

The Hudson River Foodway Corridor and Tug and Barge Project

Hudson River Foodway Corridor

The Hudson River Navigator initiated "Fresh Off the Barge - *a floating farmers market*" in 2000 with the lower Hudson Long Island RC&D Program and has consistently called for reestablishing the Hudson River as a valuable transportation corridor.

In November of this year the Federal Department of Transportation and USDA supported the waterway food corridor transport system which supports local farms and seeks to build the necessary infrastructure to create an earth friendly local foods system. Use of our rivers and coastal routes is an innovative way to relieve many natural resource concerns such as congestion on roads, climate change, and fossil fuel dependency. The project is using partnerships at every level of government and private industry to create jobs in the city and the countryside. These federal initiatives will promote healthy foods provided by the farmers of the world through clean transportation. The importance of linking upstate farming communities with the downstate urban centers will fuel an economy that is desperately needed during these tough economic times while addressing the issues of social justice and access to food for so many in the inner cities of our Hudson River Valley.

Tugboat Pegasus Preservation Project

As the Hudson River Navigator representing one of America's fourteen American Heritage Rivers, Vinny was an advocate for the "Tug & Barge" project and is scheduled to meet with the Captains on December 16th. Their efforts in bringing the Waterfront Museum and the Tugboat Pegasus Preservation Project to visit the Hudson River Valley in 2011 with two floating historic treasures and their accompanying arts and education programs will further promote the Hudson River Valley and offer a continuum that began with the 2009 Quadricentennial. The Captains Pamela and David will continue this maritime legacy. inspired by the 2009 Quadricentennial celebration. It is an important to recognize this important asset at it supports the economic, historic and cultural opportunities today as well as for future generations.

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