

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.
February 1, 2017
Henry A. Wallace Center at FDR Library
Hyde Park, NY
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Secretary
Burke, Kevin, Acting Chair
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Brown, Kristin Cole, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Member
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
Marra, Don, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Ames, Edward, New York City Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Galef, Sandra, Council Member, NYS Assembly Member
Harvey, Rose, Council Member, Commissioner NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Council Chair
Smith, Michelle, Putnam County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Downey, Margaret (Meg), Dutchess County Council Member
Saland, Stephen, Council Member

Council Members Present by Phone

Altieri, Rockland County Council Member

Delegates Present

Dunwell, Fran, Joint Co-Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Ethier, Jaime, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State
Steber, Chris, Attending for Linda Cooper, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Westhius, Todd, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation
Wrafter, Eoin, Delegate for Conservancy Member Marcus Molinaro

Advisory Members Present

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

Greenway Staff Present

Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director
Day, Shannon, Administrative Assistant
Jeanson, Daniel, Project Coordinator
Keller, Scott, Acting Executive Director
Marchitello, Chris, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

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

Presentations

Chairman McHenry introduced NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Rose Harvey to speak about Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's recently announced Empire State Trail. The Chairman noted that Commissioner Harvey had been chair of a committee 26 years ago studying the Hudson River Valley Greenway and she had at that time recommended the creation of a trail.

Commissioner Harvey thanked everyone for attending and gave special thanks to Chairman McHenry and his influence on all things good and green in the Hudson Valley.

Commissioner Harvey explained that the Empire State Trail was a Governor's initiative to create a 750-mile trail bike and walking pathway from New York City to Canada and from Albany to Buffalo. This project includes "closing the gaps" in the Erie Canalway Trail, which is 80% complete, and creating major new rail-trails and improved bike trails to create the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail. To complete the Empire Trail by 2020, approximately 350 miles of new/improved trails will be built. The construction projects will be undertaken by a number of state entities including the Hudson Greenway, NYPA/Canal Corporation, MTA, DOT, Parks and local governments. The Trail will drive economic growth and boost tourism in communities along its route. When completed, the Empire Trail will be the largest state multi-use trail in the nation.

Commissioner Harvey also noted that the Empire State Trail will be 70% off road for the full 750 miles, and along the Erie Canalway (Albany to Buffalo) and Hudson River Valley Greenway (NYC –

Lake George) the Empire State Trail will be 85% off road. She stated that the Empire State Trail will take place in three phases, at a projected cost of \$200 million.

Commissioner Harvey also stated that there will be a project manager to help with the engineering, and that Alta Planning and Design will be on board to consult. She also noted that Empire State Development will create a new website and app for the trail, and will be advertising and promoting the trail.

Chairman McHenry introduced Jeff Olson from Alta Planning and Design who presented an overview of their work on the Empire State Trail, and the planned stages. The presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman McHenry introduced NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett, who welcomed everyone to the 106th Assembly District. Assemblymember Barrett noted that a new carbon farming bill had been introduced in the Assembly, which would create credits for farmers to follow practices that put carbon back in the soil.

Chairman McHenry introduced Town of Hyde Park Supervisor Aileen Rohr, who welcomed everyone to the Town of Hyde Park, and thanked the Greenway for providing tremendous inspiration as the Town addresses planning issues. Supervisor Rohr also noted that the Town had been fortunate to receive several Greenway grants.

Acting Chairman Burke introduced Larry Turk, Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt-Van Buren National Historic Sites, who welcomed everyone to the site. Superintendent Turk noted that it was the 135th anniversary of FDR's birthday that Monday, and what a great birthday present it was to have the Greenway meeting there.

Wint Aldrich introduced Bob Wills of Dutchess County Planning and the Vice Commodore of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club, who gave a presentation on FDR's Ice Yacht the Hawk. His presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Burke called for changes and additions to the agenda. Acting Executive Director Scott Keller announced that there was an addition to the grants section of the agenda, an award to the Town of Blooming Grove.

