



**ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GOVERNANCE CMTE. MEETING**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from the October 23, 2024 Commission meeting**
- 2) Public Comment**
- 3) Financial Update (by CFO Stuto)**
- 4) CEO Update (by CEO Hendrick)**
- 5) External Affairs and Communications Update (by DEA Vavura)**
- 6) Ships, Barge and Tonnage Report**
- 7) Real Property/Development Update (by CCO Daly, SCM Yagan)**
- 8) Wharf Infrastructure Engineering & Design Services (Resolution 24-2024)**
- 9) Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas Sponsorship (Resolution 25 -2024)**
- 10) Other Business (by Chairperson)**
- 11) Enter Executive Session<sup>1</sup>**
- 12) Exit Executive Session**
- 13) Next Meeting: Friday, December 20, 2024**

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<sup>1</sup> Only if necessary (and if approved by a majority vote of the Commission), to discuss:  
a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;  
b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;

- c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
- e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;
- f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and
- h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.



## **ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**October 23, 2024**

Chairperson Steffens called the meeting to order. In attendance were Commissioners Coffey, Cinquanti, Tagliento and Abriel. Also present were, CEO Hendrick, General Counsel Jordan, CCO Daly, CFO Stuto, DSI Schneidawin, SCM Yagen, DEA Vavura, Director of Security Stock, Logistec Operations Manager Matt Sullivan and Rev. Lowell Chilton, Chaplain of the Albany Maritime Ministry.

Chairperson Steffens introduced the minutes of the September 23, 2024 Commission meeting. No changes were made to the minutes. Chairperson Steffens called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Abriel, seconded by Commissioner Cinquanti and passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rev. Lowell Chilton, Chaplain for Albany Maritime Ministry spoke to the Board about the Maritime Ministry's upcoming events which include the Christmas at Sea Hospitality Program, a fundraiser to benefit the Maritime Ministry being held on December 16<sup>th</sup> and the Maritime Ministry's annual open house.

Chairperson Steffens thanked the Maritime Ministry volunteers for all the support they provide to the seafarers.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

CFO Stuto reported that she reviewed the projected financial results through September 30, 2024, compared to budget for both September and October with the Finance Committee. She noted there was an increase in the operating revenue of \$150,000 and a projected increase in operating expenses of \$12,000, for a net increase of \$147,000 in operating income over expenses. There is also a projected decrease in the Capital Grant Revenue, which is due to the timing of the remaining funds from the NYSDOT grant. The change in net position is expected to be at a negative \$2.25 million at the end of the year.

CFO Stuto also reported that she discussed the proposed 2025 Budget with the Finance Committee. She provided the Board with highlights that included; operating revenue of \$6.4 million, operating expenses of \$6 million, other income and depreciation expenses of \$3.2 million, capital grant revenue of \$4.5 million and the change in net position of \$1.4 million.

CFO Stuto stated that the Finance Committee had no questions other than what was discussed at last month's meeting and that they recommended the Board approve the Proposed 2025 budget.

Commissioner Coffey thanked CFO Stuto for her hard work in preparing the budget.

### **CEO UPDATE**

- CEO Hendrick reported that the security team has been collaborating with the U.S. Coast Guard to renew the facilities operation plan permit. The Port security staff conducted a tabletop drill along with seventeen other agencies at the Port. The Coast Guard recently conducted an inspection of the Port facilities and found no discrepancies.
- CEO Hendrick will be speaking at the American Association of Port Authorities Annual Convention in Boston related to Port infrastructure development with diminished funding.
- CEO Hendrick noted that CCO Daly will be speaking at the Offshore Wind Conference being held in New Jersey.

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

DEA Vavura provided the Board with an update on recent media coverage related to maritime activity and offshore wind developments, highlighting media coverage on Port Industry Day. She reported that Port staff and Maritime Ministry staff have been partnering with Capital Region BOCES to engage students in developing and creating souvenirs representing Albany to give to the seafarers as they come into port. She provided the Board with an update on upcoming Port events. DEA Vavura also mentioned that staff continues to work with Upside Collective on the preliminary design stage of the new website.

