

Hudson

Area: 2.3 sq miles
Population: 6,684 (2012, -11.2% since 2000)
Approximate coordinates: 42°15'0"N 73°47'23"W
Zip code: 12534
County: Columbia



This tour has six stops over 1.1 miles.

Take this tour by foot or by car.

Find directions to the next stop at the end of the previous one.

1. HUDSON COMMUNITY GARDEN

2nd and Columbia

The Hudson Community Garden has been a place for people to grow food locally, cheaply, and sustainably since 1994. The garden currently feeds over 100 people.

The Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency (HCDPA), an agency established to oversee the City's Urban Renewal projects in the 1960s and 70s, owns the parcels of land on which the garden is located. In November of 2013, the Community Garden board was informed that a local branch of Habitat for Humanity intended to buy those parcels in order to build affordable housing for three to five families and "complete" Columbia Street.

After months of public meetings, private deals, and a local petition to preserve the garden that had more signatures than the previous mayoral elections had votes, the HCDPA divided the plot between the Garden and Habitat for Humanity. The Community Garden was granted another year on a reduced plot with a 1000% rent increase, and did not receive the option to buy as they had sought.

The Garden is pursuing options for satellite gardens throughout the city, and partnering with a coalition of individuals and organizations in Hudson to garden on private land.

Audio Sarah Faulkner and Jennifer are both on the Board of Directors of the Hudson Community Garden.

Recorded on March 12 and March 14, 2014.

Next Stop 348 Warren Street

1. Head southeast (away from the river) on Columbia St toward N 3rd St
 2. Turn right onto N 3rd St
 3. Turn left onto Warren St
- Destination will be on the left.

2. INCIDENT REPORT VIEWING STATION

348 Warren Street

Incident Report Viewing Station is an interface—a point of interaction between objects in a storefront, individuals on Warren, speeds and dynamics on the street, and ideas moving between them. The projects on view at Incident Report are organized according to two limitations: the work must be portable and fit in the viewing station storefront, and the work must be installed in coordination with the schedule of the employee working in the office space behind. Incident Report costs nothing and provides no tangible services, while it occupies prime real estate on Warren Street.

Audio Since Incident Report is an accumulation of the work of all that have participated, the audio is a collage of reflections on how Incident Report operates as a storefront exhibition space in a rapidly shifting street of businesses, and as a coordinator of art world networks. The audio was collected by Max Goldfarb, Nancy Shaver, and Allyson Strafella. We thank David Kermani, whose generosity has allowed Incident Report to exist for the past six years.

Incidents include, in order of appearance:

Alex Young, (No.50), Danny Giles, (No.52), Nancy Shaver, Galeria Perdida, (No.57), Alex Young, (No.50), Nancy Shaver, Sam Sebren, (No.78), Nancy Shaver, Hiroshi Mori, (No.66), Bruce Dow, (No.1), Nancy Shaver, Caitlin Parker, (No.20), Axle Bishop, (No.67), Hap Tivey, (No.63), Charles Goldman, (No.9), Conor Backman, Nancy Shaver, Daniel Berry, (No.12), Mandolyn Wilson, (No.6), Daniella Dooling, (No.74), Nancy Shaver, Jonathan Podwil, (No.15), George Ragget, Museum of Commerce, (No.46), Axle Bishop, (No.67), John Cleater, (No.19), Beka Goedde, (No.45), Jomar Statkun (No.49), Susan Meyer (No.68), Kruse, Smudge Studio, (No.41), Tessa Languadoc, Nancy Shaver, Kenji Fujita (No.8), Kim Beck (No.22), Arthur Gibbons (No.2), John Jackson (No.48), Tyler Rowland (No.30), Daniel Carello, (No.47), Nancy Shaver

Recorded on various dates, December 2013 - March 2014.

Next Stop 434 Columbia Street

1. Head southeast on Warren St toward S 4th St
 2. Take the 1st left onto N 4th St
 3. Take the 2nd right onto Columbia St
- Destination will be on the left.