Minutes of October 26, 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 January 27, 2017 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Jane Daniels second) the minutes of the October 26, 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. were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Jennifer Schwartz-Berky (Wint Aldrich second) the minutes of the January 27, 2017 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

Welcome of New Board Member

Chairman McHenry welcomed new Council Board Member Michelle D. Smith, the Executive Director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the Putnam County representative to the Council.

Review of Governor Cuomo's NYS Budget Proposal

Mr. Keller reviewed the Governor's proposed NYS budget for the Greenway Council. Under this proposal, the Council operations and grants would be \$321,000.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards- Greenway and Compact Grants

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

The Town of Chatham, Columbia County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$9,800 for implementation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,500.

The Town of Cornwall, Orange County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for an update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The Town of New Scotland, Albany County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a Comprehensive Plan Update. The Grants Committee recommends \$10,000.

The Village of Haverstraw, Rockland County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a Concept Plan for a 7 acre riverside parcel. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,500.

The Village of Millerton, Dutchess County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a recreational redevelopment plan for Eddie Collins Memorial Park. The Grants Committee recommends \$5,000.

The Town of Blooming Grove, Orange County is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for an updated Comprehensive Plan. The Grants Committee recommends \$7,500.

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Sally Mazzarella second) the Board unanimously approved the grants as recommended by the Grants Committee.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Burke recalled the Conservancy meeting to order.

Governor Cuomo's NYS Budget Proposal

Mr. Keller reviewed the Governor's proposed budget for the Greenway Conservancy. The Conservancy would receive for the Empire State Trail \$123,000,000 over three years. The Conservancy operations and grants budget is proposed to be \$416,000.

Resolutions to accept ESD Market NY Grants

Mr. Keller reviewed the two Empire State Development Market New York Grants that the Conservancy had been awarded:

\$100,000 for the Hudson River Sojourn

\$100,000 for the Hudson River Train Mobil Tour

On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the board unanimously approved the acceptance of both grants.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Presentation to Sarah Olson

Chairman McHenry presented a book to Sarah Olson in recognition of her years of service to the Greenway and National Heritage Area. Ms. Olson thanked the board members and noted how great an opportunity the board meetings are for networking, and thanked the Greenway and National Heritage Area for bringing everyone together.

Proposed NHA 2017 Budget

Mr. Keller stated that there is a continuing resolution in Congress through April 28th covering 47% of last year's NHA appropriation. He noted that we expect continuing resolutions for the balance of Federal Year 2017 and the new administration's first budget in 2018.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Mr. Keller reviewed his report which is appended to these minutes.

New Business/Public Comment

Col. James Johnson (Ret.) reported that progress was being made on the Henry Knox Cannon Trail and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held March 22, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary

NY EMPIRE STATE TRAIL



WE'VE COME A LONG WAY IN 25 YEARS



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GOVERNOR CUOMO'S ANNOUNCEMENT



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[LINK TO ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation

Hudson River
Valley Greenway



- 345 New Trail Miles
- 750 Total Trail Miles
- \$199M
- Erie Canalway Trail: 350 Miles
- Hudson River Valley Greenway: 260 Miles
- Connection to Canada
- Hudson River Valley Greenway & Erie Canalway Trails: More than 85% Shared-Use Path



Erie Boulevard Dewitt



Tonawandas Gateway Harbor



Beacon Rail Trail

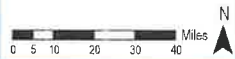


Walkway Over the Hudson



LEGEND

- Off-Road Trails
- On-Road Routes



EXISTING TRAILS



Parks, Recreation
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Hudson River
Valley Greenway



- Hudson River Valley Greenway - 124 existing miles
- Erie Canalway Trail - 288 existing miles

