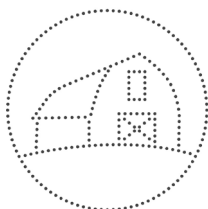




Preserving the rural character, natural habitats and scenic beauty of Saratoga County so that these irreplaceable assets are accessible to all and survive for future generations.



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# fieldnotes

FALL 2020

## WIN A TRIP TO A WINTER WONDERLAND

This winter, relocate the home office or recreation destination to Stowe, Vermont for a 2 night stay at a slopeside condo on Mt. Mansfield. The recently renovated and re-decorated condo sleeps eight, so bring along the whole quarantined crew! Ticket sales to support Saratoga PLAN's ongoing conservation work.

raffle  
tickets  
on sale  
now!

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

**2 NIGHT STAY**  
AT A SLOPESIDE CONDO

**2 PAIRS RENTAL DEMO SKIS**  
FROM THE ALPINE SPORT SHOP

**CATERED DINNER DELIVERED**  
BY BLACK DIAMOND BBQ

**HELMET & GOGGLES**  
FROM POC

**HELMET, GOGGLES  
& SUNGLASSES**  
FROM SMITH

**WINE**  
FROM OLD TAVERN FARM  
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**TASTY TREATS**  
FROM KING BROTHERS DAIRY

+ *OTHER SURPRISE GOODIES*

### HOW TO ENTER

**TICKETS: \$50**  
**SALES: 11/1-12/29**  
**DRAWING: 12/30**

#### BUY A TICKET

#### IN PERSON

Saratoga PLAN office  
MWF 12:30-2:00 PM

#### OVER THE PHONE

(518) 587-5554  
MWF 12:30-2:00 PM

#### MAIL A CHECK

112 Spring Street Rm 202  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

#### AT A LOCAL BUSINESS

Participating local businesses  
selling raffle tickets in-store

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT  
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# 2020 conservation updates

## **MATCHING CHALLENGE GRANT**

We are in the process of conserving 145 acres of woodlands in the Palmertown Range. The Aldrich Community Forest will offer **trails for mountain biking, XC skiing and hiking**. The first of the trails are expected to open in 2021.

### **Donate today and your gift will be doubled!**

The Miller Charitable Trust will match up to \$15,000 in donations towards the Aldrich Community Forest. We invite your donation of any amount to help meet the challenge and our overall target. To date we have raised 15% toward the \$88,000 goal.

For details and to donate online, visit [saratogaplan.org](http://saratogaplan.org), call 518-587-5554 (MWF from 12:30-2 PM), or fill out the enclosed form.



