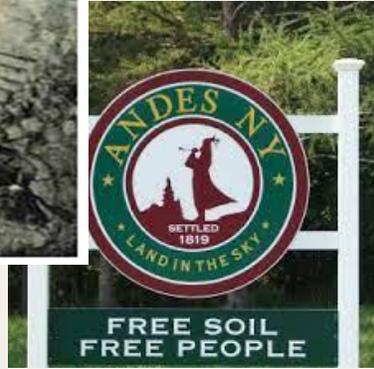
Look for distinctive settlement patterns, building styles, place names, stories, legends and ways that geography may have influenced them

Distinctive occupations, products, training, yearly cycles, land use patterns and material culture

Civic and religious buildings, institutions, customs, rituals and aspects of immigrant culture

Households, housing styles, foods, gender and age roles, family traditions

Folklore, music, customs legends, dance, drama, games, music, art, architecture crafts, dress, and costumes.



Recreational

Recreational Quality can be discerned by documenting the various recreational activities that take place along the corridor. This includes outdoor sports such as hiking and skiing to passive enjoyment of the scenery and/or sitting and watching wildlife.

The recreational quality of the byway is distinctive and special and draw people from the surrounding area.

Recreational resources are related to the “specialness” of the region.

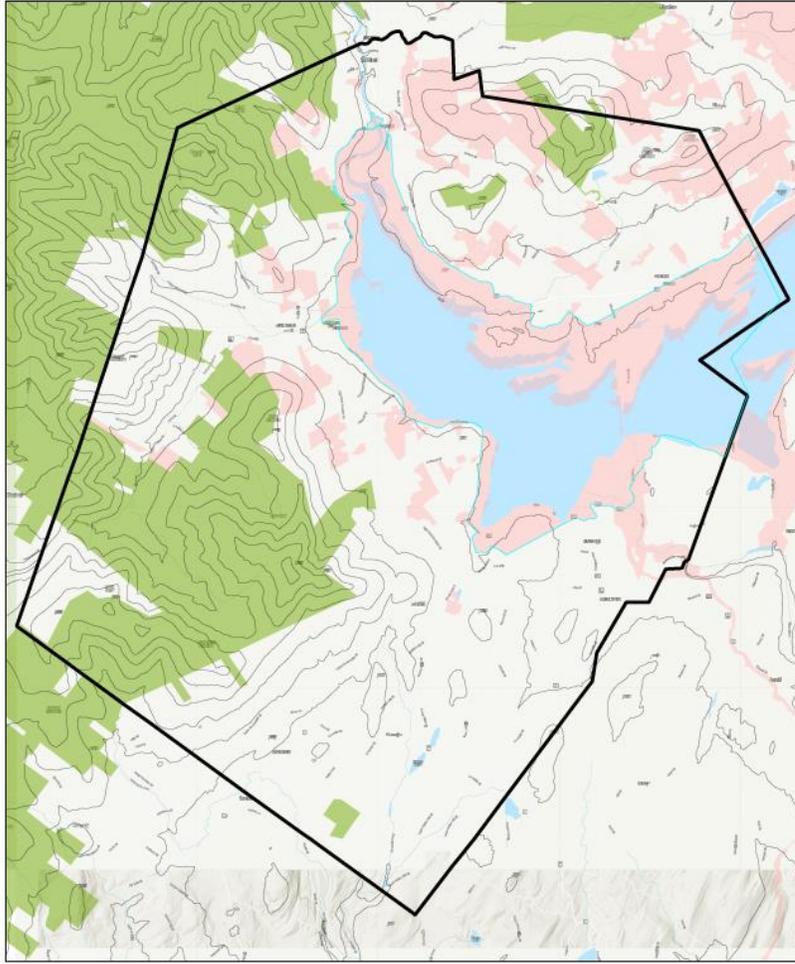
There are a variety of recreational resources that provide year-round activities.



