



What's Next for the Empire State?

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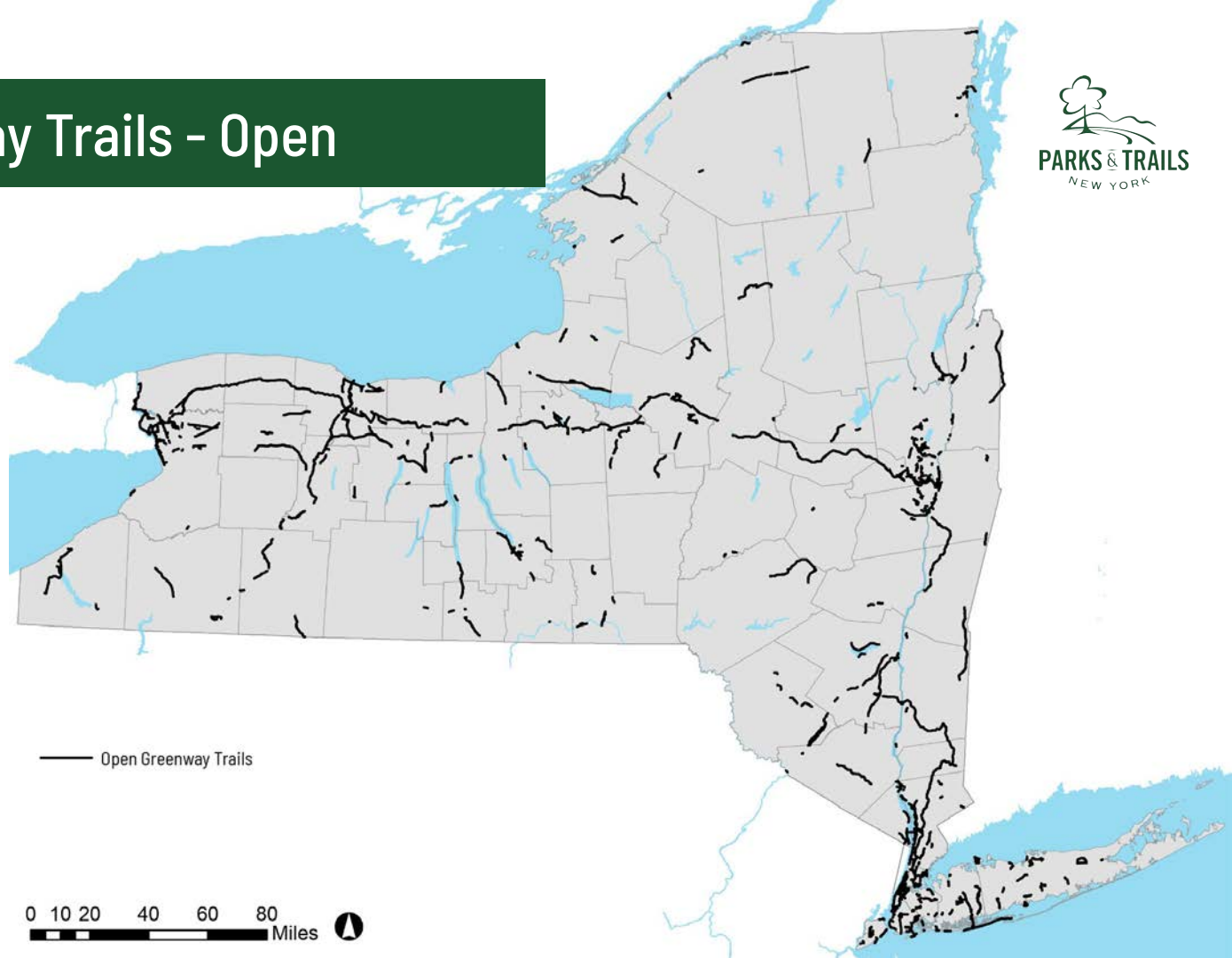
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Greenway Trails - Open