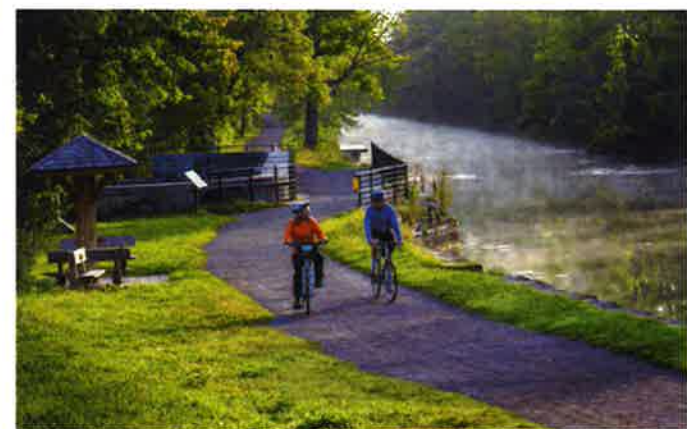


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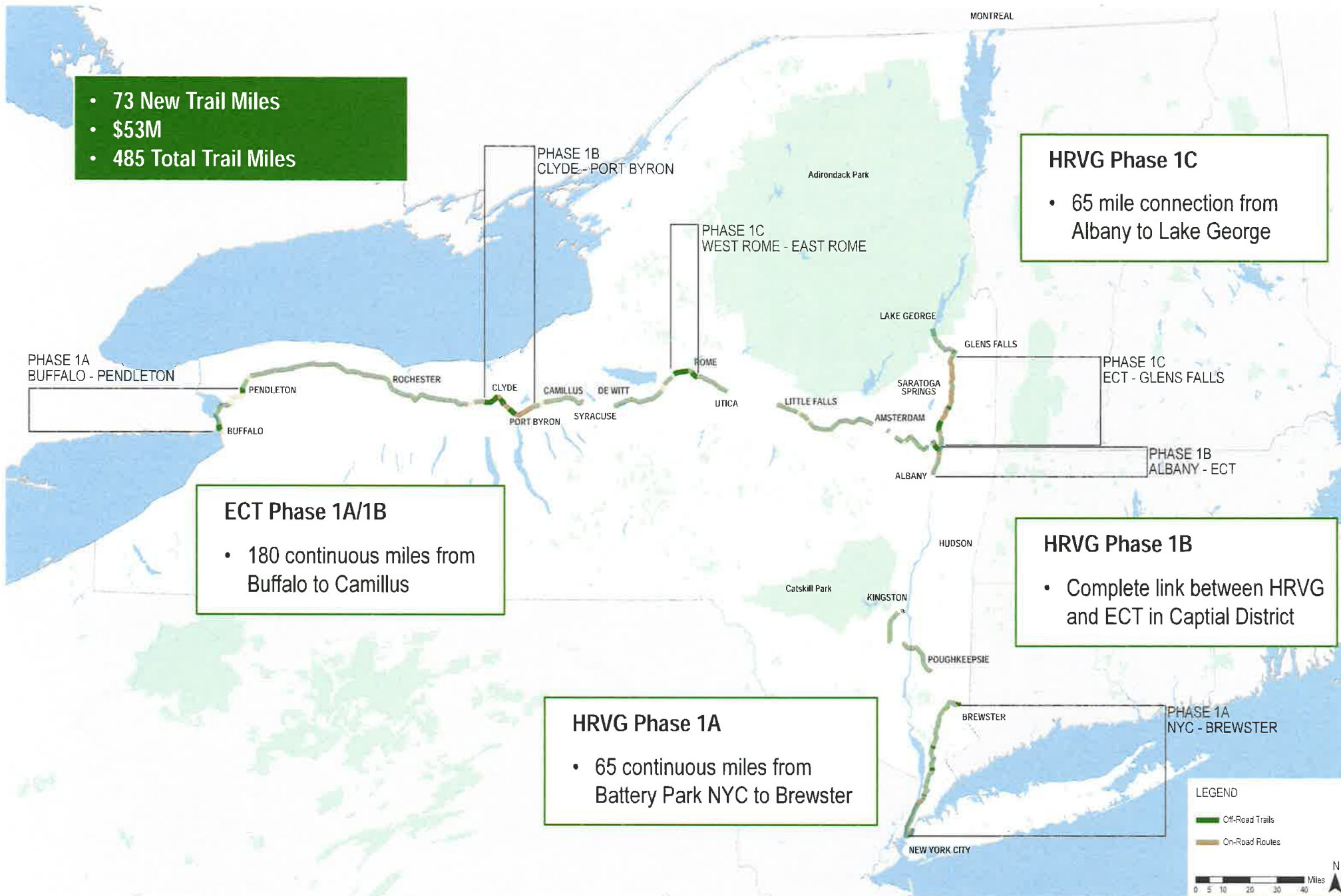