## **RIBBON CUTTING: BARKERSVILLE TRAILS**

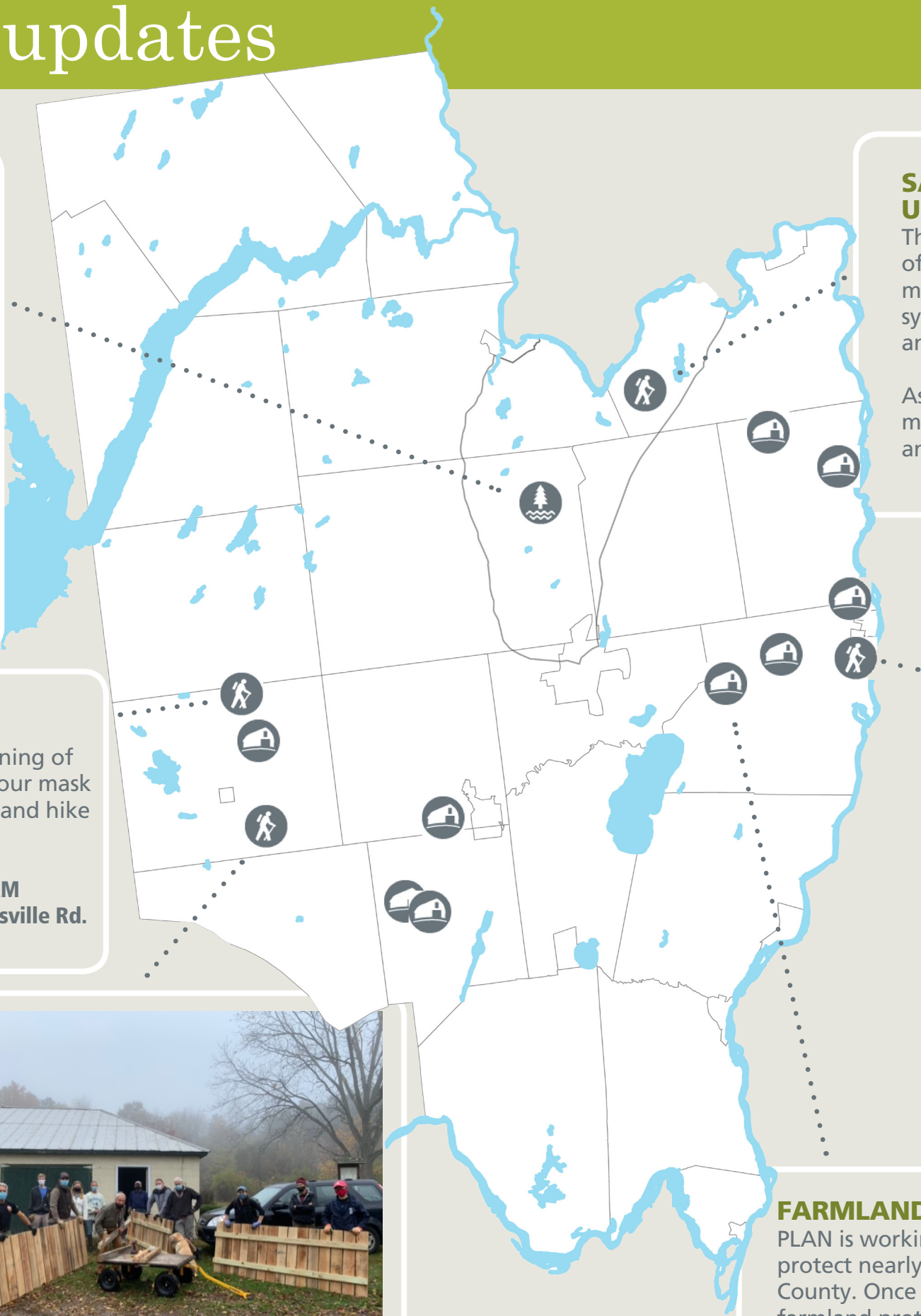
Save the date for the grand opening of Barkersville Trails. Please wear your mask for a celebratory ribbon cutting and hike through winding woodlands.

**Saturday, November 28 @ 11:00 AM**  
**Trailhead: Silcox Rd. off of Barkersville Rd. in Galway, NY**

## **NEW BRIDGE AT GALWAY PRESERVE**

Thanks to the hard work of the Next Generation Committee, Monday Stewards and employees from Galway's Cock 'n Bull Restaurant, a new bridge now spans a stream crossing on the white trail at the Galway Preserve.

An excerpt from the project report reads, "The group worked together to transport and maneuver the gorgeous yet heavy white oak decking onto the bridge and, with a few screws, it was locked into place and ready for muddy boots to make it feel at home."



## **SARAH B. FOULKE FRIENDSHIP TRAILS: UNDER CONTRACT**

The Palmertown Guidance Committee selected a team of 6 collaborating firms led by Penn Trails to create a master trail plan for the Sarah B. Foulke Friendship Trail system. The team is actively visiting sites, collecting data and planning multi-use trails in the Palmertown Range.

As part of the planning process, a community engagement effort is underway to connect with communities and influence an inclusive and accessible trail plan.

## **NEXT GENERATION COMMITTEE: SARATOGA SIEGE TRAIL CLEANUP**

This October, Saratoga PLAN's Next Generation Committee hauled six bags of debris from the Saratoga Siege Trail – a Saratoga PLAN partner trail in the Village of Victory. Stay tuned for future cleanups!



## **FARMLAND CONSERVATION**

PLAN is working on **nine** farmland conservation easements that will protect nearly 700 acres of fertile farmland throughout Saratoga County. Once complete, these projects will increase the amount of farmland protected by PLAN to more than 3,400 acres.



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Saratoga PLAN, in partnership with Open Space Institute (OSI), is excited to announce the new appointment of Laura Kipper to the position of the Palmertown Coordinator. As the Palmertown Range Project Co-ordinator, Laura will provide project management, public outreach, and support toward the achievement of

the recommendations in the strategy for conservation, recreation and sustainable economic development that local towns and community groups are working together to implement.

Laura began her career in land conservation in 2017 through a Saratoga PLAN internship. She recently completed her Masters of Science in Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy at SUNY Albany.

Saratoga PLAN is a nonprofit land trust that helps communities make long-term decisions to sustain our region as a great place to live, work, visit, play and farm. PLAN assists landowners and communities with fulfilling their conservation goals for their land and provides stewardship for over 5,500 acres of farmland, forest, natural habitat, trail corridors, historic places, and water resources in Saratoga County, ancestral homelands of the Mohican, Mohawk, and Abenaki people.

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