Greenway Trails - Planned



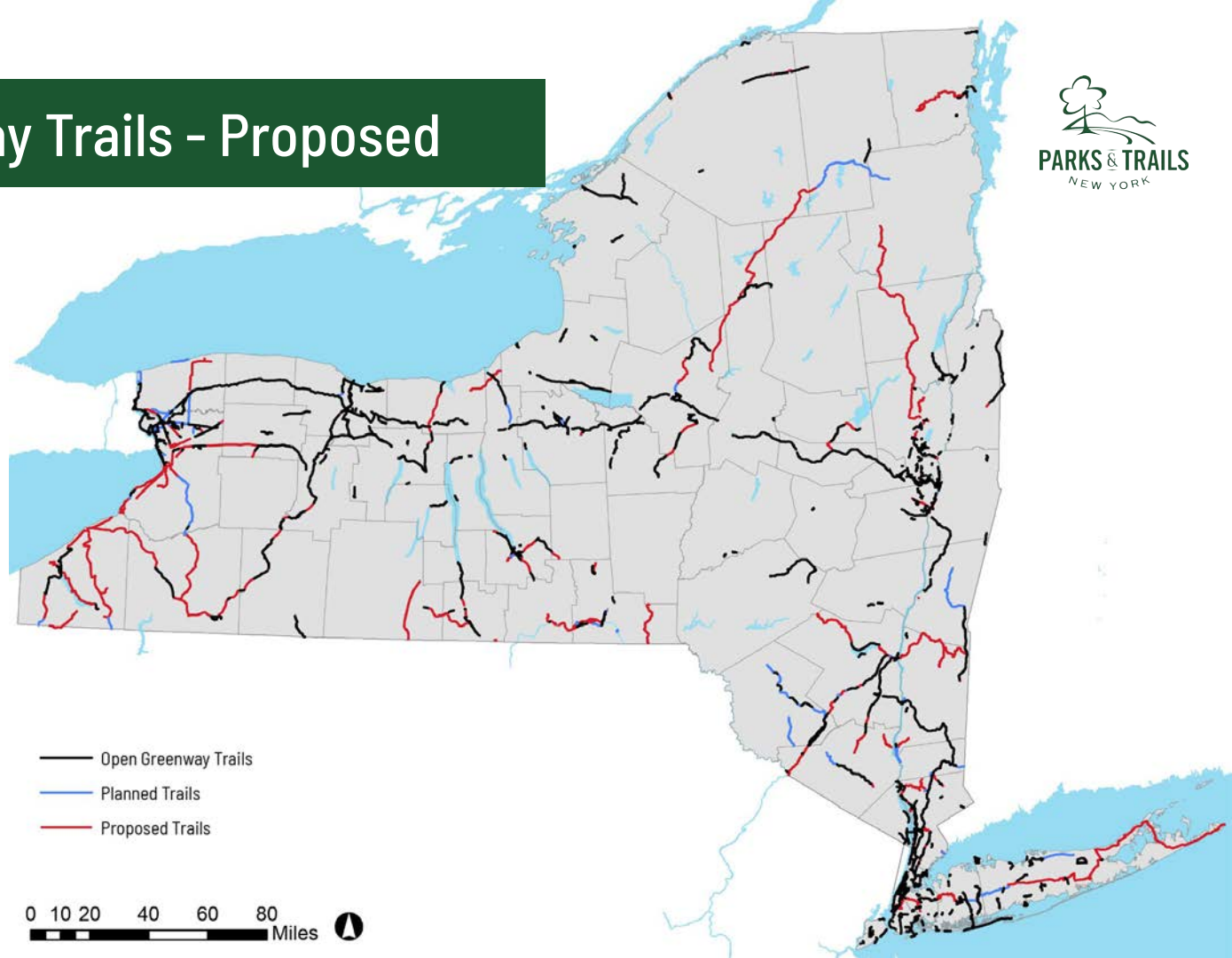
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Greenway Trails - Proposed