PHASE 1 OVERVIEW (2017-2018)



Parks, Recreation
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Hudson River
Valley Greenway



PHASE 1 - HRVG (2017-2018)

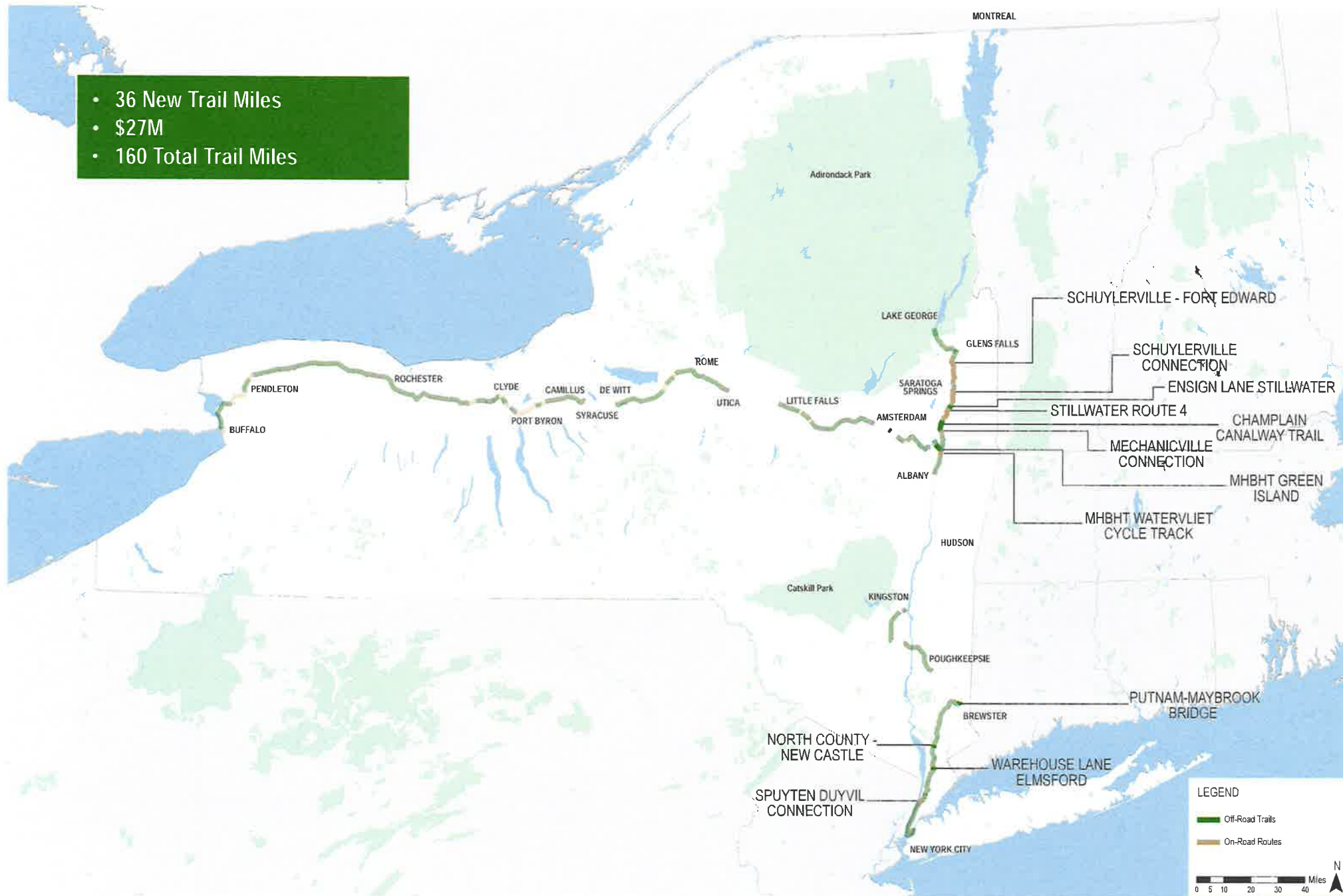


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Hudson River
Valley Greenway



