

Railroad Run

The Railroad Run (RRR) multi-use trail is 1.3 miles long beginning at West Circular Street and ending at NYS Route 50 across from Saratoga Spa State Park. There are plans to eventually connect the trail to the Zim Smith Trail which currently ends in Ballston Spa. The trail connects the State Park with the West Side neighborhood in Saratoga Springs. It also provides a non-motorized connection to the Saratoga YMCA.

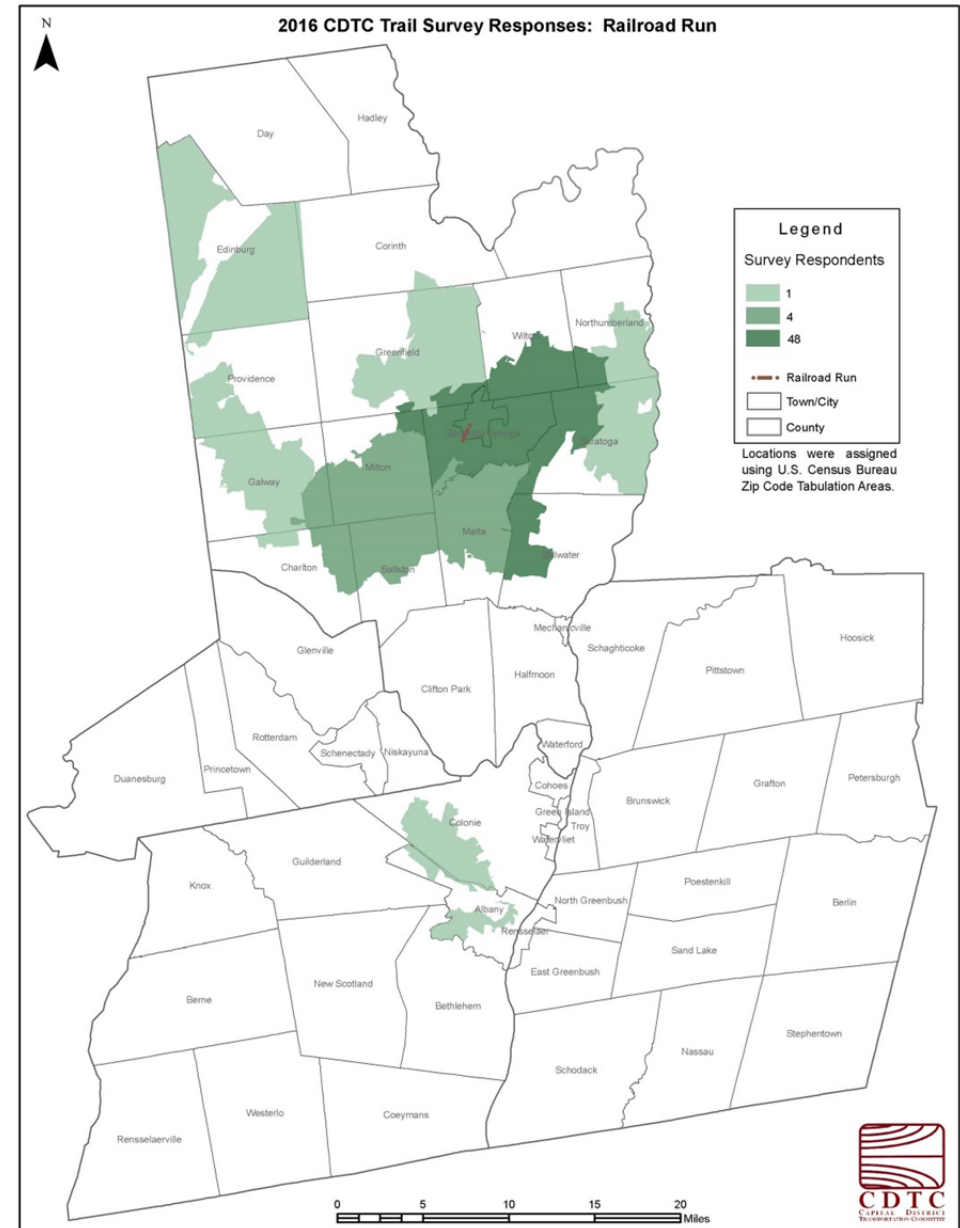
A total of 47 surveys were collected from trail users on the trail and 15 online survey respondents reported using the trail. A total of 27 surveys were mailed to adjacent residential property owners and 10 were returned. The trail attracted users from 12 different zip codes with the most users being from Saratoga Springs and Ballston Spa.

