

2017 CVNHP Corridor of Commerce Grant

Steamboats in the Champlain Valley – A Bicentennial Project for Students

Project Summary

The Ticonderoga Historical Society received a 2017 *Corridor of Commerce* Interpretive Theme Grant to develop "Steamboats in the Champlain Valley – A Bicentennial Project for Students" was developed to encourage students to research the history of steam boating and its impact in the Champlain Valley. The project created a website and writing competition that asked students to investigate the impact of maritime commerce by creating a skit or short story related to the theme.

The website received more than 10,000 "hits," and a number of inquiries were received. In addition, there were in-person visits to the Ticonderoga Historical Society from some students.

The project was aimed at secondary school students within the Greater Champlain Valley of New York and Vermont. In spite of best efforts, however, no entries were received for the competition. Feedback was



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Output: A new website on the history of steamboats in the Champlain Valley

Outcome: Tasks addressed in the 2011 CVNHP Management Plan:

Task 9.6.1: Develop and/or improve natural and cultural heritage interpretative trails using wayside exhibits and other informative media.

Task 9.9.4: Support pilot projects that utilize emerging interpretive technologies.

Task 9.17.2: Encourage the development of new website technologies for use on the CVNHP and stakeholder websites.

Tasks addressed in 2017 *Opportunities for Action:*

III.C.1.a: Provide support for needed historical and archeological research, and accelerate the identification, evaluation, protection, and interpretation of heritage resources, including ethnographies of the cultures within the CVNHP.

IV.A.5.a: Connect, promote, and improve cultural and natural heritage sites through interpretation.

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