- 36 New Trail Miles
- \$27M
- 160 Total Trail Miles



PHASE 1 - ECT (2017-2018)

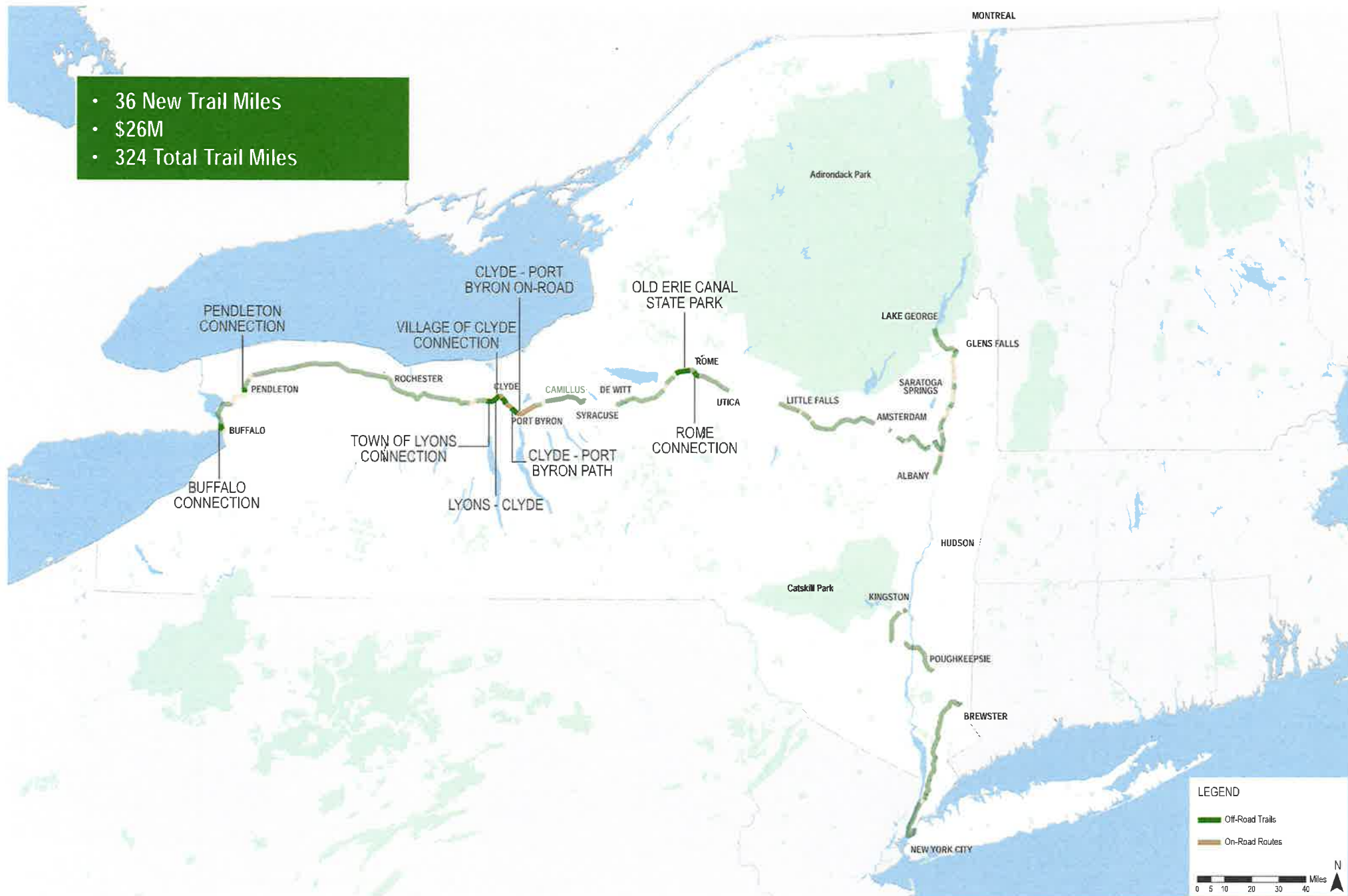


Parks, Recreation
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Hudson River
Valley Greenway