Both trail counts and trail user surveys show more pedestrians than bicyclists. Trail count data showed slightly more male trails users than but trail user surveys reported more females.



Railroad Run in Saratoga Springs

Railroad Run Users by Zip Code



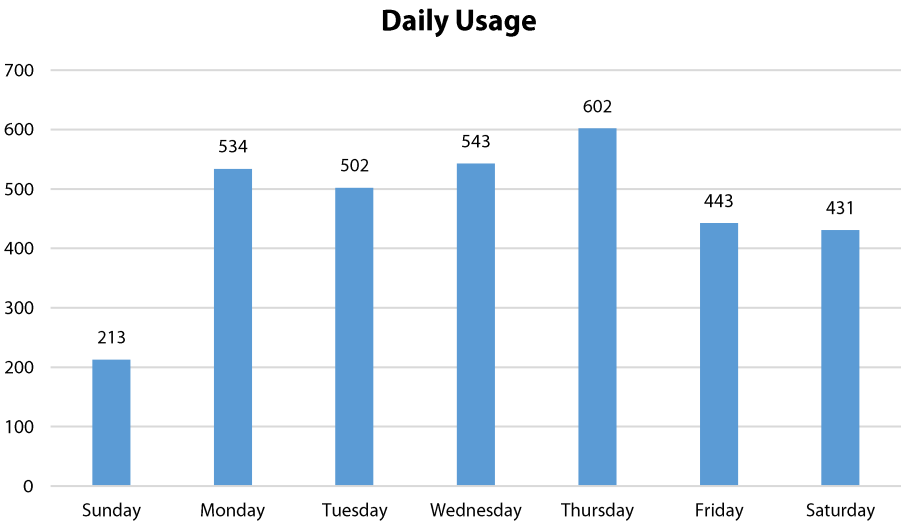
Railroad Run Trail

Saratoga Springs
Trail length – 1.3 miles

Estimated Annual Usage	
Saratoga YMCA	127,452

Estimated Seasonal Usage	
Saratoga YMCA	
Winter	14,886
Spring	41,231
Summer	48,852
Fall	22,483

