

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY
Combined meeting of
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.
Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,
and
Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.
October 26, 2016
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library
Hyde Park, NY
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Secretary
Burke, Kevin, Acting Chairman, Conservancy Treasurer
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
Marra, Donald P., Conservancy Member
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Phone

Griffen Sara, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Murray, Dennis, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member
Ames, Ned, New York City Council Member
Downey Margaretta, Dutchess County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member
Helsmoortel, Greg, Ulster county Council Member
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
Saland, Stephen, Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Galef, Sandra, Council Member, NYS Assembly Member

Delegates Present

Cooper, Linda, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Ethier, Jamie, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State
Jobson, Sandra, Acting Joint Delegate for Commissioner NYS Department of Transportation
Rooney, Frank, Joint Deputy Delegate for Commissioner NYS A&M
Strong, Karen, Acting representative for Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS
Department of Environmental Conservation

Taylor, Meghan, Joint delegate for President and CEO, Empire State Development
Wrafter, Eoin, Acting Delegate for Marcus Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive

Advisory Members Present

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association
Bicking, Andy, Scenic Hudson
Olson Sarah, National Park Service (Ret.)

Greenway Staff Present

Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director
Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director
Day, Shannon, Administrative Assistant
Jeanson, Daniel, Project Coordinator
Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director/Finance Manager
Marchitello, Chris, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Chairman Barnabas McHenry and Acting Meeting Chairman Kevin Burke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced 106th Assemblymember Didi Barrett who welcomed everyone to her district and noted that it is hard to overstate the Greenway role in the Hudson Valley. One of the projects Ms. Barrett is working on is to train the next generation on working on and maintaining historic properties.

Chairman McHenry introduced Senator Sue Serino's Policy Analyst Jared Manfredi, who welcomed everyone on behalf of the Senator and noted the importance of groups like the Greenway and the public attending the meeting to developing policy.

Chairman McHenry introduced the Town of Hyde Park Supervisor who welcomed everyone to Hyde Park and noted that the town is a living example of the Greenway. The town developed during the 1950's and reflects the sprawl associated with automobile use at that time. She concluded by noting that the Greenway is a living tool for communities like hers.

Acting Chairman Burke introduced Larry Turk, Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt-Van Buren National Historic Site who welcomed everyone to his park and noted that he may be distinguished by his accent, developed in part by his years in the four corners area of New Mexico.

Acting Chairman Burke introduced Paul Sparrow, Director of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum. Mr. Sparrow noted that it was his belief that FDR would love this meeting because of all the representatives of so many disparate organizations.

Chairman McHenry introduced Senator (Ret.) Steve Saland who, in referring to the creation of the Greenway nearly 25 years ago, that it was all about finding commonalities and creating a sense of region that got us to where we are today.

Presentations

Chairman McHenry introduced Jeff Olson from Alta Planning and Design who presented the final draft of the Greenway Trail Connection Study. The presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Burke called for changes and additions to the agenda. There were none proffered.

Hudson River Valley Communities Council and Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

Acting Chairman Burke called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Presentation to Mark Castiglione, Acting Executive Director

It was announced that Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione is leaving the Greenway for a new job. Trails & Special Projects Director Scott Keller, Trails & Community Outreach Director Beth Campochiaro, Program Coordinator Dan Jeanson, and Administrative Assistant Shannon Day presented Mr. Castiglione with a Hudson River School print by Hippolyte-Louis Garnier. Chairman McHenry presented Mr. Castiglione with a copy of Historic Hudson Valley: A Photographic Tour by Nancy De Flon. Acting Chairman Burke presented Mr. Castiglione with a landscape picture card signed by all Board members in attendance. Mr. Castiglione expressed his deeply felt appreciation to the Boards, staff, and public for their support over his twelve years with the Greenway. This was followed by a well-deserved two-minute standing ovation from the Boards, staff and public.

Appointment of Deputy Executive Officer, Conservancy

Acting Chairman Burke noted that with Mark's departure and the upcoming combining of Executive Director and Finance Manager roles, the Conservancy Board needed to appoint a Deputy Executive Officer to maintain segregation of accounting/finance duties. On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Jane Daniels second) the Board appointed Trails and Community Outreach Director Beth Campochiaro as Deputy Executive Officer with a term lasting term until the appointment of a full-time Executive Director and a separate Finance Manager, and with duties confined to approving Claims for Payment, signing disbursement checks, and reconciling bank statements, unless other duties are determined to be necessary by the Acting Chairman.

Update of Internal Control Procedures

Acting Chairman Burke and Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione explained that the appointment of Ms. Campochiaro as Deputy Executive Officer raised the need to append a section to the Conservancy's Accounting Internal Controls:

Appointment of Deputy Executive Officer

In the event that the positions of Executive Director and Finance Manager are at any time held by the same person, and in order to preserve the segregation of accounting duties and to maintain adequate internal controls, the Board of Directors may appoint from the staff a Deputy Executive Officer duly authorized to fulfill any and all roles assigned by the Board to ensure the continued segregation of accounting duties and to maintain adequate internal controls as set forth above.

On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Don Marra second) the Board unanimously amended the Conservancy's Accounting Internal Controls.

Appoint interim Acting Executive Director, Council and Conservancy

Acting Chairman Burke and Chairman McHenry noted that when Mr. Castiglione departs there will be a need for an interim Acting Executive Director and put forth Trails & Special Projects Director/Finance Manager Scott Keller as a candidate for the position. On a motion from Acting Chairman Burke (Chairman McHenry second) the Boards unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Keller as interim Acting Executive Director.

Minutes of June 8, 2016 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Minutes of October 13, 2016 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Wint Aldrich (Jane Daniels second) the June 8, 2016 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., and the Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. Combined Meeting and the October 13, 2016 Grants Committee Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry recalled the Council meeting to order.

New Council Advisory Board Members

Chairman McHenry introduced Andy Bicking, Director of Public Policy for Scenic Hudson and Sarah Olson, retired Superintendent for Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historic Sites as new Advisory Board Members. He noted both had a long relationship with the Greenway. The Boards of Directors welcomed them.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the Greenway Grants applications recommended for funding by the Greenway Grants Committee.

The *Town of Ghent, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for zoning code revisions. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.00.

The *Town of Guilderland, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a pedestrian trail plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,500.

The *Town of New Paltz, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Route 299 gateway planning and zoning project. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the development of complete streets standards. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000. Wint Aldrich recuses himself from voting on this grant.

The *Village of Altamont, Albany County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a museum in the streets project. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Village of Ardsley, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a comprehensive plan and LWRP. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Sally Mazarella second) the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Greenway Grants as recommended.

Town of LaGrange adoption of amendments to Greenway Connections

Mr. Castiglione announced that the Town of LaGrange has adopted amendments to their zoning and comprehensive plan reflective of the updates Dutchess County has made to their Compact Plan.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Burke recalled the Conservancy meeting to order.

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Awards

Mr. Castiglione reviewed the 2016 Conservancy Trail Grants applications recommended for funding by the Greenway Grants Committee.

The *City of Kingston, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the Hasbrouck at Delaware Node on Kingston Point Rail Trail. The Grants Committee recommends \$30,000. Jennifer Schwartz Berky recuses herself from voting on this grant.

The *Town of Ossining, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 for Planning for Open Space/Bike Lane/Commerce Connectivity Corridor. The Grants Committee recommends \$30,000.

The *Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, Rensselaer County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$30,000 for a Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Action Plan for the Rensselaer Plateau. The Grants Committee recommends \$25,000.

The *Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$26,200 for a Village to Village Connector Trail. The Grants Committee recommends \$20,000.

The *Village of Nassau, Rensselaer County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$21,445 for the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail. The Grants Committee recommends \$18,300.

The *Town of Saugerties, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 for an Eve's Point to Bristol Beach Connecting Trail. The Grants Committee recommends \$15,000.

The *Winnakee Land Trust, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$14,800 for a Rhinebeck Trails Project. The Grants Committee recommends \$14,800.

The *City of Troy, Rensselaer County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$14,176 for an Uncle Sam Bike Improvement Action Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$12,500.

The *Yorktown Trail Committee, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$16,700 for the Mohansic Trailway Construction Phase 2. The Grants Committee recommends \$12,500. Jane Daniels recuses herself from voting on this grant.

The *Town of Rosendale, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail – Rosendale Wayfinding Project. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Arts and Rec Commission of Whitehall, Inc., Washington County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Fort Ann to Whitehall Canalway Trail. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Columbia Land Conservancy, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Interpretive Signage at Greenport Conservation Area. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,500.

The *Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Hyde Park Trails Map, Web and Kiosk User Guide. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,500.