- 36 New Trail Miles
- \$26M
- 324 Total Trail Miles

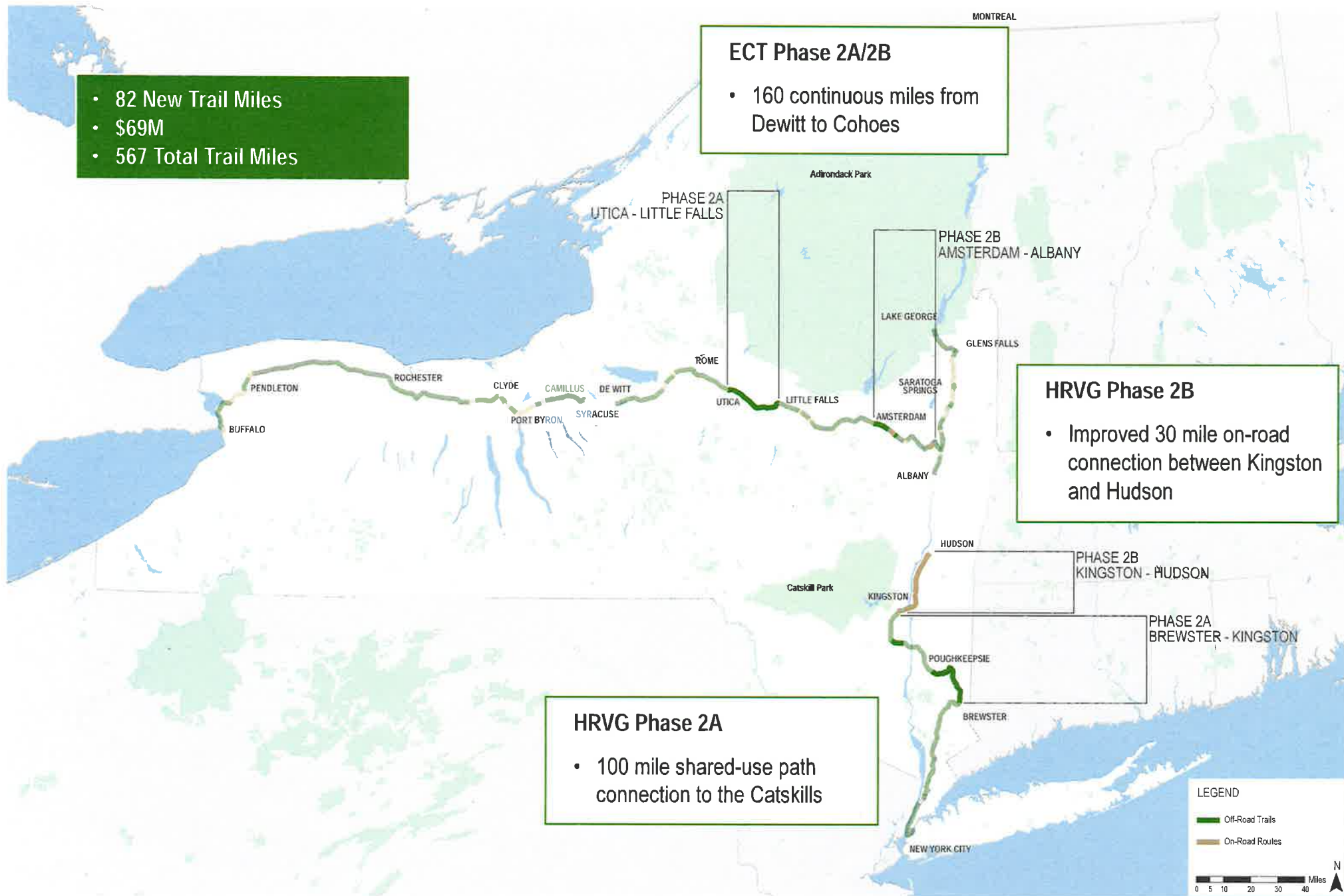


PHASE 2 OVERVIEW (2018-2019)