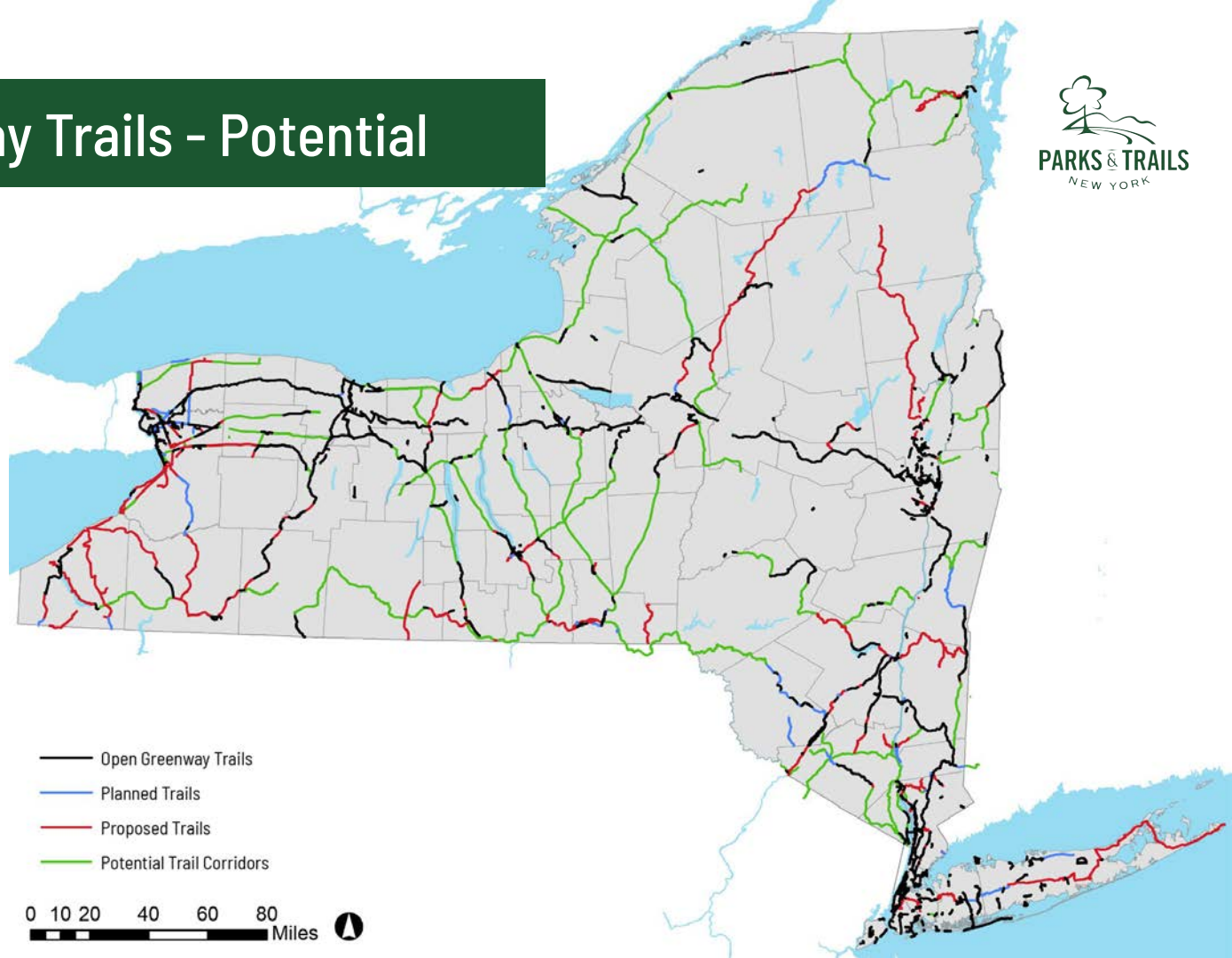


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Greenway Trails - Potential

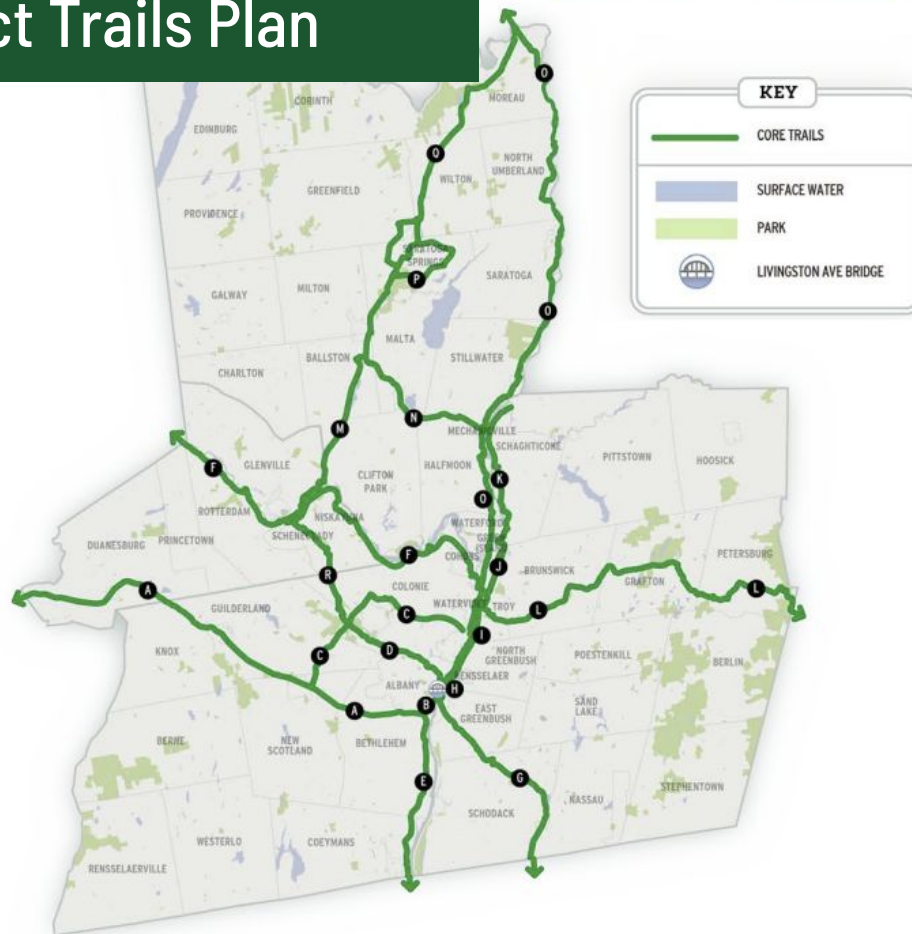


- Open Greenway Trails
- Planned Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Potential Trail Corridors

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Capital District Trails Plan



Greenway Trails Plan Working Group



Who: MPO and County-level planners from around the state, state agency partners

- Raise awareness of what is happening in neighboring communities and around the state
- Make connections
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and potential challenges
- Work on implementing Greenway Trails Plan

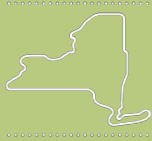
Greenway Trails Plan Development Guide



What: Overview and summary of key topics and resources for shared-use trail development.

High and mid-level information on:

- Identifying potential trail corridors.
- Working with landowners (railroads, utility companies, state agencies, etc.).
- Funding opportunities.
- Developing feasibility studies, planning, and design documents.