The *Poughkeepsie Alliance, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$12,000 for a waterfront connectivity project, phase 1.5. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,000.

The *Walkway Over the Hudson, Dutchess and Ulster counties* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$8,750 for Greater Walkway Experience Map Enhancement. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000. The Grants Committee stipulated that the benches must have a small plaque noting the Greenway's financial contribution. Jayne McLaughlin recuses herself from voting on this grant.

The *Mohonk Preserve, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Mohonk Preserve Foothills Interpretive Signage. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Palisades Park Conservancy, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,923 for Improving the Ice Caves Trail. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000.

The *NY/NJ Trail Conference, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Westchester Trail Maps. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000. Jane Daniels recuses herself from voting on this grant.

Scenic Hudson, Ulster County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,500 for Fabricating and Installing Interpretive Signs. The Grants Committee recommends \$4,900.

The *Town of Kinderhook, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$3,000 for a Kinderhook Trail Connection to Town Park. The Grants Committee recommends \$3,000.

The *Town of Marbletown, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 for O&W Rail Trail Map and Brochure. The Grants Committee recommends \$2,000.

The *Town of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 for Trailhead Pavilion for the Town of Rhinebeck Community Park. The Grants Committee recommends \$4,000.

On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Don Marra second) the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants as recommended and with the recusals noted above.

Water Trail Designation

Mr. Keller announced that the Town of Germantown, Columbia County is requesting designation of Cheviot Park as a water trail site. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Don Marra second) the Board welcomed the Town of Germantown's Cheviot Park as part of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail.

New overtime provisions for M/C employees

Mr. Keller reviewed the federal changes in overtime requirements for employees at or below certain salary levels which goes into effect on December 1, 2016. This change in federal law will make two employees eligible for overtime if they work in excess of 40 hours in a Greenway pay week. The policy proposed reads:

Proposed HRV GREENWAY OVERTIME POLICY

Generally, overtime eligible employees (grades M/C 15 and below) will not be permitted to work more than 40 hours per week, however if special circumstances require an employee to exceed 40 hours in a week, approval of the Executive Director is required. A payroll week is defined as corresponding to Greenway pay periods, beginning on Friday and ending on the following Thursday.

Acceptance of findings of 2016-2017 Conservancy Audit

Mr. Keller reviewed the audits of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. (PBC), a Public Benefit Corporation; and the Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation which is a subsidiary of the PBC; as well as the combined financial statements of the two corporations. All audits resulted in unqualified opinions, the best that can be obtained. The federal income levels this year did not require A-133 audits of either corporation.

Bank signature card resolutions

Mr. Keller explained that the numerous personnel changes and appointments earlier in the meeting result in the need for new bank resolutions (bank forms) and signature cards. The officers that are proposed to be included include Acting Chair Kevin Burke, Secretary Jennifer Schwartz Berky, Treasurer Jayne McLaughlin, and Deputy Executive Officer Beth Campochiaro.

On a motion from Jane Daniels (Stefan Yarabek second) the overtime policy was adopted, the audits of both corporations accepted and the bank resolutions and signature cards approved unanimously.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry and Acting Chairman Burke called the National Heritage Area (NHA) meeting to order.

Guidebook Update

Chairman McHenry noted that the second edition of the Heritage Site Guidebook is available for sale through SUNY Press. <http://www.sunypress.edu/p-6361-hudson-river-valley-national-he.aspx>

NHA Website

Chairman McHenry reported that the new National Heritage Area website is live. New website, same address: <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com/>

Hudson River Valley Ramble 2016

Mr. Castiglione noted that the 2016 Ramble was one of, if not the most, successful Rambles to date, with nearly 250 events.

Landscape Conservation in the Hudson River Valley Conference, November 7, 2016

Mr. Castiglione noted that this conference will be held at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park and has a very impressive list of speakers.

August 22, 2016 Secretary of Interior visit

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell kicked off the National Park Service's Centennial celebration by visiting the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. She attended two events, the first at Rockefeller State Park where she unveiled interpretive signs for the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Trail and the second a listening session with heritage tourism professionals at Bear Mountain Inn.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Mr. Castiglione announced his final report was handed out earlier. It is appended to and a part of these minutes.

New Business/Public Comment

There being no new business the Chairs sought to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held January 11th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m. by acclamation.

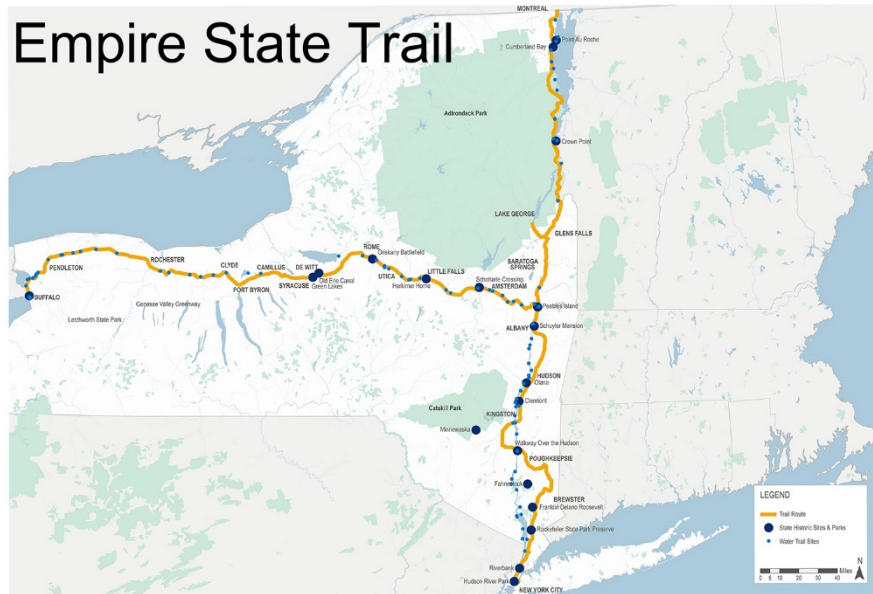
Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Keller
Meeting Secretary

Hudson River Valley Greenway
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Acting Executive Director's Report
February 1, 2017
Scott Keller

Empire State Trail

At his State of the State address on January 10th, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proposed completing the Hudson River Valley Greenway and Erie Canalway trails by 2020 to create the Empire State Trail, the largest state multi-use trail in the nation. To achieve this, the state will develop 350 miles of new trail in three phases to create a 750-mile pathway for hiking and



biking along scenic vistas and through charming, historic communities. The Empire State Trail will span much of the state, from the New York Harbor up through the Adirondack Mountains to the Canadian border – and from the shores of Lake Erie along the historic Erie Canal to the heart of the Capital Region.

“The scenic natural beauty that spans every corner of this state is key to our prosperity, vital to our future and part of who we are as New Yorkers,” Governor Cuomo said. “The Empire State Trail, once completed, will be the nation’s largest state multi-use trail network, providing residents and visitors alike unprecedented access to New York’s outdoor treasures, driving tourism and economic activity to communities across the state and helping to protect our environmental resources for generations to come.”

Governor Cuomo’s 2017-18 proposed budget calls for an appropriation to the Greenway of \$123 million over the next three fiscal years for the purpose of completing the Greenway Trail component of the Empire State Trail. For more information click <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-presents-20th-proposal-2017-state-state-complete-empire-state-trail-2020>. It is important to note the extraordinary efforts of Commissioner Rose Harvey of NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Without her support and constant promotion we would not be where we are today. Thanks, Commissioner Harvey!

Thomas Cole National Historic Site Renovation and Upgrade

Thomas Cole National Historic Site recently announced the May 2017 re-opening of the artist’s home with a new immersive installation combining technology and meticulous

historic restoration. Visitors will be the first in almost 200 years to see Cole's newly uncovered interior designs with the earliest-known, interior decorative painting by an American artist. Through hidden audio and moving-graphics presentations, visitors will be able to hear the thoughts of Thomas Cole (1801-1848) and the historic conversations that took place in the parlors of his 1815 home, where America's first major art movement, the Hudson River School of painting, was founded. For more information see

http://thomascole.org/wp-content/uploads/2017_Parlors_Experience_1_25_17.pdf.

Staffing Update

With the departure of Mark Castiglione, the Greenway/NHA staff has been asked to step up and do even more, and I could not be happier with their response. I want to THANK them all and remind you of some of what they do for all of us.