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Hudson River
Valley Greenway



PHASE 2 - HRVG (2018-2019)

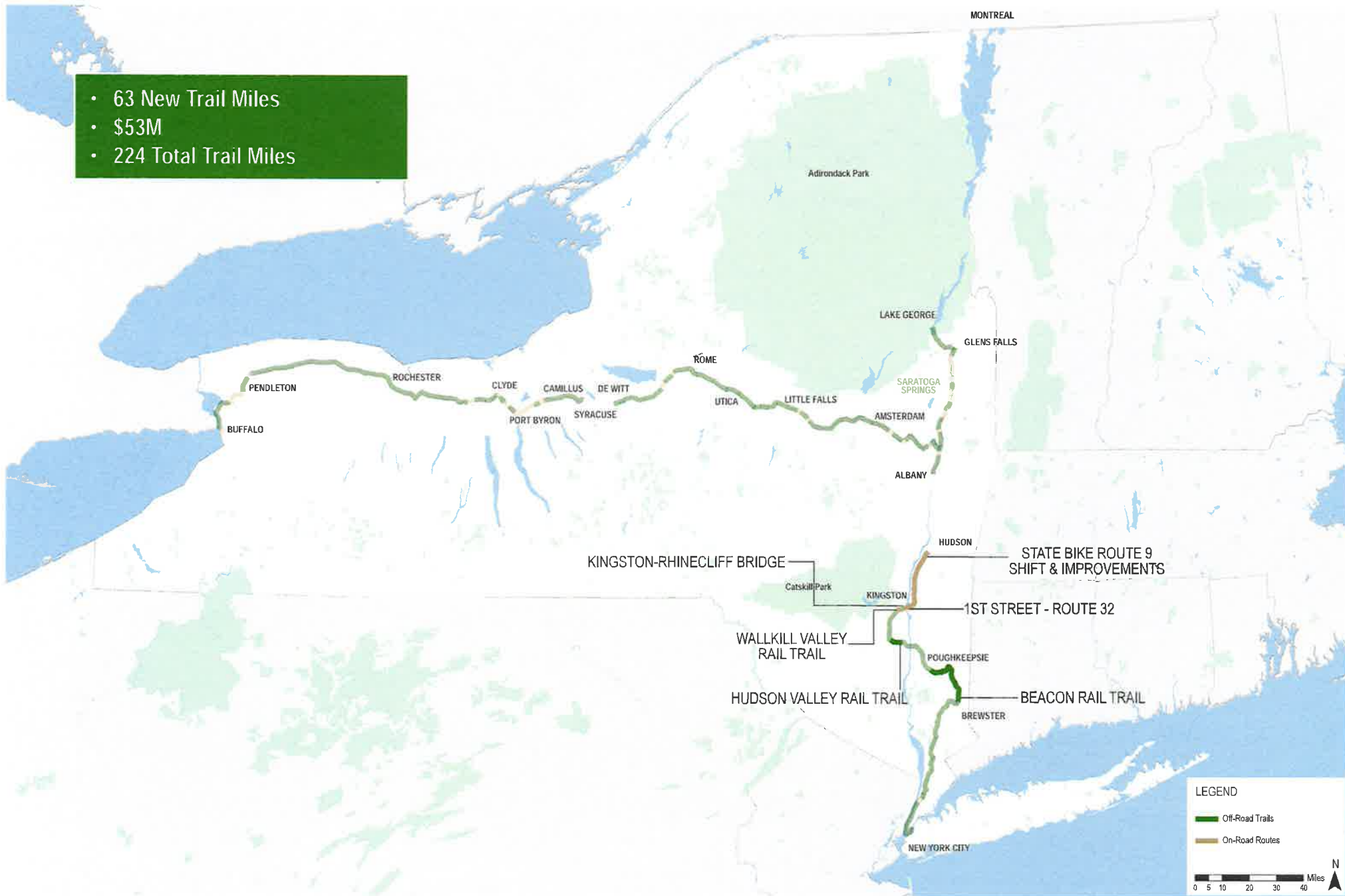


Parks, Recreation
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Hudson River
Valley Greenway