- Costs and considerations for trail construction and maintenance.
- Memoranda & cooperative agreements.



Greenway Trails Plan Progress Report



What: Summary of accomplishments and progress made on the GWTP goals and recommendations.

- Highlight of major greenway trail projects advanced across the state
- Major planning efforts to expand Greenway Trail network
- Significant programming on and around greenway trails
- Major funding sources available to build additional greenway trails

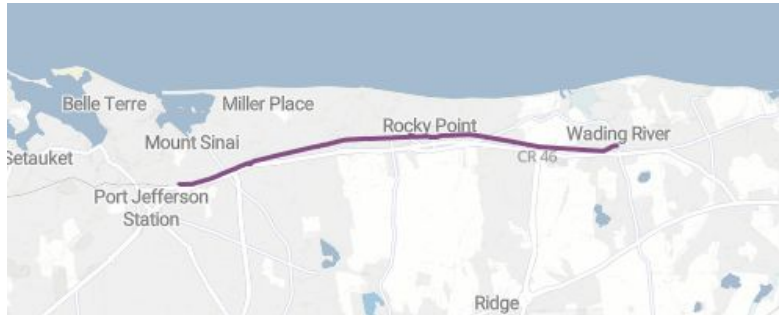
North Shore Rail Trail



10-mile rail trail from Port Jefferson to Wading River, opened June 2022



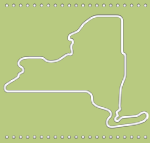
Built on former rail corridor now owned by Long Island Power Authority



New York City Greenway Network



\$7.25 million federal RAISE grant for greenway network planning



\$47.6 million for *Destination: Greenways!*
Plans in Brooklyn and Queens



\$35 million for Phase One of the
QueensWay in Central Queens



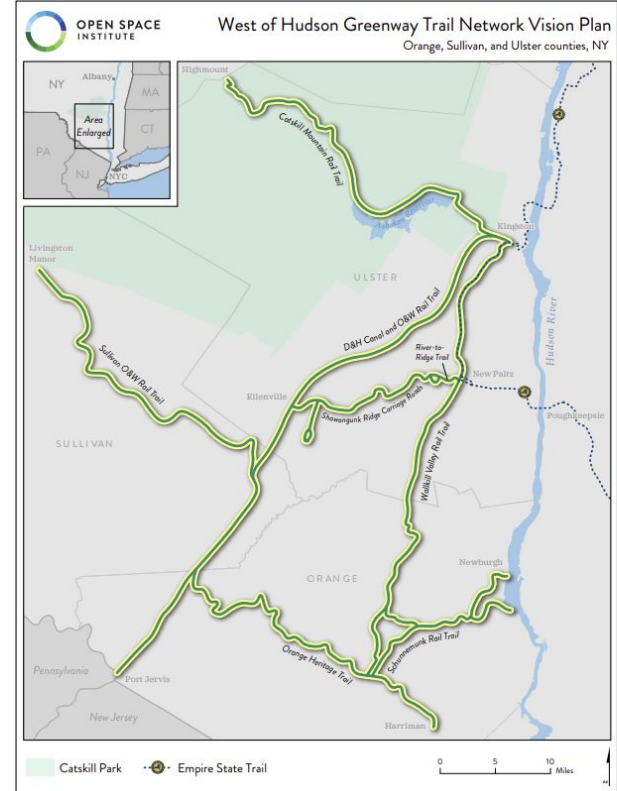
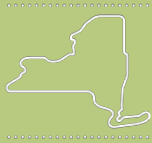
Growing Greenway Trails Vision Plan