Usage Mode Split	
Saratoga YMCA	
Bicyclists	43.6%
Pedestrians	55.9%
Other	0.5%

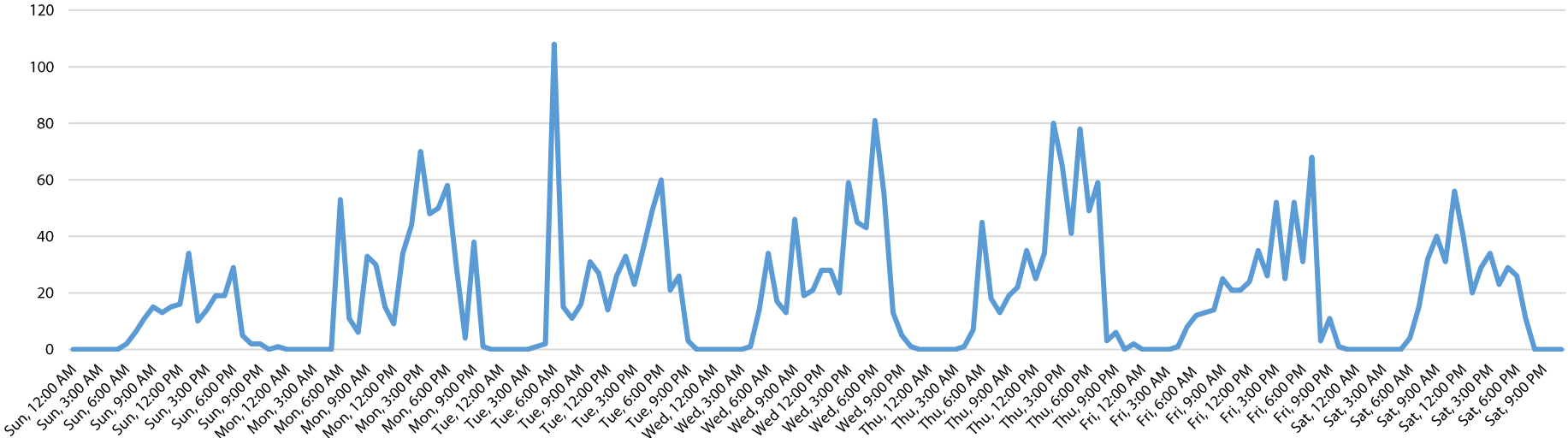


Daily Usage Profile	
Saratoga YMCA	
Average weekday	525
Average weekend	322
Maximum weekday	Thursday
Maximum weekend	Saturday
Peak weekday usage	Thursday, 2-4 PM
Peak weekend usage	Saturday, 11 AM-1 PM

Estimated Monthly Usage	
Saratoga YMCA	
January	3,824
February	3,824
March	8,922
April	14,020
May	14,020
June	15,294
July	16,569
August	17,843
September	14,020
October	7,647
November	7,647
December	3,824
Annual	127,452

Usage Gender Split		
Saratoga YMCA		
	Female	Male
Bicyclists	16%	28%
Pedestrians	32%	25%
Overall	48%	52%