Trails and Community Outreach Director **Beth Campochiaro** just celebrated her 14th anniversary with us and has been a stalwart presence since her arrival in 2003. During that time Beth has led the Greenway's efforts on Scenic Byways and trails; and also contributes to the grants program, writes press releases and other public communications, and is the go-to editor for the rest of the staff at the Greenway. Beth added numerous financial and administrative duties over the past few months, including preparing Board and Grants Committee meetings minutes.

Project Coordinator **Dan Jeanson** has been full time since mid-2015, but arrived here as an intern nearly three years ago and he has amply demonstrated his value to the Greenway. Dan is our point person for all things National Heritage Area, but also provides important contributions to our grants program. Given his greater familiarity, Dan has recently been asked to take more of a leadership role on some of our NHA projects. Dan is also the Greenway's planner on staff, and assists with not only the Greenway grants program but technical assistance to communities.

Administration and Grants Program Assistant **Shannon Day** has only been here a few months and has already earned the trust and respect of all of us. She has added a significant portion of grants management to the traditional duties of an Administrative Assistant. Shannon is also the point person for organizing all Greenway Board Meetings.

Our new Assistant Event Coordinator is **Steve Smollin**, who started here on January 23, and comes to us from the Master's in Regional Planning Program at SUNY Albany. Steve has already demonstrated an aptitude and calmness that will serve him well as the Ramble nears.

2017 Hudson River Valley Ramble

The dates are set for the 2017 Ramble over five weekends in September and October. They are September 2-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-October 1.

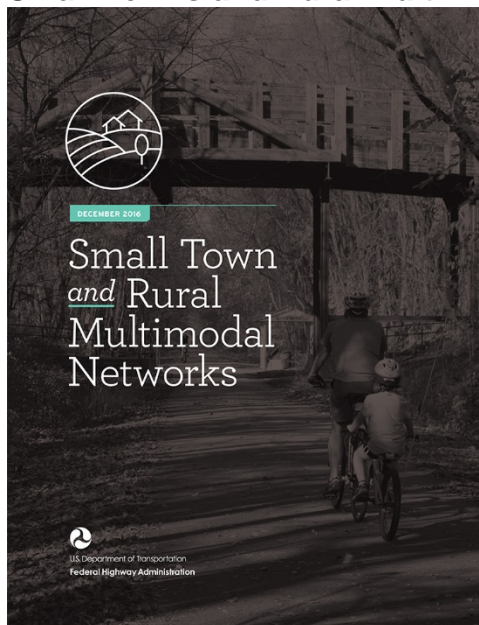
2016 Ramble Economic Impact:

- Economic data was provided by 82 organizations who hosted 96 events
- # of volunteers reported: 1,546
- # of volunteer hours reported: 11,527

- Total expenditures from organizations reported: \$276,880
- Average expenditures from organizations reported: \$3,376/org or \$2,884/event, showing an economy of scale for those doing multiple events
- 425 participants reported their spending which averaged \$16/person/event

Again, we would like to thank our sponsors, partners, event leaders, and all the Ramble participants who made the 2016 Hudson River Valley Ramble a fantastic success. Ramble sponsors include the New York State Division of Tourism “I Love NY”; The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program; The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; The National Park Service; the Appalachian Mountain Club; Upstater Magazine; The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference; Columbia County Tourism; Downing Film Center; Rose & Kiernan; and Central Hudson

Small Towns and Rural Multi-Modal Networks



Alta Planning and Design, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, has developed a Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks guide. The guide translates existing street design guidance and facility types for bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort for the smaller scale places not addressed in guides such as the NACTO Street Design Guide and ITE Walkable Urban Thoroughfares report. The guide provides clear examples of how to interpret and apply design flexibility to improve bicycling and walking conditions.

The document presents compelling photographs, visual illustrations and technical diagrams to communicate design issues and solutions in a smaller scale setting. Paired with the design guidance for each facility type is a representative case study, telling the story of a small community’s success at implementing multimodal facilities in a non-urban context.

The guide development was funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. Alta led the technical work for the design guidelines in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Small Urban and Rural Livability Center at Western Transportation Institute (WTI).

For more information see <http://altaplanning.com/resources/small-town-rural-multimodal-networks-guide/>.

Perfect Your Historic Site Experience with Greater Hudson Heritage Network

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is pleased to support the Greater Hudson Heritage Network's series of day-long workshops on maintaining historic properties and enhancing the visitor experience. To register"



Historic Housekeeping will be offered:

- March 22, 2017 - Lyndhurst
- April 4, 2017 - Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites
- July 18, 2017 - Historical Society of Rockland County
- November 1, 2017 - Staatsburgh State Historic Site

Creating Best Ever Visitor Experiences will be held:

- May 22, 2017 - Lyndhurst
- June 22, 2017 - Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites

<http://www.greaterhudson.org/workshops--webinars.html>

Hudson River Line Window Seat Tour

The Greenway was awarded an Empire State Development Market New York grant for \$100,000 to create a hybrid app that will provide passengers on Amtrak and Metro-North's Hudson River line trains a guided tour of the region's history, scenery and natural resources right outside their window. This GPS enabled app will provide on the fly and customizable interpretation about points of interest along the Hudson River Line between NYC and Albany. This app will also provide a complementary experience to the National Park Service's Trails and Rails Program, which provides interpretation given by volunteers on a limited number of trains on a weekly and seasonal basis. Travelers on any train would be given the same experience, at any time. The app will also include tourist information on surrounding parks, trails, historic sites, cultural designations and historic downtowns. The app will work on both northbound and southbound Hudson River trains. The app will be promoted through print, digital and social media marketing as well as brochures and signage located in stations and at logical tourism destinations within the corridor. The project would be scalable.



The NHA has engaged the Sound and Story Project and the Hudson River Maritime Museum to develop the content for the mobile responsive audio tour for Hudson Line trains. The tour will amplify the live interpretation already provided by the NPS Trails

and Rails program volunteers and make the story of the Hudson River and Hudson River Valley accessible at any time.

Hudson River Sojourn

The Greenway was also awarded an Empire State Development Market New York grant for \$100,000 to create a Hudson River Sojourn, a multi-day kayaking trip between Albany and Manhattan for kayakers of varied abilities. This event will promote the Hudson River and Hudson Valley as an eco-tourism destination, and highlight the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail and surrounding communities. The Sojourn is intended to mirror the success of the 2012 Spare Seat Kayak Tour, wherein two international kayakers paddled from Buffalo to the Statue of Liberty to raise awareness of tourism opportunities in New York State. Many state and local agencies and private sector partners collaborated on the tour including I Love NY and the Hudson River Valley Greenway; and the Sojourn will be developed and executed through similar partnerships.

The Hudson River Sojourn will feature paddlers participating in the entire eleven day journey, but will also include shorter multi-day experiences and day trips. In addition, participants will have the option of camping along the river or overnighting in a hotel or B&B. The trip will be promoted to local, regional, and national media and will be a vehicle to promote eco-tourism opportunities in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Previous events of this nature held between 2001 and 2010 have received coverage in local, national and international print; local radio; and local and national TV. This earned media resulted in increased inquiries about visiting the water trail and increased web traffic.

Museum Association of New York Conference

The Museum Association of New York will be holding a conference called Museums Trifecta: Inspire, Experiment, Transform on April 2-4, 2017 in Saratoga Springs. The conference anticipates some 350 attendees; professionals from across the state whose museums, historical societies, zoos, and botanical gardens and aquaria celebrate the historic, cultural, and natural resources of our state and share how institutions are changing trends, testing boundaries and altering viewpoints. The conference venue and hotel will be the historic Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Spa State Park. Other program venues include the National Museum of Dance, the Saratoga Historical Society, the Canfield Casino, and the National Racing Museum. All of the museums, historic sites and cultural organizations in Saratoga are participating in a "passport" program to encourage conference attendee visitation to these venues. A special conference discount is being extended to Capital Region employees to increase participation from the region. The National Heritage Area is sponsoring this conference. For more information and to register see <http://www.manyonline.org/events/annual-conference>.

GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATE

Teaching the Hudson Valley Explore Awards report excerpt from THV program manager Debi Duke

Part way through this quarter, ROVA suspended Bus on Us grants due to lack of funds. Potential applicants are now referred to Explore Awards and other funding sources.

During this quarter the Heritage Area took responsibility for Bus on Us grants previously awarded.

