



Countywide Trails Initiative

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 6, 4:30 pm
Saratoga County Planning Office
West High Street, Ballston Spa

Attendees: Philip Carney(NYS Parks), Casey Holzworth (NYS Parks), Jeff Williams(Saratoga County), Barbara Kerr(Milton), Casey Holzworth, Jim Schneider(ADK-Glens Falls), Kim Lambert(Saratoga County), Scott Miller(Clifton Park), David Broymer(?), Jen Dunn(City of Saratoga), Ted Orosz(City of Saratoga), Bill Clark (Corinth) Jason Kemper (Saratoga County), Charlie Dake(PLAN), Bonnie Nightingale (PLAN)

News: Charlie Dake welcomes the board back, explains change to quarterly meetings and relaunch.

General Purpose and Strategy: Please provide feedback on how this committee can best serve your trails needs: purpose, scope, frequency, etc.

Funding Opportunities:

- County Economic Development – due Sept 28th non-competitive (up to \$7,100)
- County Farmland and Open Space – July 15th – competitive
- County Trails Grant – due June 30th – competitive
 - Feasibility
 - Construction
 - Engineering
- NYS EPF\Consolidated Funding
 - Snowmobile Trails Grant
 - Recreational Trails Program

Updates from the Community:

- **County:** Jason Kemper and Jeff Williams
 - Zim Smith – County priority. Feasibility study for section from Oak St. to Malta Ave, construction spring of 2025. Connection to Spa State Park to follow
 - Closures due to sewer access
- **Corinth:** Bill Clark
 - Connector from Spruce to reservoir – Bill talking with Lyme Timber
- Brookhaven - Brookhaven, XC ski/snowshoe trails. Racecourse developing, adding lighting.
- **Milton:** Barbara Kerr
 - Rt 29 & Stone Church – 30 acre donation
 - The Milton Mile – walking path for residence through the playground and winds through town center connecting several residential neighborhoods
 - Woods Hollow (Village owned currently, plans to transition to Milton)
 - Letters of intent have been sent
 - Attorneys negotiating contracts currently.
 - Looking to do more selective forest harvest
 - Looking at CE's & Acquisition from Town Center to Woods Hollow
 - Looking for connections (Saratoga, Geyser Crest)
- **Saratoga Springs:** Jen Dunn & Ted Orosz
 - Crescent Ave, \$300k from Tonko. Looking into Champlain Power Express. Interest in downtown ped/cycle connection.
 - Tonko earmark 300K Crescent Ave conceptual design & construction from Park to Nelson. Trail will provide pedestrian access form 250 affordable housing units.
 - Champlin Power Express – funds available, no applications, easy money, trail friendly – Jen Dunn will share contact with committee.

- Looking for pedestrian & bicycle connections downtown – design work
 - Mayor reallocating 1M for West side sidewalks, traffic calming, etc
 - Glen Mitchel Trail, railroad line that divided the city – Congress funding, serve high school, hospital, navel & Kessel ring site etc
 - Looking at High Rock to Wilton by exit 15
 - NYS including bikes on Union Avenue from the track to east of Saratoga Lake
- **State Parks Capital Region:** Casey Holzworth & Phil Carney
 - Pebbles Island – realignment & resurfacing, ABA (not-ADA) Norther, done, southern section next
 - Spa Park – rehab work off avenue of the pines, patio plaza, trails,
 - Railroad Run – connections to Marian & Geysers Road
 - Greenbelt Trail –
 - Moreau Lake State Park - is narrowing its focus to fewer trails to concentrate impact
 - Friends of Grant Cottage – new proposal for McGregor parcel, currently open for comment Mt. McGregor new site plan - open for comment currently, please do a google search and add comments
 - Big Bend: Parks\DEC\Pine Bush Management partnership – 450 acres of adding to karner blue, frosted elfin, hognose snakes, etc habitat. 3mi out and back, shared use path,
 - Potential connections outside the County
 - South Glens Falls - developing connection to Big Bend
- **ADK – Glens Falls Chapter:** Jim Schneider
 - Focus on Education & Stewardship
 - Building Stewardship Mindset –mountain top stewards
 - Partnering with Leave No Trace, available to consult on fostering a stewardship mindset.
- **Saratoga PLAN:** Bonnie Nightingale
 - Palmertown – Sarah B. Folk Friendship Trails
 - Witt Connector Trail – trail easement finalized/closed
 - GRCF – working on securing Board of Supervisors approvals
 - Ballston Creek Trail: Desire for connection in Town of Ballston, exploring new location for trailhead with the addition of a parking area

No Representative Present

*Saratoga Backcountry Horsemen – new organizational representative, need contact info
Greenfield*

Tupelo – Casey Holzworth, moving toward Town approval

Halfmoon

Mechanicville

Malta

Wilton

Stillwater

Ballston Lake

Edinburg

Open Space Institute

Waterford

Clifton Park

Town of Saratoga

Ballston Spa

Northumberland

Moreau

Charlton

Day, Hadley, and Providence