3. TIME AND SPACE LIMITED

434 Columbia Street

Time and Space Limited (TSL) is an experimental and community-based theater company. Established in the 1970s in New York City by Linda Mussmann and Claudia Bruce, TSL moved to Hudson in 1991. Here they have presented original theater and multimedia productions, independent, documentary and classic movies, music and dance, art exhibitions, community forums, year-round youth programs, and live simulcasts of the Metropolitan Opera.

As directors of TSL, Linda and Claudia are committed to operating in a way that is specific to the needs and changing dynamics of Hudson at any given time.

Audio Linda Mussmann and Claudia Bruce.

Recorded on February 13, 2014.

Next Stop North Fifth and State Street

1. Head southeast on Columbia St toward N 5th St
2. Turn left onto N 5th St
3. Turn left onto State St

Destination will be at the corner of North Fifth and State Street

4. THE ARMORY

North Fifth and State Streets

Currently in a pre-development stage, the Galvan Foundation's proposal for the Hudson Armory building includes plans for a 12,000 square foot library, as well as a community event space, senior center, and office space. The Hudson Area Library is planning to move and expand from down the street, and is committed to raising \$2 million to support the future endowment of the building, intergenerational programming, and the support of more varied collections and meeting spaces.

The Hudson Area Library is a private, rather than municipal, library, though they have received public monies for operating expenses. They argue money will be better spent moving to and programming the Armory than maintaining the current building at 400 State Street.

The Galvan Charitable Trust and Galvan Initiatives Foundation, established by T. Eric Galloway and Henry van Ameringen, have a mission to improve and enhance the quality of life for all Hudson, NY residents, especially those most vulnerable or economically disadvantaged, through historic preservation and grantmaking.

Audio Milandou Badila (also known as Young Paris) is a performing artist and video director based in Hudson and Montreal. He comes from a family of African dance and drum performers—his father Elombe Badila was one of the founders of the first National Ballet of the Congo, and his mother Pamela Badila was a dancer in international ballet companies. The family moved to Hudson in 1997 and still performs together.

Young Paris's music blends electronic rap with African beats. He recently collaborated with Hudson-based artists on Black N Gold, a project influenced by indie rock and hip hop.

Recorded on January 13, 2014.

Next Stop 620 Columbia Street

1. Head southeast on State St toward N 5th St
2. Turn right onto N 6th St
3. Turn left onto Columbia St

Destination will be on the left.

5. MARINA ABRAMOVIC INSTITUTE

620 Columbia Street

Marina Abramovic Institute (MAI) was founded by Marina Abramovic and will serve as her legacy.

MAI is a platform for immaterial and long durational works.

MAI is an incubator for education and collaboration among humanities, arts, sciences, and technology.

MAI Hudson, when complete, will also be home to a series of exercises designed by Marina Abramovic over the course of forty years to explore the boundaries of body and mind.

Audio Leah Aron is a development consultant at MAI.

Recorded on March 13, 2014

Next Stop 755 Columbia Street

1. Head southeast on Columbia St toward S 7th St

2. Turn right to stay on Columbia St

Destination will be on the right.

6. STALEY B. KEITH SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER + GREATER HUDSON PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

755 Columbia Street

The mission of the Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center (SBK) is to transform marginalized neighborhoods of Hudson into vibrant communities. SBK supports a network of advocacy and mentorship to provide opportunities for black men to become leaders, while encouraging cooperation across compartmentalized social groups in Hudson. SBK began as informal conversations at this barbershop; board meetings continue to be held here.

The Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood aims to create solutions for families in the Hudson City School District, which encompasses this city and more rural areas nearby. Through partnerships and a long-term, cradle to college to career approach, the Promise Neighborhood's goals include improving academic achievement, strengthening parental engagement, promoting broad well-being, and developing leaders for 21st century careers. The federal Promise Neighborhoods program is modeled on the success of Harlem Children's Zone.

Audio Vern Cross, a founder and board member of SBK and host of the Barbershop Talks on WGXC, and Kamal Johnson, School Reform Coordinator of Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood.

Recorded on March 5, 2014.