Bus on Us Trips completed or reimbursed | 170 students from 2 counties to sites in Dutchess County

- Cohoes MS (Albany County) 150 eighth graders, Home of FDR and Vanderbilt NHS
- Team United for Success (Onteora CSD, Ulster) 20, grades 7-12, Home of FDR, Presidential Library & Museum, and Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

Grants made but not completed | 170 students from Orange County to sites in Dutchess County

- Berea ES (Valley CSD, Orange), 90 fifth graders to Home of FDR & Presidential Library
- Montgomery ES (Valley CSD, Orange), 80 fourth and fifth graders to Home of FDR & Presidential Library & Museum

The new Explore awards application is live

<http://www.teachingthehudsonvalley.org/grants/thv-explore-award/>. This new application is also the form used to submit a final report. This should make it easier for teachers and school administrators to complete. The website has been updated to once again allow sites to apply as well as teachers and youth group leaders.

Trips completed or reimbursed this quarter

- Bailey and Miller MS (Kingston CSD) 530 fifth graders to a Scenic Hudson property, Town of Ulster, for program with Wild Earth (all Ulster County)

Grants made but not completed | 245 students from 2 counties to sites in 3 counties

- Country Children's Center, 200 K-7 students to Hudson River Museum (all Westchester)
- CultureConnect (Dutchess) 15 students, grades 6-9 to ArtOMI (Columbia)
- St. Denis-St. Columba (Dutchess) 30 seventh graders to Boscobel (Putnam)

Explore awards outstanding

- Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, 120, grades 1-4, Greenburgh Nature Center (Westchester County)
- Hudson Valley Writing Project, 12 students aged 10-14 to Washington's Headquarters (Orange)
- Ossining UFSD Saturday Academy, 30, grades 6-12, Sunnyside & Old Dutch Church (all Westchester County)
- Vails Gate STEAM Academy (Newburgh CSD) 150, grades 3-5, to Black Rock Forest and Kowawese Park for NYS DEC's Day in the Life of the Hudson River (all Orange)

Grants Completed Since October 26, 2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Conservancy Trails	Columbia Land Conservancy	Greenport Conservation Area Trailhead Connection	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 7,247.68	10/8/2014	11/16/2016
Conservancy Trails	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Improving the Silver Stream Trail at Knox's Headquarters State Historic Site	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 5,650.57	10/14/2015	11/16/2016
Council Compact	Village of Irvington	Irvington Hudson River Access Improvements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,507.00	6/8/2016	12/20/2016
Council Compact	Village of Tarrytown	Tarrytown Station and Waterfront Transit Oriented Development	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 62,246.86	6/10/2015	12/21/2016
Council Planning	Town of Claverack	zoning revisions	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,731.01	6/9/2011	12/20/2016
Council Planning	Town of Clifton Park	Ferry Drive Gateway Site Design	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,725.98	10/17/2012	11/21/2016
Council Planning	Town of North Greenbush	Zoning Ordinance Revision	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,053.77	8/20/2010	1/5/2017
Council Planning	Town of Poestenkill	Poestenkill public space	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,940.00	3/15/2011	11/30/2016
Council Planning	Town of Rensselaerville OBO Helderberg Farm Brewery	Helderberg Brewshed Farm Brewery Incubator Business Plan Development	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,884.00	4/17/2014	1/12/2017
Council Planning	Town of Washington	Updates to master plan	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	4/1/2008	12/15/2016
Council Planning	Village of Hoosick Falls	Village of Hoosick Falls Zoning Code Update Project	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 24,937.85	6/3/2014	11/8/2016
Heritage Development	Dutchess Tourism, Inc.	Distinctly Dutchess Great Estates Pass	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,025.07	3/23/2016	12/6/2016
Heritage Development	Historic Huguenot Street	Reinventing the Visitor Experience	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,502.41	3/23/2016	1/13/2017
Heritage Development	Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Hudson Highlands Land Trust 2016 Take a Hike Program	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,176.64	3/23/2016	12/23/2016
Heritage Development	North East Historical Society	Millerton Main Street Historic District Walking Tour Brochure	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,505.00	3/23/2016	12/6/2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Match	Award Date	Completion Date
Heritage Development	Putnam History Museum	The World of Anna and Susan Warner: A Putnam History Museum/Constitution Island Association Collaborative Exhibition	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,926.27	3/23/2016	1/13/2017
Heritage Development	Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc.	Youth Experience the Underground Railroad and its Relevance for Today	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,132.49	3/23/2016	11/16/2016
Totals			\$102,500.00	\$203,192.60		

Grants Awarded Since October 26, 2016

Grant Type	Community/Org	Project	Grant Awarded	Award Date
Conservancy Trails	City of Kingston	Hasbrouck at Delaware Node on the Kingston Point Rail Trail	\$30,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Ossining	Planning for Open Space/Bike Lane/Commerce Connectivity Corridor	\$30,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	A Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Action Plan for the Rensselaer Plateau	\$25,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Red Hook	Village to Village Connector Trail: Village of Tivoli-Bard College-Town of Red Hook-Village of Red Hook	\$20,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Village of Nassau	Albany-Hudson Electric Trail in the Village of Nassau	\$18,300	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Saugerties	Eve's Point to Bristol Beach Connecting Trail	\$15,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck Trails Project	\$14,800	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	City of Troy	Uncle Sam Bike Improvement Action Plan	\$12,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Yorktown Trail Committee	Mohansic Trailway Construction	\$12,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Rosendale	Wallkill Valley Rail Trail-Rosendale Wayfinding Project	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Arts and Rec Commission of Whitehall, Inc.	Fort Ann to Whitehall Canalway Trail	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Columbia Land Conservancy	Interpretive Signage at Greenport Conservation Area	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Hyde Park	Hyde Park Trails-Map, Web and Kiosk User Guide	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Poughkeepsie Alliance	Waterfront Connectivity Project: Phase 1.5	\$7,000	10/26/2016

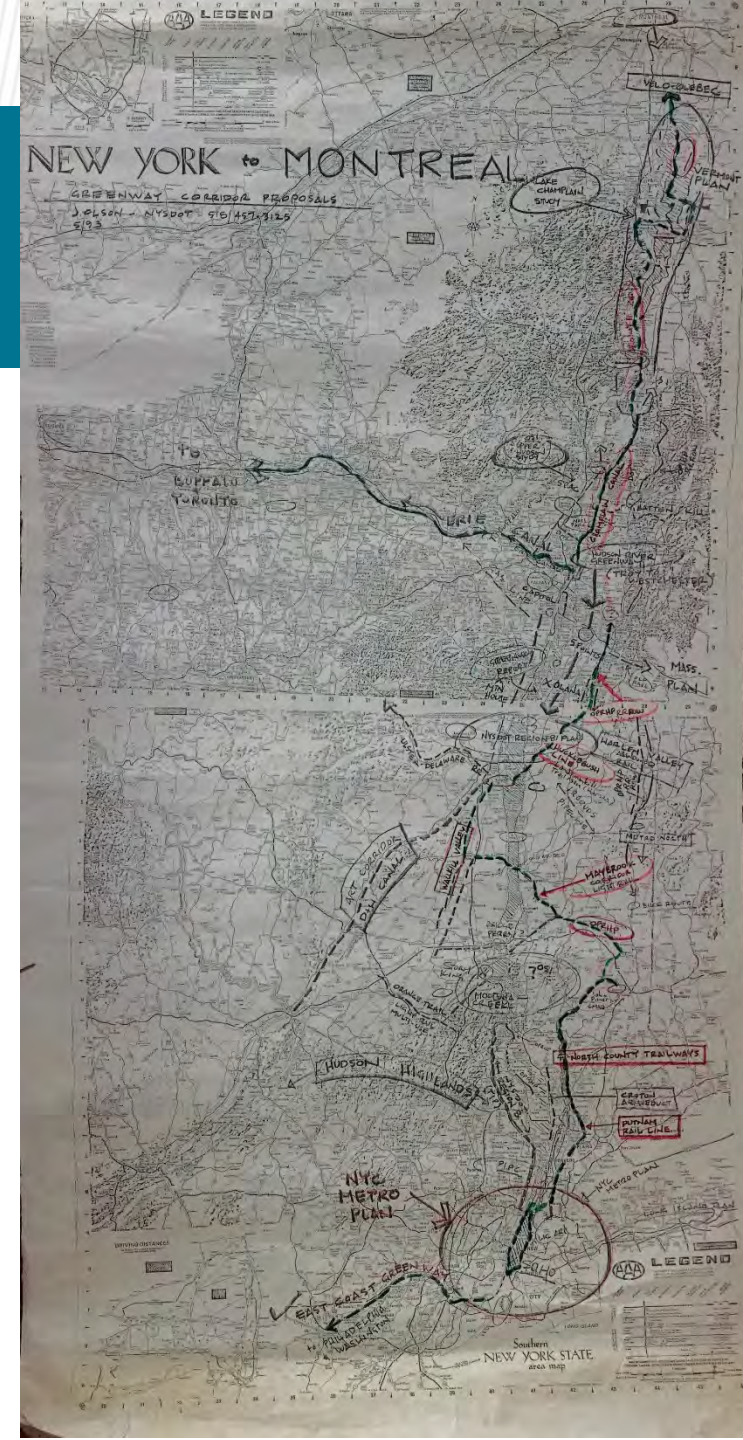
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Conservancy Trails	Walkway Over the Hudson	Greater Walkway Experience Map Enhancement	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Mohonk Preserve	Mohonk Preserve Foothills Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.	Improving the Ice Caves Trail	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	NY-NJ Trail Conference	Westchester Trail Maps	\$5,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Scenic Hudson	Fabricating and Installing Interpretive Signs in Esopus Meadows Preserve and Black Creek Preserve	\$4,900	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Kinderhook	Kinderhook Trail Connection to Town Park	\$3,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Marbletown	O&W Rail Trail Map and Brochure	\$2,000	10/26/2016
Conservancy Trails	Town of Rhinebeck	Trailhead Pavilion for the Town of Rhinebeck Community Park	\$4,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Ghent	Ghent Zoning and Code Revisions	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Guilderland	Pedestrian Trail Plan	\$7,500	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of New Paltz	Route 299 Gateway Planning and Zoning Project	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Town of Red Hook	Development of Town of Red Hook Complete Streets Standards	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Village of Altamont	Museum in the Streets	\$10,000	10/26/2016
Council Planning	Village of Ardsley	Update Comprehensive Plan/ Develop Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan	\$10,000	10/26/2016
TOTAL			\$311,500	

