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PHOTO CAPTION: Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation representatives **Michael Kelley** (*far left*), **Ellen Clewis** (*2nd from right*) and **Herbert Hekler** (*far right*) present the Foundation's \$6,280.00 grant check to Mohonk Preserve Executive Director **Glenn Hoagland** (*2nd from left*) and Education Director **Kathy Ambrosini** (*center*) in support of the Preserve's "Pondkeepers in the City" program.

ULSTER SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS "PONDKEEPERS IN THE CITY" PROGRAM AT THE MOHONK PRESERVE

The Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation recently announced their \$6,280.00 grant in support of the Mohonk Preserve's "Pondkeepers in the City" program.

This program will serve approximately 250 students and 10 teachers at three schools in the City of Poughkeepsie School District. It is designed to provide opportunities for disadvantaged, urban students to directly interact with nature, deliver English Language Arts content to underserved students in a motivating and accessible format, and provide hands-on experiences with wildlife to stimulate individual growth and lifelong learning.

For over 25 years, the Mohonk Preserve's Education Program has focused on giving local students, teachers, partner organizations and the general public with a variety of science, conservation and environment-themed educational programs.

"The 'Pondkeepers' program is an excellent example of the Mohonk Preserve's mission," noted Jeffrey D. Wood, Executive Director of the Charitable Foundation. "It's a great way to expose students to the wonders of nature that they otherwise may never see. We're glad to lend our support to the Mohonk Preserve."

For more information about the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation, please call Jeffrey Wood at (845) 338-6322, ext. 3268.