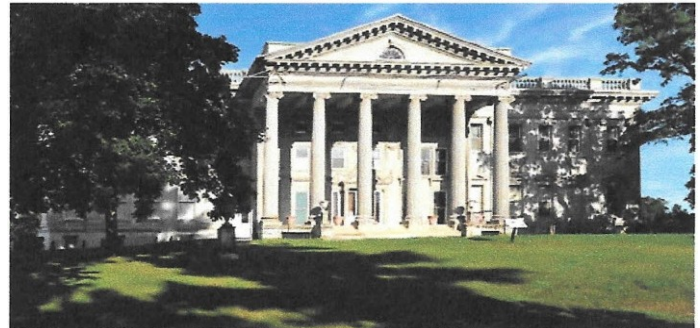


The 2013 Mid-Hudson Regional Council specifically states on page 48 (below and highlighted) that casino/destination resorts are supported by the Mid-Hudson Regional Council included under tourism destinations. The 2013 Mid-Hudson Regional Council plan shows that the regions plan for job creation includes casinos and that the Mid-Hudson Regional Council supports casinos.

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-:- New opportunities for recreation destinations like the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Welcome Center in Ulster County, Sing Sing Prison Historic Site in Ossining and Hastings-on-

Hudson brownfield remediation (both in Westchester County), and the Fishkill Supply Depot and Mount Beacon Incline Railway in Dutchess County also were advanced.

Spotlight on Regional Council Priority Projects:

The Regional Council had three funded priority projects in the area of tourism, arts, and culture. Council members work in close collaboration with Empire State Development's Mid-Hudson office to track the projects' progress, receiving a status report at each meeting. The following are of note:

- Hyde Park Hotel Ventures received \$250,000 through the 2012 CFA round to construct a 138-room, 110,000-square-foot full-service hotel and conference center located on or near the CIA campus in Hyde Park, Dutchess County. The hotel will be located along the scenic and historic Hudson River and will be a "Renaissance by Marriott" branded hotel. The project has a signed incentive proposal, permitting is complete, site planning has commenced, and construction will start in the second quarter of 2014.

- The City of Kingston, Ulster County, received \$1.2 million through the 2012 CFA round (in partnership with the Town of Ulster) in order to design and construct a mile-long promenade along the Hudson River at a former industrial site. Current plans call for this public walkway to be completed in phases, as build-out of the proposed mixed use Hudson Landing development occurs at the site. The project is in the process of receiving final site plan approvals from the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster with the building agreement being finalized and construction to start in 2014.

Implementation Agenda & Timeline

Action Identified by Council	Progress To-Date	Future Actions and Timeline for Completion
Encourage the creation of destination hotels to capitalize on and enhance existing attractions and support more overnight stays that would lead to greater and longer tourist visitation from outside of the region and greater local expenditure. Where appropriate, the viability of casino gambling should also be considered.	Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed the Upstate NY Gaming Economic Development Act, a comprehensive new law that, pending approval of a referendum this fall, will establish four destination gaming resorts in Upstate New York and boost tourism and economic development in communities across the region. Destination gaming resorts are authorized in three regions of the state, including the Hudson Valley-Catskill area.	The Council will continue to monitor the status of several hotels seeking to locate in the region, including the EPT/Concord Resort in Sullivan County and the Nevele in Ulster County (09/2013 and ongoing).