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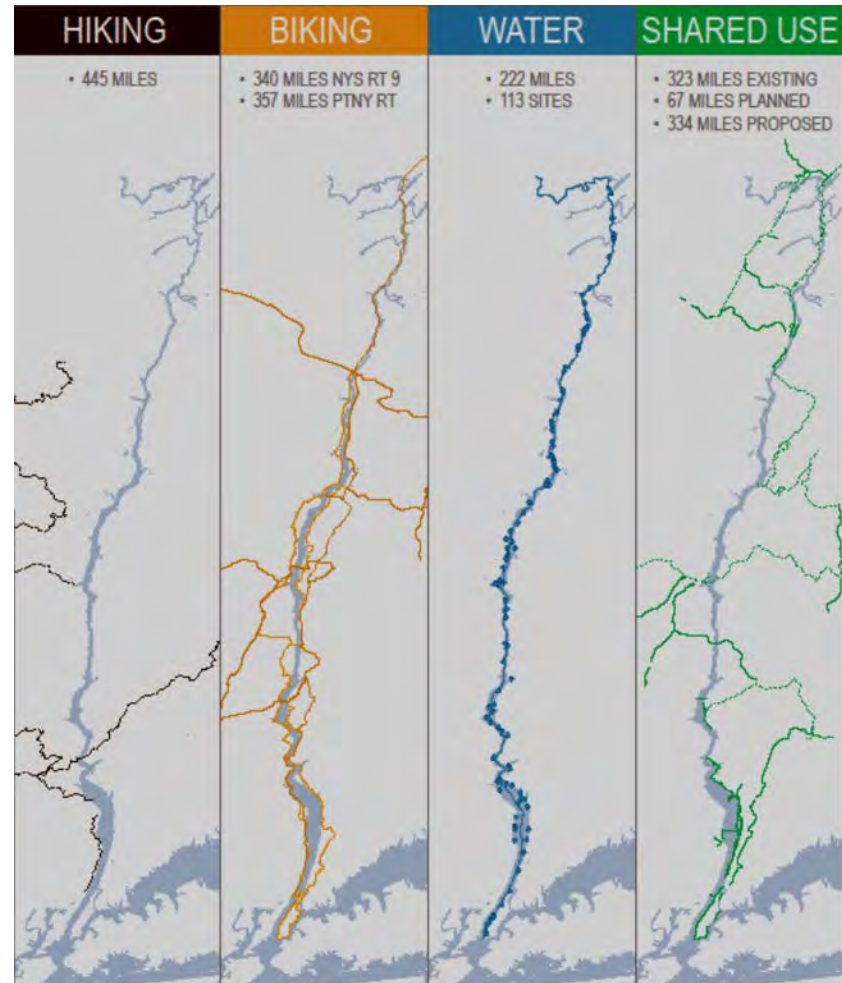
Agenda

- Existing Facilities
 - Walking
 - Biking
 - Kayaking/Canoeing
- The Future
 - Primary Greenway Trail
 - East Shore End to End Trail
 - West Shore End to End Trail



Existing Facilities

1. Shared Use Paths
2. Hiking
3. Biking
4. Water Route Sites



Walking

- Shared Use Paths
- Trails
- Bridges
 - Walkway Over the Hudson
 - Trail of 2 Bridges
 - Bear Mountain
 - New TZ Bridge



Walkway Over the Hudson

Biking

- Local Bike Routes
- State Bike Routes
- Shared Use Paths



Source: Hudson River Valley Greenway, Trail System

Kayaking/Canoeing

- Blueways
- Boat Launches
- Picnic Sites
- Camping



Wikimap

Hudson River Valley Greenway Connection Plan

Please use the map below to **DRAW ROUTES** and **PLACE POINTS** to share your thoughts about walking and biking along the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

1

Click "Add Points" or "Add Routes"

2

Draw your point or route comments onto the map

3

Close the map when you are finished commenting

Existing:

- TRAIL
- BIKE ROUTE
- STATE BIKE ROUTE
- DESIGNATED GREENWAY

Your Input:

- EXISTING SEGMENTS NOT ON MAP
- POTENTIAL FUTURE TRAILS
- POTENTIAL FUTURE BIKE ROUTE
- PLACE I'D LIKE TO BIKE OR WALK TO (EX. HOME, WORK, PLAY)
- BARRIER TO BIKING / WALKING (EX. FREEWAY)



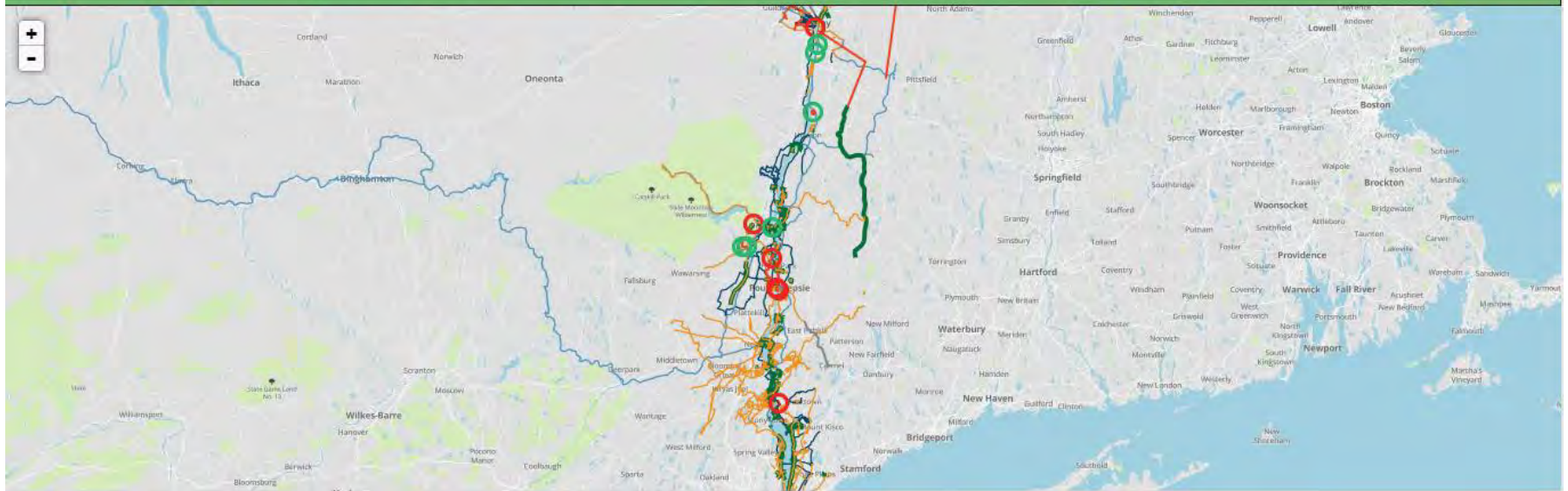
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Routes

