CWT Organizational Concepts

CWT Purpose

The Countywide Trails Committee (CWT) provides a forum, led by Saratoga PLAN, to gather insight from planning professionals, advocates and others, about trail development and use in the Saratoga County area. The Committee provides this information to governmental and independent trail advocates to improve decision-making regarding the allocation of existing resources, pursue additional funding and to foster an interconnected community in the region.

CWT Vision

Support quality of life in the Saratoga region by celebrating open space, parks and agriculture, reducing road traffic, and improving physical and mental health with an interconnected network of trails serving all trail users:

- Safe pedestrian and off-road bicycle access within and between densely developed neighborhoods
- Multiuse pathways developed in coordination with open space priorities that connect population centers with parks and natural areas
- Primitive walking paths in open space and natural areas
- A Saratoga County regional trail network for local residents and visitor use.
- Equine, snowmobile and mountain bike trail systems.

CWT Mission

Encourage trail growth in the Saratoga County region through local trail development and intermunicipal trail interconnects by facilitating communication between individuals, advocate organizations and governmental institutions.

CWT Process

Empower all stakeholders by creating networking opportunities for trail advocates, County officials, municipalities, NYS authorities and legislative representatives. Collect and disseminate best practices. Identify priority regional and inter-municipal trail needs and opportunities. Identify, coordinate, and share relevant data for trail planning. Use Saratoga County planning resources as available.