CLEAN UP & DEMOLITION

The two dilapidated houses at the Greenport Conservation Area will be removed, enhancing the visitor experience and avoiding potential hazards.

In 1992, the Open Space Institute purchased the original 265 acres of the Public Conservation Area and the property included a small single-story house and another ranch style house. The houses were uninhabited and in major disrepair. Twenty-one years later, the property has expanded to 625 acres and was recently transferred to the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC). The houses, which are worse than ever, need to be removed before they become a safety liability.

AVOID DEMOLITION AREA

<u>Demolition work is scheduled for August 12 - August 16.</u> Visitors should stay clear of marked off demolition areas.

The houses have asbestos and other contaminants and CLC will be working with the contractors to ensure the contaminants are contained and removed according to the regulations established by the EPA and the NYS Asbestos Bureau. The work will be monitored by an environmental consulting firm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After the debris has been removed, CLC will be calling for volunteers to help with landscaping the former house sites. Sign up online at clctrust.org/volunter or contact Nate Davis at 518.392.5252, ext. 205 or nated@clctrust.org.

PUBLIC ACCESS

CLC is dedicated to providing public access to the beautiful landscapes of Columbia County. The Greenport Conservation Area is one of 10 Public Conservation Areas that CLC owns or manages that is open to the public, free of charge. The one mile Access-For-All Trail has a firm and stable surface, allowing visitors in wheelchairs to access the bluffs overlooking the Hudson River. The Stockport-Greenport Trail connects the conservation area to Harrier Hill Park. CLC is also working to create a trail that would extend south through Hudson's North Bay that would provide a connection to downtown Hudson.