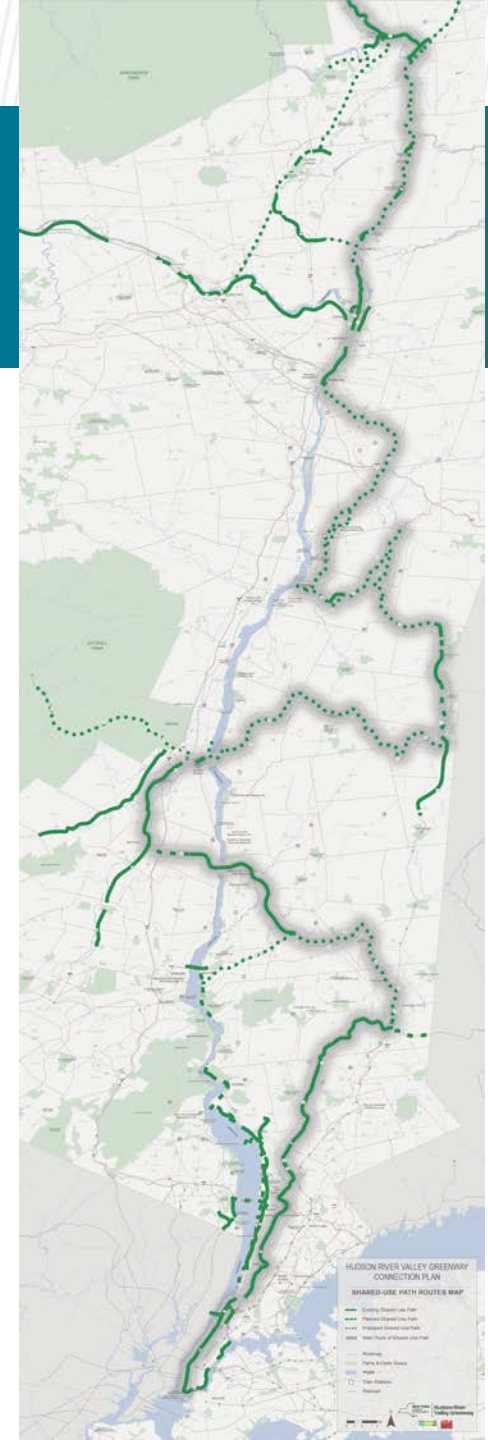
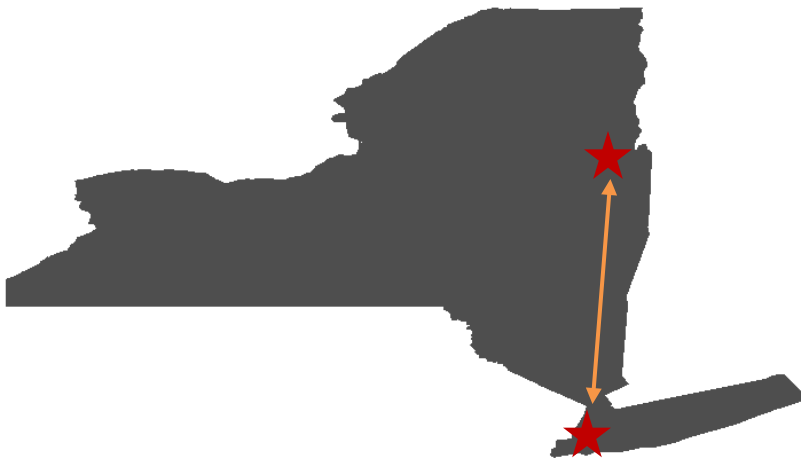
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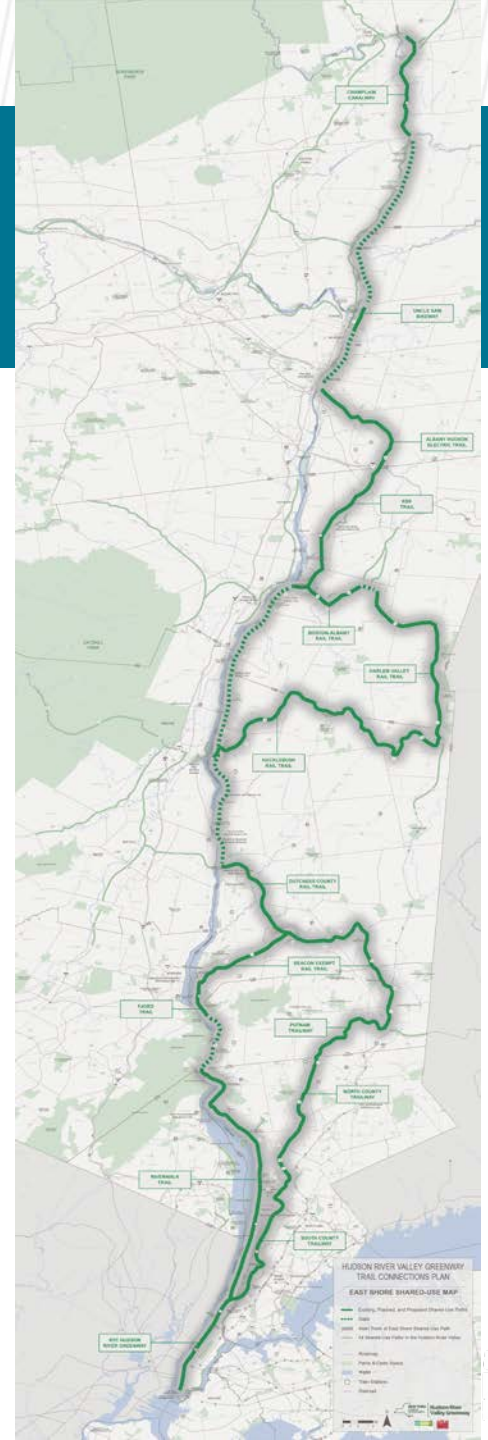
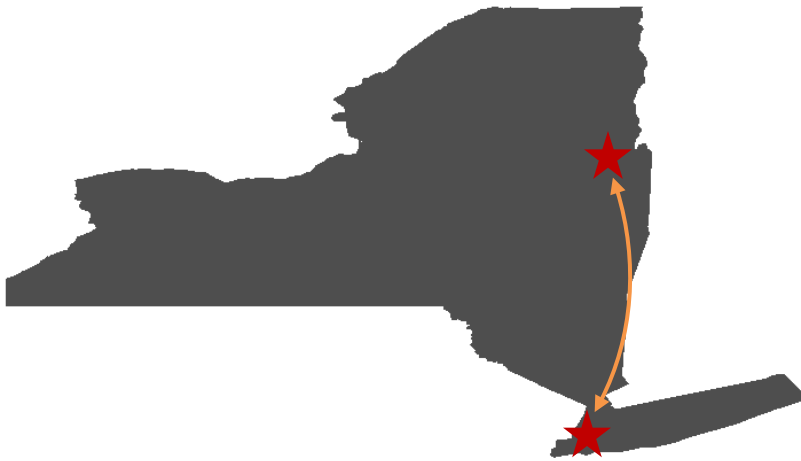
Primary Greenway Trail

