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## NEW OSI STORY MAP HIGHLIGHTS SOUTH CAROLINA BLACK RIVER PROJECT

OSI's newest story map, "The Black River Experience," harnesses beautiful imagery, film, and maps to reveal the recreational, economic, and environmental possibilities of South Carolina's Black River Water Trail & Park Network. The story map, OSI's fifth, shares the results of a year-long public outreach effort to shape and design the long-awaited water trail; unveils a series of beautiful new riverine park units; and showcases a series of proposed exciting outdoor amenities. When it debuts, the 70-mile trail network will include South Carolina's first new state park in nearly 20 years, the state's first-ever riverine park, and the first state park in this majority Black region of the state.

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## SARATOGA COMMUNITY FOREST

Building on more than a decade supporting community forests throughout New England, OSI is now working to help establish the first, publicly owned community forest in Saratoga County. The community forests model of conservation engages residents in the management of local forestland and is a powerful force for long-term conservation.

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## PODCAST FEATURES OCMULGEE PROJECT

A recent episode of "Muscogee Pod," official podcast of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, dove deep into the history and future of Georgia's Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park. Earlier this year, OSI was among the partners that joined forces to expand the site and prevent encroaching industrial development. Hear more about this important project and more.

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## OSI McHENRY RECIPIENTS SELECTED

OSI is pleased to announce its 2022 Barnabas McHenry Hudson River Valley Award recipients. The four exceptional young leaders will take on projects to establish a community compost site in Kingston; create a historic architecture tour in Newburgh; curate an environmental history museum exhibit in Monroe; and build community partnerships with local businesses in High Falls.

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## 20,000 EXPLORE ADIRONDACK SITE

An increasing number of visitors are arriving at the OSI's Adirondac Upper Works property to access the High Peaks Wilderness, paddle across Henderson Lake, or explore the history of the former Village of Adirondac. Now, OSI's planned rehabilitation of the historic MacNaughton Cottage will help visitors fully appreciate, learn about, and enjoy this unparalleled landscape.

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## VERMONT CARBON PROPERTY SAVED

With support from OSI’s Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund, the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association and Vermont Land Trust have protected more than 600 critical forest acres along a popular scenic ridgeline in Vermont. The project, which represents OSI’s fourth success along the Windmill Hill ridge, contains prime forests for storing carbon in the face of a changing climate.

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## NEW SOUTHEAST CLIMATE INITIATIVE

OSI and the Chattanooga-based Thrive Regional Partnership launched a new initiative to help vulnerable communities in the Southeast respond to climate change. Under a pilot program, OSI and Thrive will work with local communities across parts of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, incorporating land protection to safeguard residents from floods, heat, and other threats.

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