Hourly Usage

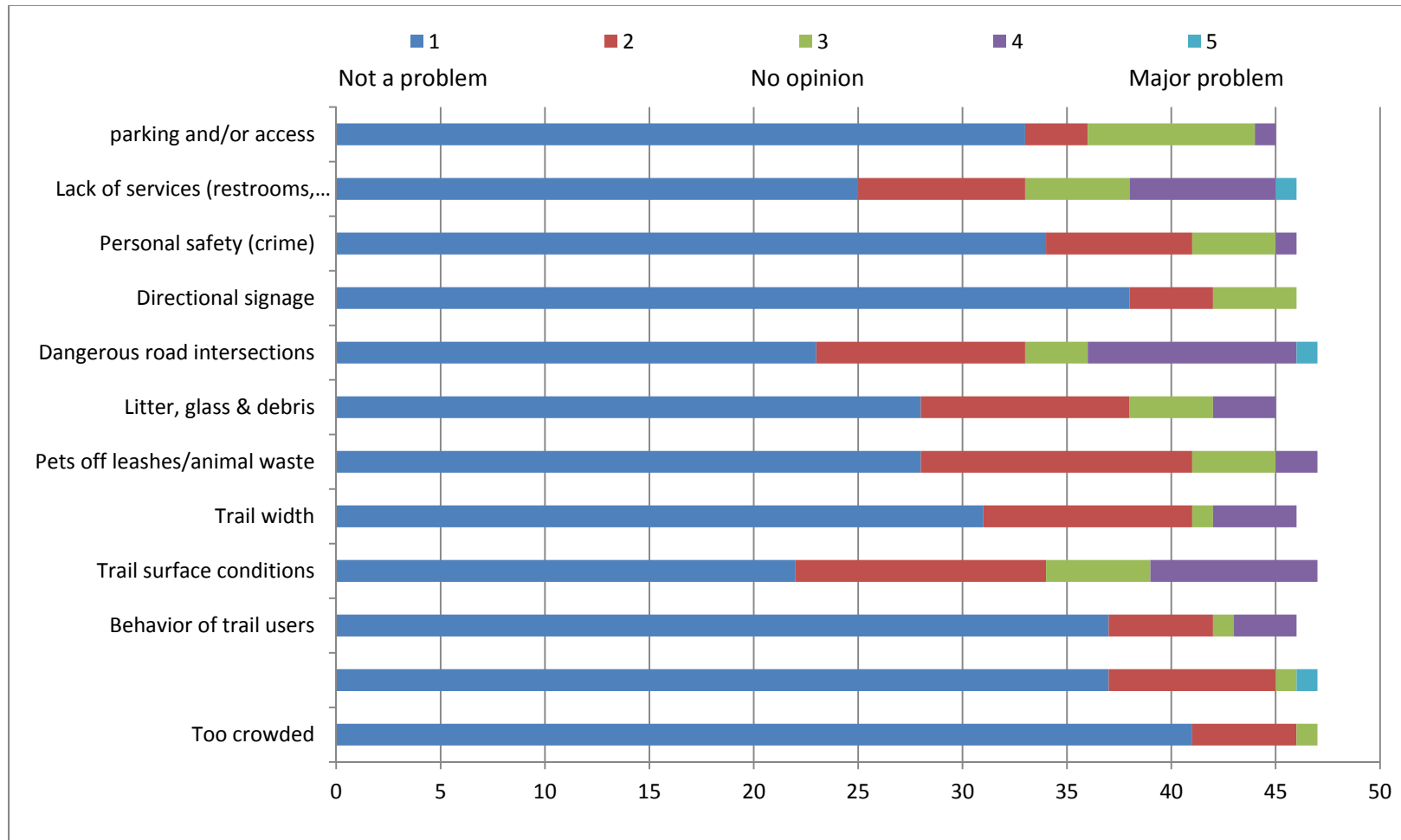


Trail User Summary

Gender		
Male	19	40.4%
Female	28	59.6%
Skipped	0	0.0%
Age		
Under 16	3	6.4%
16-24	4	8.5%
25-44	19	40.4%
45-64	14	29.8%
65 or over	6	12.8%
Skipped	1	2.1%
How did you get to the trail today?		
Drove	3	6.4%
Bicycle	19	40.4%
Walk/Run	24	51.1%
Other	0	0.0%
Skipped	1	2.1%
What activity did you engage in while on the trail today?		
Walking	19	40.4%
Running/Jogging	13	27.7%
Bicycling	22	46.8%
In-line Skating	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
What is your primary purpose for using this trail?		
Recreation	29	61.7%
Health/Exercise	34	72.3%
Commute to school/work	2	4.3%
Other	4	8.5%

About how many times have you used the trail during the past twelve months?		
Less than 5 days	4	8.5%
5-10 days	8	17.0%
11-24 days	9	19.1%
25-49 days	7	14.9%
50-100 days	10	21.3%
More than 100 days	9	19.1%
No answer	0	0.0%
Are there sections of the trail that you avoid due to poor trail conditions or general concerns about trail maintenance?		
Yes	7	14.9%
No	37	78.7%
No answer	3	6.4%
Is your visit to this trail part of an overnight trip away from home?		
Yes	3	6.4%
No	41	87.2%
No answer	3	6.4%
How would you rate your current health status		
Excellent	13	27.7%
Very Good	22	46.8%
Good	10	21.3%
Fair	0	0.0%
Poor	0	0.0%
No answer	2	4.3%

On a scale of 1-5, to what extent do you feel the following items are problems on Railroad Run?