A shared use path that
connects from the tip of
Manhattan to the
Adirondack Park



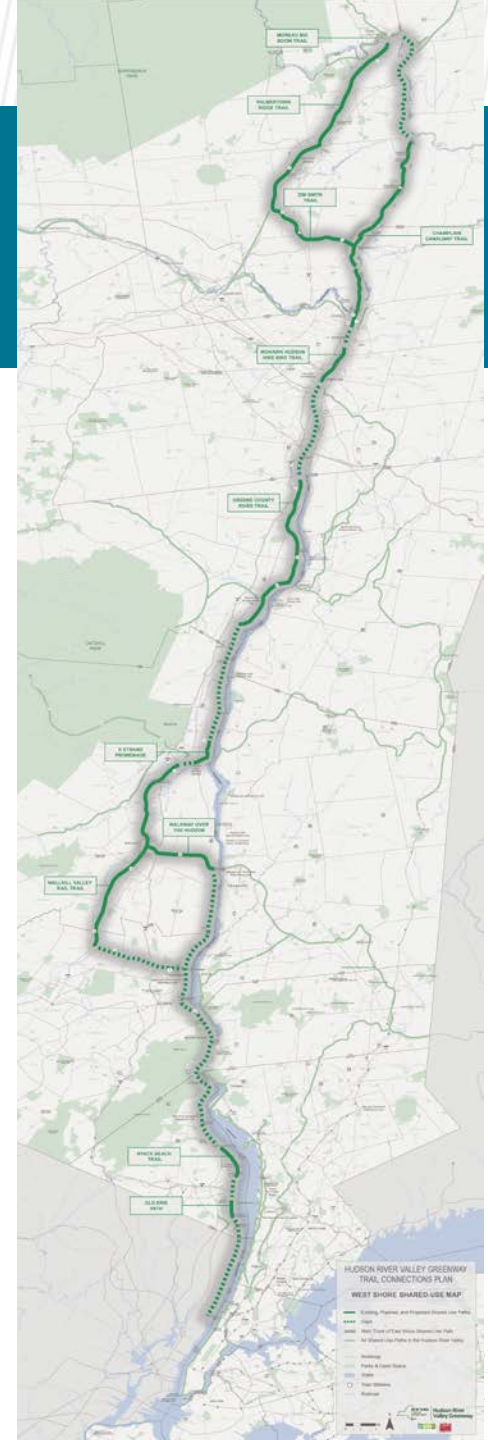
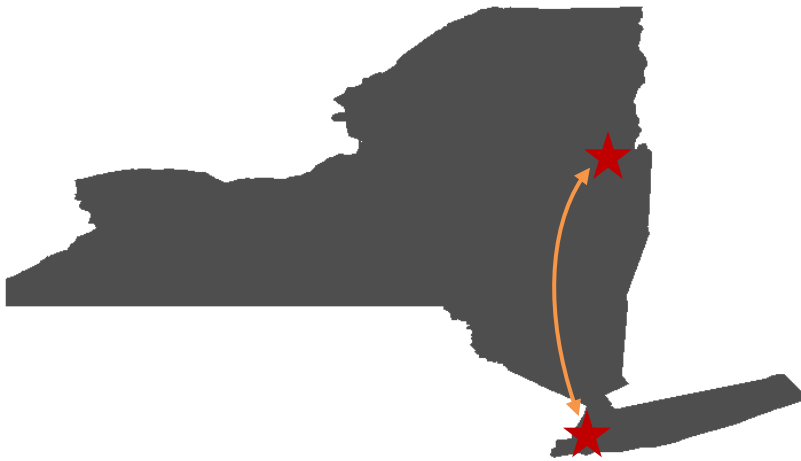
East Shore End to End Trail

Heading North From Battery
Park in Manhattan to the
Champlain Canal Trail in Fort
Edward in Washington County.

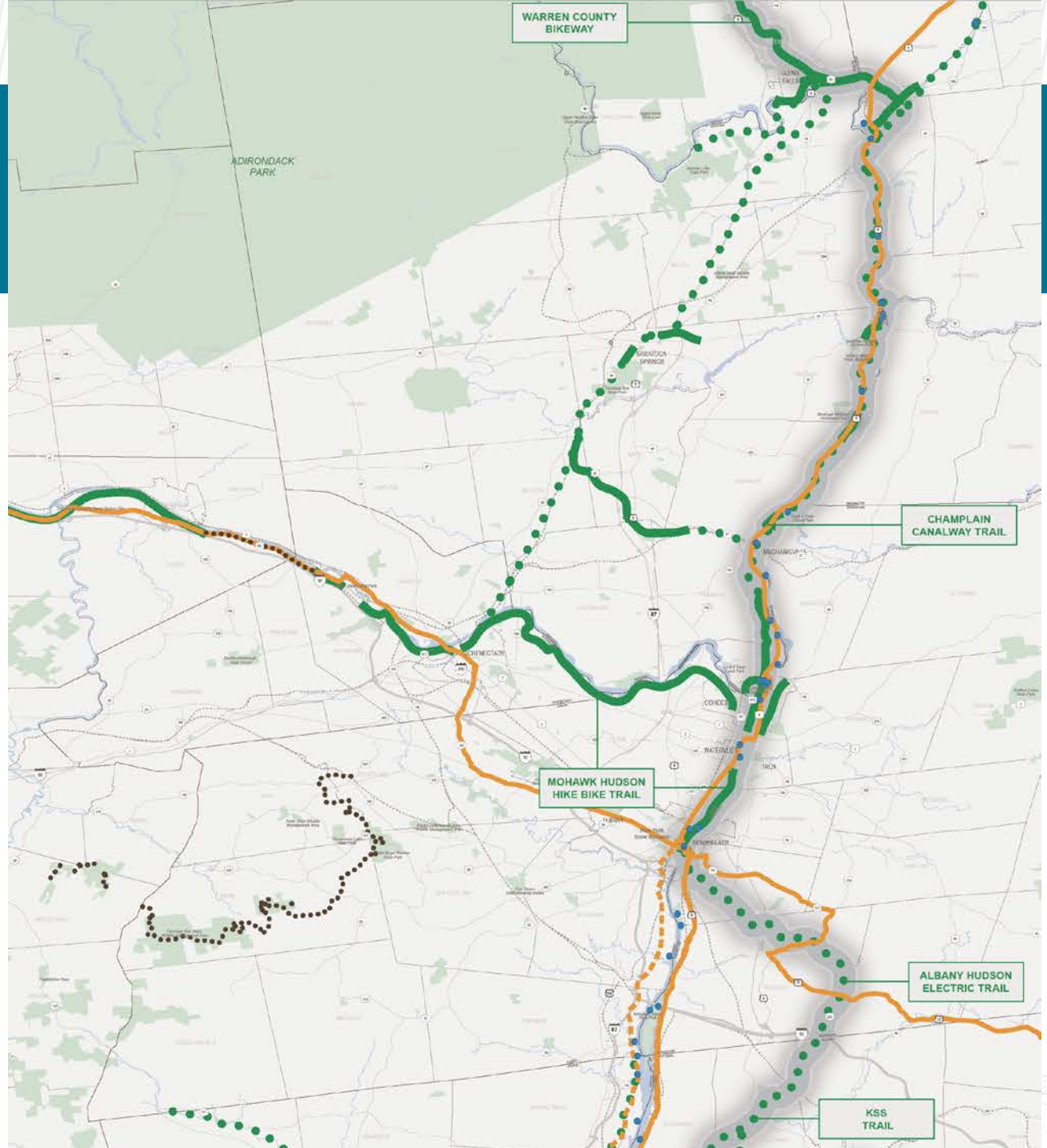


West Shore End to End Trail

Heading downriver from Moreau
Lake State Park in Saratoga County
to the Palisades and across the
Hudson to Battery Park in
Manhattan