### **SHIPS, BARGES & TONNAGE UPDATE**

Logistec Operations Manager Matt Sullivan provided the Board with an update on maritime activity through the month of September. He reported that the month of September had been busy. Staff completed work on the CHPE cable vessel. Then one GE barge carrying a generator came into port as well as one wheat ship which allowed Ardent Mill's to use their new hopper system that worked as intended. Only one ship has come in for the month of October, however, November is expected to be busy with one pulp ship, one scrap ship, a GE Project barge and 2 cable ships. Next year Logistec is expecting two wheat ships, but most of the wheat received next year will be transported by rail due to the price of European wheat.

### **REAL PROPERTY/DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

CCO Daly provided the Board with an update on the various grants that have either been announced or are still pending results. She spoke about the two NYSDOT grants, both relating to maritime district improvements to increase capacity of the heavy rail, improve decking support and shed improvements. She noted that the Port was unsuccessful in obtaining grant funds for the MPDG and EPA Clean Port grant applications, however staff continues to wait on the results of the grant applications at the State level.

Staff continues to participate with the Capital Region Transportation Committee in discussions related to roadwork and other infrastructure development as it relates to regional manufactures.

CCO Daly reported on the interest of potential use/sale of the South Pearl Street properties and the prospect of utilizing the Port for small vessels for the Livingston Avenue Bridge project.

She also noted that Port staff will be obtaining assistance from a real estate expert to review the current leases and to compare data to ensure that all leases include up-to-date market terms.

SCM Yagan provided the Board with an update on the Expansion Project. He reported that the Pad Ready site work is near completion at Beacon Island. Bridge work is completed, including concrete deck and curbing along the edges. Paving work at the intersection of Corning Hill and River Road is complete and signalization work is continuing. The installation of poles and foundations will be in November. James H. Maloy's portion of the road work is complete and staff is working with the Town of Bethlehem on obtaining certification. SCM Yagan expects the work with Gilbane to be substantially complete by the end of the year.

### **2025 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Chairperson Steffens introduced Resolution 22-2024 related to the proposed 2025 Budget approval. Chairperson Steffens called for a motion to authorize the approval of the 2025 Budget as presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Coffey, seconded by Commissioner Abriel and passed unanimously.

### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND REPRESENTATION EXTENSION**

Chairperson Steffens introduced Resolution 23-2024 related to the contract with Catalyst New York, LLC for Government Relations and Representation. Throughout the current contract Catalyst has maintained a high level of service and integrity representing the APDC in regard to many projects, including offshore wind. Therefore, the staff recommended the Board approve the one-year extension permitted under the contract. Chairperson Steffens called for a motion to authorize the CEO to execute the necessary documents to extend the contract with Catalyst New York, LLC for Government Relations and Representation for one additional year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 per month. A motion was made by Commissioner Tagliento, seconded by Commissioner Abriel and passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business for discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairperson Steffens called for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and for the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. A motion was made by Commissioner Tagliento, seconded by Commissioner Cinquanti and passed unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

**NEXT MEETING**

Chairperson Steffens informed those in attendance that the **next meeting of the APDC Board of Commissioners will be Monday, November 25, 2024 being held immediately following the Governance Committee meeting being held at 12:00 noon.**

Chairperson Steffens called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Abriel, seconded by Commissioner Tagliento and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

**ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**2024 Forecast - Preliminary Results through October 31, 2024**

	October 2024	Year to Date Oct-24	Year to Date Budget Oct-24	Actual to Budget Variance YTD	Forecast Nov-Dec	Forecast 2024	Budget 2024	Forecast to Budget Variance
<b>Operating Revenue:</b>								
Rental Income	359,671	3,564,027	3,562,303	1,725	719,342	4,283,370	4,274,763	8,607
Dockage Fees	(14,985)	488,295	284,167	204,128	97,659	585,954	341,000	244,954
Wharfage Fees:	9,502	180,754	266,667	(85,912)	36,151	216,905	320,000	(103,095)
Buckeye Revenue	-	100,000	100,000	-	50,000	150,000	150,000	-
Stevadore Fees and Services	73,885	508,649	375,000	133,649	128,852	637,501	450,000	187,501
Crane Equipment Rental	9,030	133,877	166,667	(32,790)	19,750	153,627	200,000	(46,373)
Security Fees	12,883	389,725	103,250	286,475	77,945	467,670	413,000	54,670
Public Private Administrative Revenue	13,469	167,034	64,345	102,689	26,000	193,034	300,000	(106,966)
Other Services and Revenue	365	21,353	9,501	11,852	2,655	24,008	11,401	12,607
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>463,820</b>	<b>5,553,714</b>	<b>4,931,898</b>	<b>621,816</b>	<b>1,158,355</b>	<b>6,712,069</b>	<b>6,460,164</b>	<b>251,905</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>								
Payroll, Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	272,471	2,922,537	2,792,325	130,212	511,364	3,433,901	3,350,790	83,111
Other Post Retirement Benefit Expense	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Repairs, Maintenance and Utilities	44,234	549,624	554,847	(5,223)	110,864	660,488	665,816	(5,328)
Crane Parts and Repairs	3,681	50,585	125,000	(74,415)	105,000	155,585	150,000	5,585
Insurance	29,012	294,616	308,264	(13,648)	58,024	352,640	369,917	(17,277)
Professional and Consulting Fees	22,090	235,388	345,417	(110,029)	132,962	368,350	414,500	(46,150)
Service Contracts	21,782	175,908	158,333	17,575	35,182	211,090	190,000	21,090
Security and Safety Costs	3,429	28,684	129,167	(100,483)	64,230	92,914	155,000	(62,086)
Education and Training	-	2,405	12,500	(10,095)	10,000	12,405	15,000	(2,595)
Office Supplies and Expense	2,230	23,537	52,583	(29,046)	32,107	55,644	63,100	(7,456)
Advertising, Promotion and Association Dues	4,548	120,444	217,343	(96,899)	135,000	255,444	260,812	(5,368)
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	-	180,000	(180,000)
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>403,477</b>	<b>4,403,727</b>	<b>4,695,779</b>	<b>(292,052)</b>	<b>1,294,733</b>	<b>5,698,461</b>	<b>5,914,935</b>	<b>(216,474)</b>
<b>Operating Income (Expense) before other items</b>	<b>60,343</b>	<b>1,149,987</b>	<b>236,119</b>	<b>913,868</b>	<b>(136,379)</b>	<b>1,013,608</b>	<b>545,229</b>	<b>468,379</b>
<b>Depreciation and Other (Income) Expenses:</b>								
Depreciation Expense	267,071	2,670,714	2,333,333	337,381	534,143	3,204,857	2,800,000	404,857
Interest Income	(248)	(31,371)	(16,667)	(14,704)	(10,000)	(41,371)	(20,000)	(21,371)
Interest Expense	3,486	52,182	139,367	(87,185)	103,812	155,994	167,240	(11,246)
Waterfront Development	15,762	286,656	258,492	28,164	21,952	308,608	310,190	(1,582)
Municipal Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Gain)Loss on Asset	-	(15,149)	-	(15,149)	-	(15,149)	-	(15,149)
<b>Net Depreciation and Other (Income) Expenses</b>	<b>286,071</b>	<b>2,963,032</b>	<b>2,714,525</b>	<b>248,507</b>	<b>649,907</b>	<b>3,612,939</b>	<b>3,257,430</b>	<b>355,509</b>
<b>Change in Net Position Before Capital Funding</b>	<b>(225,729)</b>	<b>(1,813,046)</b>	<b>(2,478,406)</b>	<b>665,361</b>	<b>(786,285)</b>	<b>(2,599,331)</b>	<b>(2,712,201)</b>	<b>112,870</b>
Public Private Partnership Revenue	2,306,448	36,998,697	37,935,655	(936,959)	7,900,000	44,898,697	36,500,000	8,398,697
Capital Grant Revenue	-	625,477	3,750,000	(3,124,523)	-	625,477	4,500,000	(3,874,523)
<b>Grant and Private Partner Revenue</b>	<b>2,306,448</b>	<b>37,624,174</b>	<b>41,685,655</b>	<b>(4,061,482)</b>	<b>7,900,000</b>	<b>45,524,174</b>	<b>41,000,000</b>	<b>4,524,174</b>
Development Expense Empire Wind Project	(2,319,917)	(37,343,385)	(38,000,000)	656,615	(7,926,000)	(45,269,385)	(36,500,000)	(8,769,385)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(239,198)</b>	<b>(1,532,257)</b>	<b>1,207,249</b>	<b>(2,739,506)</b>	<b>(812,285)</b>	<b>(2,344,542)</b>	<b>1,787,799</b>	<b>(4,132,341)</b>