Adjacent Residential Survey Summary

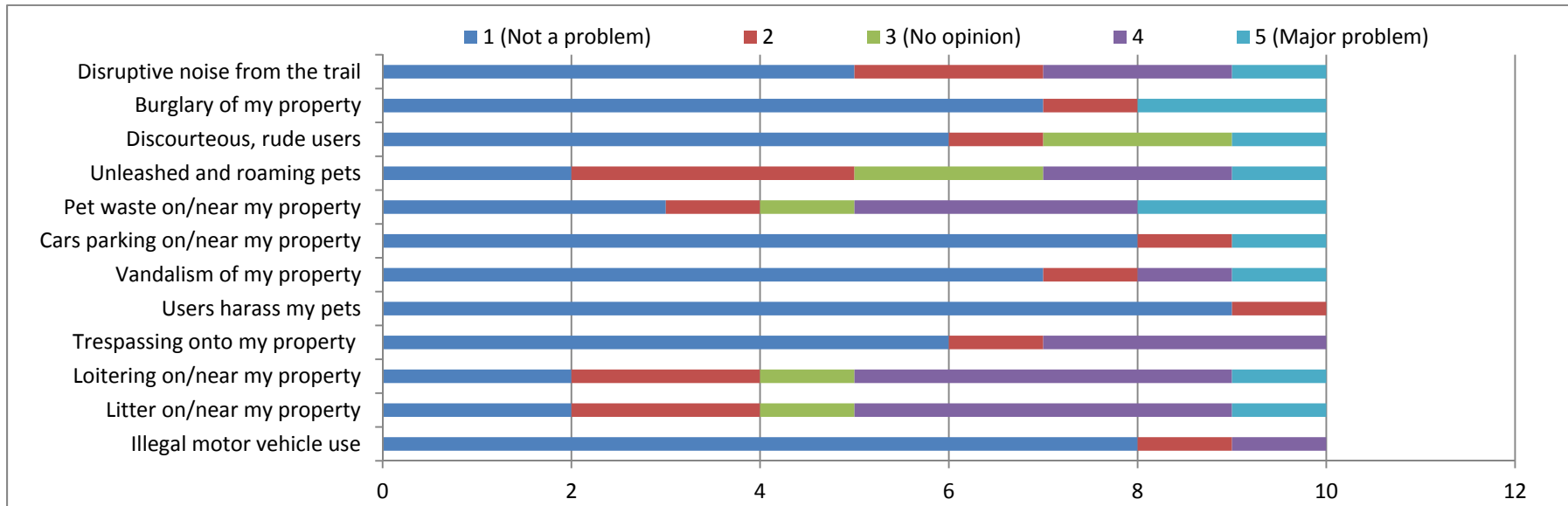
Which of the following most accurately describes how you use your property near the Trail?		
It is my primary residence	10	100.0%
I rent to a tenant, and do not occupy the residence	0	0.0%
It is my second home	0	0.0%
It is unoccupied	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Where is the trail in relation to your property line?		
The trail runs through my property	0	0.0%
the trail runs along the edge of my property	10	0.0%
The trail is near my property but not touching it	0	0.0%
Approximately how far (in feet) is the rail trail from your house?		
Less than 100 ft.	10	100.0%
100 ft. to 199 ft.	0	0.0%
200 ft. to 499 ft.	0	0.0%
500 ft. or more	0	0.0%
Approximately how large is your property?		
Less than 1/2 acre	10	100.0%
Between 1/2 and 1 acre	0	0.0%
Between 1 and 3 acres	0	0.0%
3 acres or more	0	0.0%

What is the approximate current value of your property?		
Less than \$99,999	0	0.0%
\$100,000-199,999	0	0.0%
\$200,000-299,999	1	1.0%
\$300,000-399,999	2	2.0%
\$400,000-\$499,999	6	6.0%
\$500,000 or more	1	1.0%
How would you describe the setting of your house near the trail?		
Urban	7	70.0%
Suburban	3	30.0%
Rural	0	0.0%
When did you acquire your house?		
After the trail was built	8	80.0%
Before the Trail was built	2	20.0%
Compare your initial reaction to the idea of living near the trail to how you feel about living near the trail today. Would you say that living near the trail is better or worse than you expected it to be?		
Much better	4	40.0%
Better	3	30.0%
Same	1	10.0%
Worse	2	20.0%
Much worse	0	0.0%
Do you feel the trail poses a risk to your own or your family's safety due to the activities of trail users?		
Yes	3	30.0%
No	6	60.0%
No opinion	1	10.0%

If you were to try and sell your property, do you think being near the trail will make it harder or easier to sell?		
Much easier	1	10.0%
Easier	5	50.0%
Same	3	30.0%
Harder	1	10.0%
Much harder	0	0.0%
How do you think being located near the trail has affected the resale value of this property?		
Lowered the resale value	0	0.0%
Increased the resale value	5	50.0%
No effect on the resale value	2	20.0%
No opinion	3	30.0%
Overall, how satisfied are you with having the trail as a neighbor?		
Very satisfied	4	40.0%
Satisfied	4	40.0%
Indifferent	2	20.0%
Unsatisfied	0	0.0%
Very unsatisfied	0	0.0%
How do you feel the trail has affected the quality of your neighborhood?		
Highly improved	4	40.0%
Improved	5	50.0%
No impact	1	10.0%
Worsened	0	0.0%
Completely deteriorated	0	0.0%

Do you feel your proximity to the trail has improved your physical activity levels?		
Yes	8	80.0%
No	2	20.0%
Not sure	0	0.0%
Do you feel that the development and management of trail is a good use of public funds?		
Yes	10	100.0%
No	0	0.0%
No opinion	0	0.0%
How often do the members of your household use the trail?		
Daily	5	50.0%
Frequently	5	50.0%
Occasionally	0	0.0%
Rarely	0	0.0%
Never	0	0.0%

To what extent do you feel the following items are problems for your household as a result of the trail and its users?



To what extent do you feel that the trail is important in providing the following benefits to the surrounding community?