Maps

A collection tool to help illustrates your intrinsic qualities; Not looking for precision

Olive Scenic Byway
Inventory Basemap



The Corridor Management plan uses primary and/or secondary research to validate the choice of intrinsic qualities. - Checklist



Walking Tours



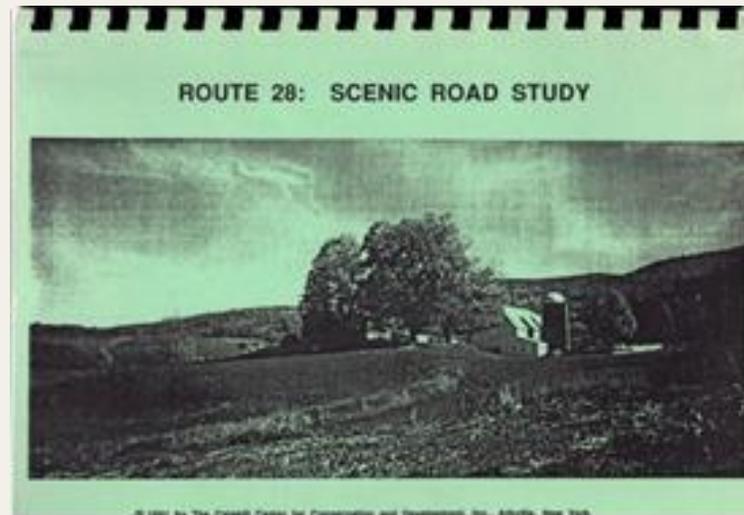
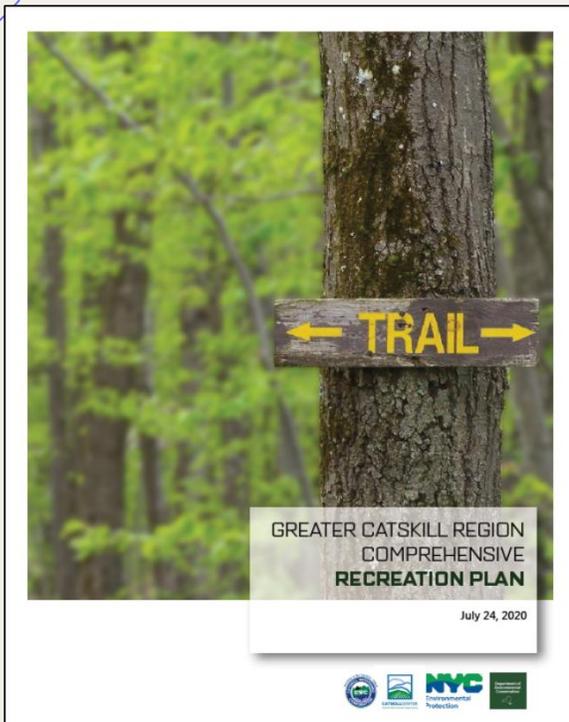
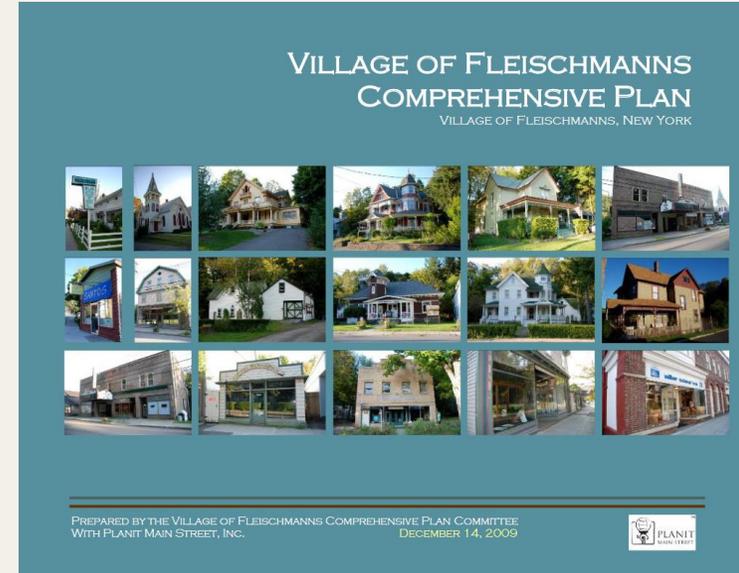
Train Ride?



Look for and Present Connections

Identify and express relationships between local and regional plans and the scenic byway themes

Develop Local Recommendations



Make sure your resources are all categorized according to the intrinsic qualities they support. Remember: a single resource can support multiple qualities, so don't be afraid to list certain resources in multiple categories.

Also remember that the ultimate aim is not just to categorize, but to tell a story and communicate an experience. - BYB

Local Byway Group Presentations

Schedule (Subject to Modification)

August – Shandaken and Olive

September – Andes and Fleischmanns

October – Middletown and Margaretville

November – Hurley

December – Roxbury

Support for this project comes from:

- The O'Connor Foundation and the towns of Roxbury and Hurley
- The Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce and the MARK Project
- Municipal officials, designated representatives, community volunteers
- Catskill Center, NYSDOT

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