## **Media Relations**

- Regular communications with local, regional, and industry media, including *Times Union*, *Albany Business Review*, *Spotlight News*, local TV stations, etc.
- Coordinated interviews with industry publications: DDC (*Design Develop Construct*) [project update]; *Heavy Lift* [port/maritime update]

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

*Times Union* | October 20, 2024

Looking Back: Loading scrap (1939)

*Times Union* | October 22, 2024

Entrepreneur proposes \$100M project to recycle Hudson River sediment in Rensselaer

*Times Union* | October 31, 2024

Editorial: Kiln proposed for Rensselaer a lose-lose for community

*Spotlight News* | November 6, 2024

Second Beacon Island lawsuit dismissed

*Capital Region Chamber Fast Take newsletter* | November 15, 2024

Port of Albany Collecting Donations for Albany Maritime Ministry

*CBS6* | November 9, 2024

Rensselaer rallies against proposed sludge incinerator

*Times Union* | November 10, 2024

City residents, politicians call for law to stop Harbor Rock incinerator

*Times Union* | November 19, 2024

Port of Albany CEO Hendrick elected vice chair of national ports association

## **Community Outreach & Engagement**

- Attended Capital Region Chamber Women's Business Council's Bold in Business (10/22)
- Attended Rensselaer Regional Chamber's Wonder Women (10/24)
- Attended kick off of National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) with city's Youth & Workforce (11/6)
- Participated in Capital Region Transportation Council meetings
- Participated in Capital Region Economic Development meetings
- Participated in South End Community Coalition weekly calls
- Participated in South End Workforce Development weekly calls
- Maintained regular communication with education partners incl. Capital Region BOCES, Questar III BOCES, HVCC
- Coordinated communication/outreach to Port tenants/neighbors and partners

## **Speaking Opportunities/Tours/Events**

- Spoke at American Association of Port Authorities Annual Convention (Rich, 10/30)
- Spoke at American Clean Power Offshore WINDPOWER 2024 (Megan, 10/29)
- Tour with Dorcy Applyrs, Marcus Pryor (10/9)
- Tour with Buck Bobbin, Sen Gillibrand's office (10/25)
- Tour with new National Grid team (11/13)
- Helping coordinate Capitalize Albany annual meeting onsite at the Port (12/2)

## **Internal Communications**

- 2024 Tenant/District visits (completed): Port Railroad, Rensselaer Generating, Springer Welding, Scarano Boats, Port Welding, Buckeye, Ardent Mills, CD Man, Mohawk Paper, Callanan, DEC, ASMG/Gorman.
- Completed 2024 COELIG Ethics training
- Meet weekly with Rich; meet regularly with Megan and John
- Maintain weekly staff update email; convene monthly staff meetings
- Serve as liaison to Albany Maritime Ministry, Logistec [Corporate Communications]
- Maintain regular communication with City of Albany Neighborhood Specialist
- Maintain regular communication with Town of Bethlehem
- Maintain communications with OSW partners/stakeholders comm's teams (including NYSERDA, Town of Bethlehem, South End, etc.) and provide updates to Commissioners/staff.