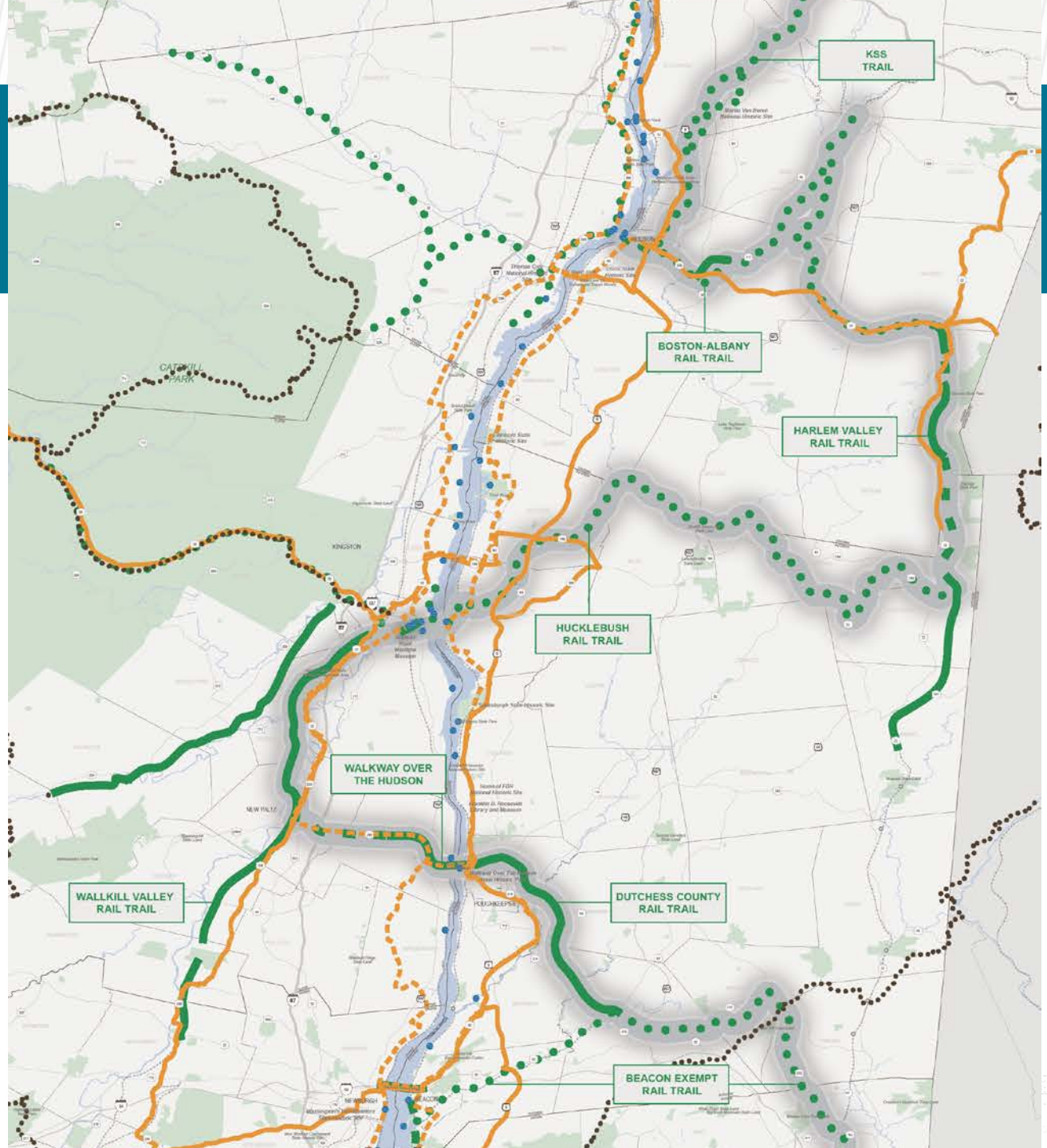


Hudson River Greenway Trails North



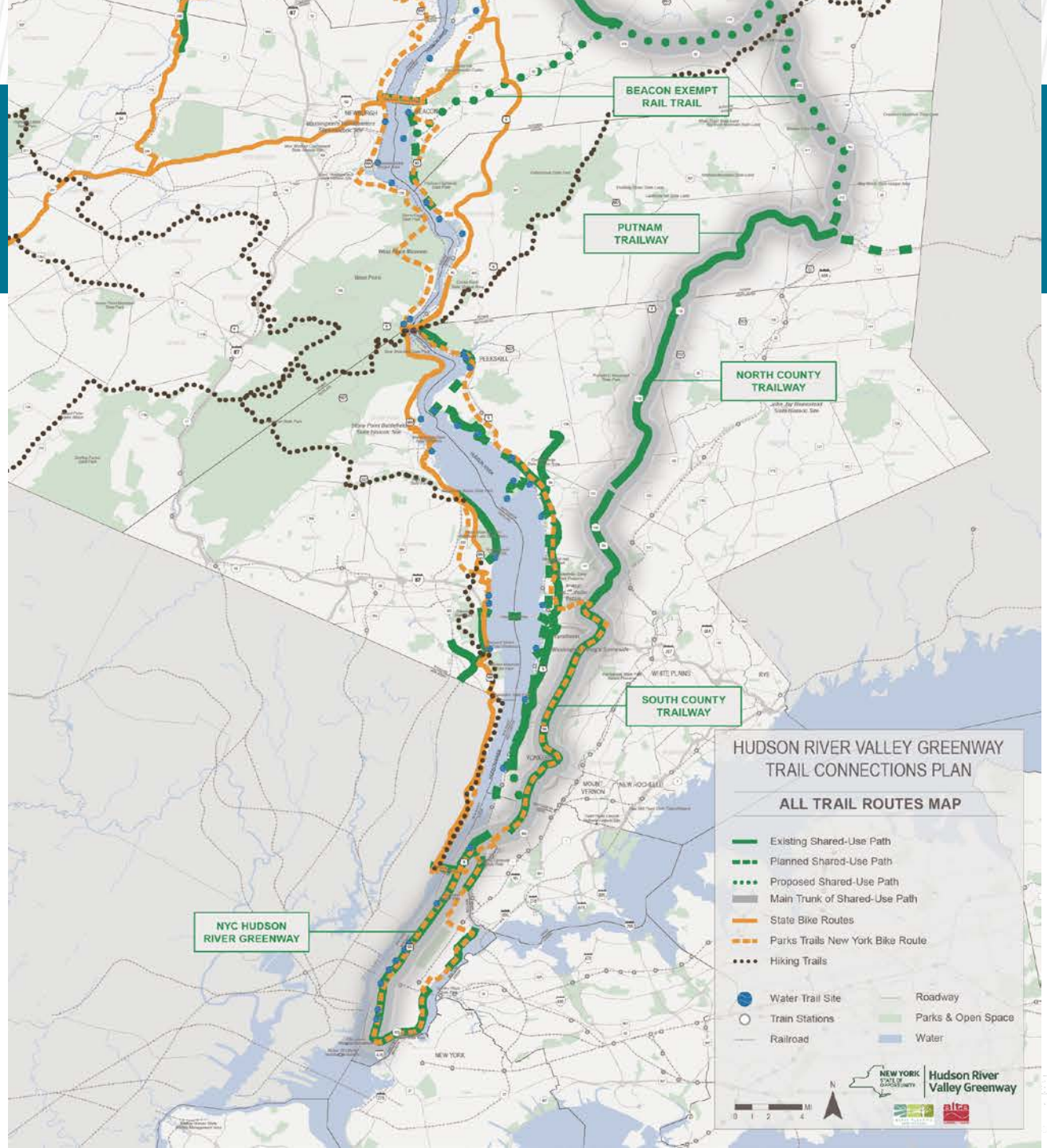
Hudson River Greenway Trails

Central



Hudson River Greenway Trails

South



Shared-Use Path Trunk Mileage

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143.4 MI
42.9%

PLANNED

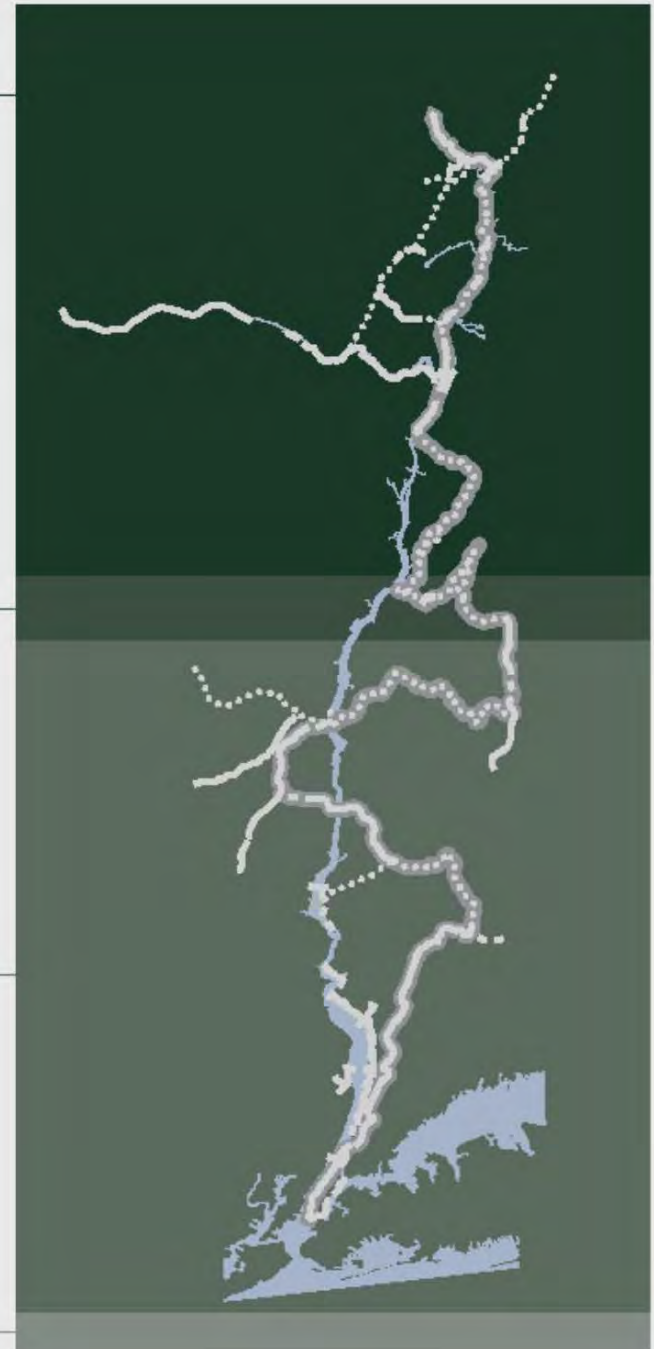
13.6 MI
4.1%

PROPOSED

167.8 MI
50.2%

GAPS

9.5 MI
2.8%



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