Open Space Institute report - 250+ mile network of greenways across 3 counties

Expand existing & build new trails:

- Wallkill Valley Rail Trail
- O&W Rail Trail/D&H Canal Corridor
- Catskill Mountain Rail Corridor
- Orange County Heritage Trail
- Schunnemunk Rail Trail
- Shawangunk Ridge Carriage Roads



Livingston Avenue Bridge



Proposed \$400 million
replacement of more than
century-old bridge

Would include bicycle/pedestrian
access over Hudson River

Key link for Empire State Trail



Adirondack Rail Trail



34-mile recreational trail through heart of the Adirondacks on former rail bed.

Phase one under construction by NYSDEC currently, running 9 miles from Lake Placid to Saranac Lake

Phases two and three, extending the rest of way to Tupper Lake, expected complete by 2025

Trailhead improvements underway concurrently



Dryden Rail Trail Bridge



Part of a 14-mile rail trail connecting Dryden and Ithaca.

Key connection taking trail safely across busy NYS highway.

Project made possible by \$1.5M Transportation Enhancement grant and \$700K earmark from Sen. Gillibrand



Genesee Valley Greenway



90-mile former rail corridor from
Rochester south past Letchworth
State Park to Hinsdale

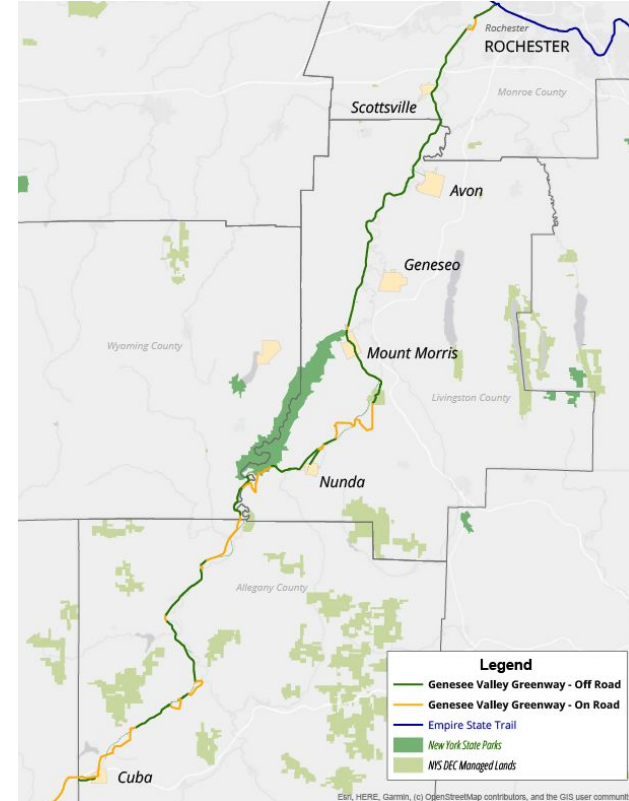


17 mile renovation from Rochester to
Avon



Funding secured for construction of
four bridges in Allegany County

Acquisition completed for 17-mile
former rail corridor parallel to existing
GVG corridor



Trail Town Programs



Empire State Trail Town program - run by PTNY, worked with Brockport in 2022 and 3 new communities in 2023



Genesee Valley Trail Town Initiative

Adirondack Rail Trail Towns

Sullivan O&W Trail Town Program



Programming & Trip Planning Resources



Cycle the Erie Canal (July 9 - July 16)

Cycle the Hudson Valley (July 30 - Aug 5)

On the Canals Excursions

Canalway Challenge

PTNY Cycling Guidebooks

OPRHP Empire State Trail Website



Funding



Federal Funding

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Transportation Alternatives
- Recreational Trails Program
- Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program

American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

Congressionally Directed Spending (Earmarks)

State Funding

NYS OPRHP Capital Budget - \$250M

Environmental Protection Fund - \$400 M

- Open Space/Land Conservation (\$40M)
- State Land Stewardship (\$48.7M)
- Waterfront Revitalization (\$16.5M)
- Municipal Parks Program (\$26M)

Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs
Environmental Bond Act - \$4.2 billion

Questions?



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