### **Marketing, Advertising, Digital Media, Collateral Development**

- Completed LaBella project videos
- Provided Port cargo footage to Capital Region Transportation Council
- Coordinating website re-design with Upside Collective (at preliminary Design phase)
- Continuing efforts on collateral design and content calendar

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For Offshore Wind industry news feeds, sign up at: <https://renews.biz/> and/or <https://www.offshorewind.biz/>  
For more information, contact Penny Vavura, [pvavura@portofalbany.us](mailto:pvavura@portofalbany.us), 518-339-6042

# MONTHLY SHIP & BARGE REPORT

## HIGHLIGHTS for OCTOBER 2024:

One CHPE vessel with 12 cable drums (9 miles), continuing with Heritage Environmental railcars/containers. Prep CMI barges for November cable vessel.

## WHARF ACTIVITY for OCTOBER 2024

LINE   VESSELS	COMMODITY	TONNAGE-MT	CBM
IMP SHIPPERSGRACHT	CHPE CABLE	569	1348
		569	1,348

## TERMINAL ACTIVITY for OCTOBER 2024

COMMODITY	TONNAGE-MT	# TRUCKS	# RAIL
WOODPULP	2,669	133	
ROLL PAPER	0	0	
COILS	100	9	
STEEL	527	35	1
PROJECT	0	0	0
HERITAGE	1,478	326	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>24</b>

## ANTICIPATED for NOVEMBER 2024:

2 CHPE vessel & barges for sub-sea cable transfer (75 miles of cable - estimated 4,000 man hrs), scrap vessel (26k), woodpulp vessel (4500 mt), GE barge - 3 rotors, Ongoing handling of Heritage Environmental railcars/containers loaded with C&D material. Load out of CHPE cable drums to trucks.

## COMMODITY [YTD]

COMMODITY	MT	CBM
WOODPULP	17,588	0
ROLL PAPER	0	0
WHEAT	94,639	0
SCRAP	67,264	0
PROJECT	5,470	5,937
CHPE	9,495	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176,868</b>	<b>5,937</b>

## STORED CARGO OCTOBER

COMMODITY	TONNAGE-MT	CBM
WOODPULP	1,713	
ROLL PAPER	1	
COILS	1,254	
STEEL	329	
PROJECT	518	3,305
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>3,305</b>

## LONGSHOREMAN HOURS

OCTOBER 2024	YTD
1,707 (-62% from last month)	31,350 (+4% from last year)

## SAFETY RECORD

DAYS W/O LOST TIME	175
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**RESOLUTION 24 -2024  
OF THE  
ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Port District Commission (the “APDC”) is a public corporation and a district corporation of the state of New York established pursuant to Chapter 192 of the Laws of 1925, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the APDC strives to responsibly and effectively manage the publicly-owned maritime Port of Albany-Rensselaer, contributing to the economy of the Capital Region and beyond while emphasizing transparency and public stewardship as prescribed in the APDC Mission Statement; and

