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Front Page

Putnam County is First in Country to Have "Preserve America Passport"

US Representative Sue Kelly, Hudson River Navigator Vinnie Tamagna, NY State Parks Commissioner Bernadette Castro, NY State Senator Vincent Leibell and State Representative Sandy Galef show off the cover of the "Passport" to Putnam County



on of Rt. 9D and Main Street in Cold Spring was peopled on Saturday afternoon, October 15th, with dignitaries to witness the unveiling of the new "Preserve America" sign that marks Putnam County as one of a select few municipalities to be chosen for the national designation as a "Preserve America Community."

The effort, spearheaded by Hudson River Navigator Vinnie Tamagna, has resulted, in addition to the designation, with the production of a booklet entitled "The Preserve America Passport." This initiative is the first in the nation and creates a venue for heritage tourism in the Hudson Valley. The passport serves as a guide and outlines

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the history of eight historic locations in Putnam County, including: Cold Spring’s Main Street; Our Lady of Restoration Chapel; the Putnam County Historical Society & Foundry School Museum; the West Point Foundry; Boscobel Restoration; Constitution Island; Garrison’s Landing, and; Manitoga. Putnam County was designated a “Preserve America Community” in 2004 and was one of the first eight communities to be recognized in the United States.

“I am very grateful for the partnerships among the business community, government and our historical assets that provided the opportunities for national recognition through the “Preserve America” designation,” said Tamagna. “The American Heritage River initiative, as a partner with the American Council on Historical Preservation, has again afforded the support to bring communities together for the purpose of promoting our heritage and protecting our natural resources.”

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Bernadette Castro, who announced the creation of the “Preserve America Passport” to Putnam County, also announced the designation of the city of Beacon as the most recent “Preserve America Community” in New York.

“The Preserve America initiative serves as a unique vehicle through which local communities can celebrate and protect our rich heritage across the nation,” said Commissioner Castro. “With the support of Governor Pataki, New York has been a leader in protecting our state’s historic treasures while balancing the need for economic development and community revitalization. These communities have once again underscored their commitment to encourage quality heritage tourism programs and historic preservation in the lower Hudson Valley, and are commended

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