**WHEREAS**, section 5 subsection 6 of the APDC Enabling Legislation authorizes the APDC to “acquire, lease, erect, construct, make, equip and maintain port facilities within or outside the district” and in furtherance of the APDC mission, the APDC has embarked on a strategic infrastructure investment plan endeavoring to increase maritime heavy lift and project cargo capacities at APDC’s facilities and focusing on making marine terminal improvements and efficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the APDC was awarded funding under the NYSDOT Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP) to assist in implementing the strategic infrastructure investment plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that in order for the APDC and its tenants to import certain heavyweight and over-dimensional products the wharf infrastructure leading to the maritime terminal must be reconstructed to support such commercial efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, under the APDC procurement requirements, professional services vendors must be selected based on variety of reasons including accountability, responsibility, skill, judgement and continuity of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Meuser Rutledge Engineering has demonstrated their extensive knowledge and expertise in maritime engineering, a high level of responsibility and judgement in their ability to provide an excellent work product, and a proven past performance while producing the initial and current infrastructure design work on the wharf in question, leading the APDC to consider Meuser Rutledge Engineering a single source for this procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, the APDC has received a proposal from Meuser Rutledge Engineering in the amount of \$297,000 for Wharf Infrastructure Engineering and Design Services to increase the operational capabilities of the APDC and described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the APDC has determined that the proposal received is fair and reasonable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the APDC authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute the necessary documents to award the contract for Wharf Infrastructure Engineering and Design Services to Meuser Rutledge Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$297,000.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assistant) Secretary

Date of Authorization: November 25, 2024

Prepared by:  
Patrick K. Jordan, Esq.

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**WHEREAS**, the APDC Sponsorship Policy (“Policy”) permits APDC support of events and activities which advance the APDC mission through providing financial assistance in the areas of maritime commerce or economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the APDC has been asked to consider sponsoring the Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas program (2024-2025 School Year) (“Event”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Event features activities to educate participants in certain economic and navigational aspects of the maritime-industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 approved APDC operating budget allocates an amount sufficient to support the Event at a sponsorship level not to exceed \$3,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the APDC finds that this sponsorship request is in accordance with the Policy and authorizes the CEO to pledge APDC sponsorship of the Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas Program (2024-2025 School Year) in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assistant) Secretary

Date of Authorization: November 25, 2024

Prepared by:  
Patrick K. Jordan, Esq.



## Request for Support: Historic Cherry Hill's Education Programs

Historic Cherry Hill (HCH) requests **\$3,000** from the Port of Albany in support of our highly successful school programs highlighting the historic role of the Hudson River in Albany's economy. Funds will be used to deliver programs during the 2024-25 school year at no cost to Title 1 schools in our region, specifically public-school students in the Albany City School District.

**During the 2024-25 school year**, funding from the Port of Albany supported: Free programs for 470 students; much needed maintenance for Hudson River Trading Game program props; and a free event for local families- *Community Day*.

In 2023-24, under-resourced schools in our area— particularly in Albany— continued to struggle with reinstating field trips due to an historic loss of staff and transportation costs. HCH remained flexible and responsive to the needs of our school communities. The portable version of the *Hudson River Trading Game* once again allowed this wildly popular, inclusive, and educational activity to travel to classroom audiences in and around our region, and it continues to be our highest rated program. Funds from the Port also supported our newest onsite program, *Mining the Untold Stories*, for those schools able to go on field trips.

Much like the *Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas* partnership, this new program allows local schools to visit multiple historic sites in a day. It highlights the experiences of women and people of African descent often overlooked in the traditional historical narrative. And like the *Hudson River Trading Game*, it highlights the role of the Hudson River in Albany's economy, trade and travel, but this time, focused on change during the 19th century.

Both programs were rated highly by local teachers. In an anonymous post-program evaluation, one teacher wrote of the new *Mining the Untold Stories* program: *"...This was a great opportunity. It worked so well with timing with classroom curriculum and the Hudson river trading game, it all tied together perfectly. I believe we will all be expecting to do it again next year!"* Another teacher wrote that the *Hudson River Trading Game* was: *"Absolutely the best interactive, hands-on, experiential learning around!"*

**Our request for the 2024-2025 school year:** \$3000 to deliver programs to 25 classrooms in underserved communities in our region (up to 750 students).

Thank you so much for considering this request and for your generous support over the years.

Contact: Deborah Emmons-Andarawis, Executive Director, Historic Cherry

Take a look at photographs of students playing the *Hudson River Trading Game* outreach to schools on the new portable game board!