- 63 New Trail Miles
- \$53M
- 224 Total Trail Miles



PHASE 2 - ECT (2018-2019)

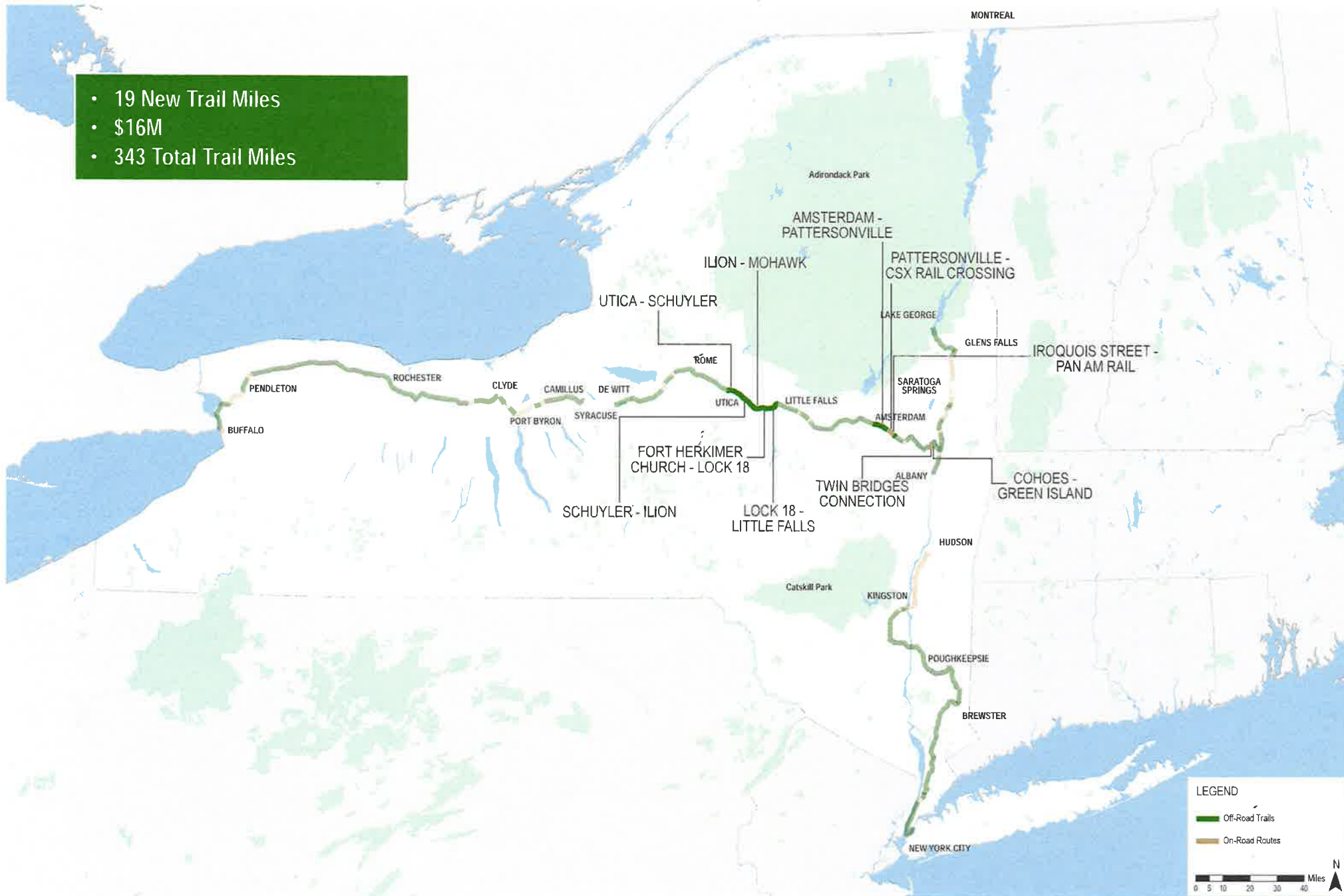


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- 19 New Trail Miles
- \$16M
- 343 Total Trail Miles



PHASE 3 OVERVIEW (2019-2020)



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PHASE 3 - HRVG (2019-2020)

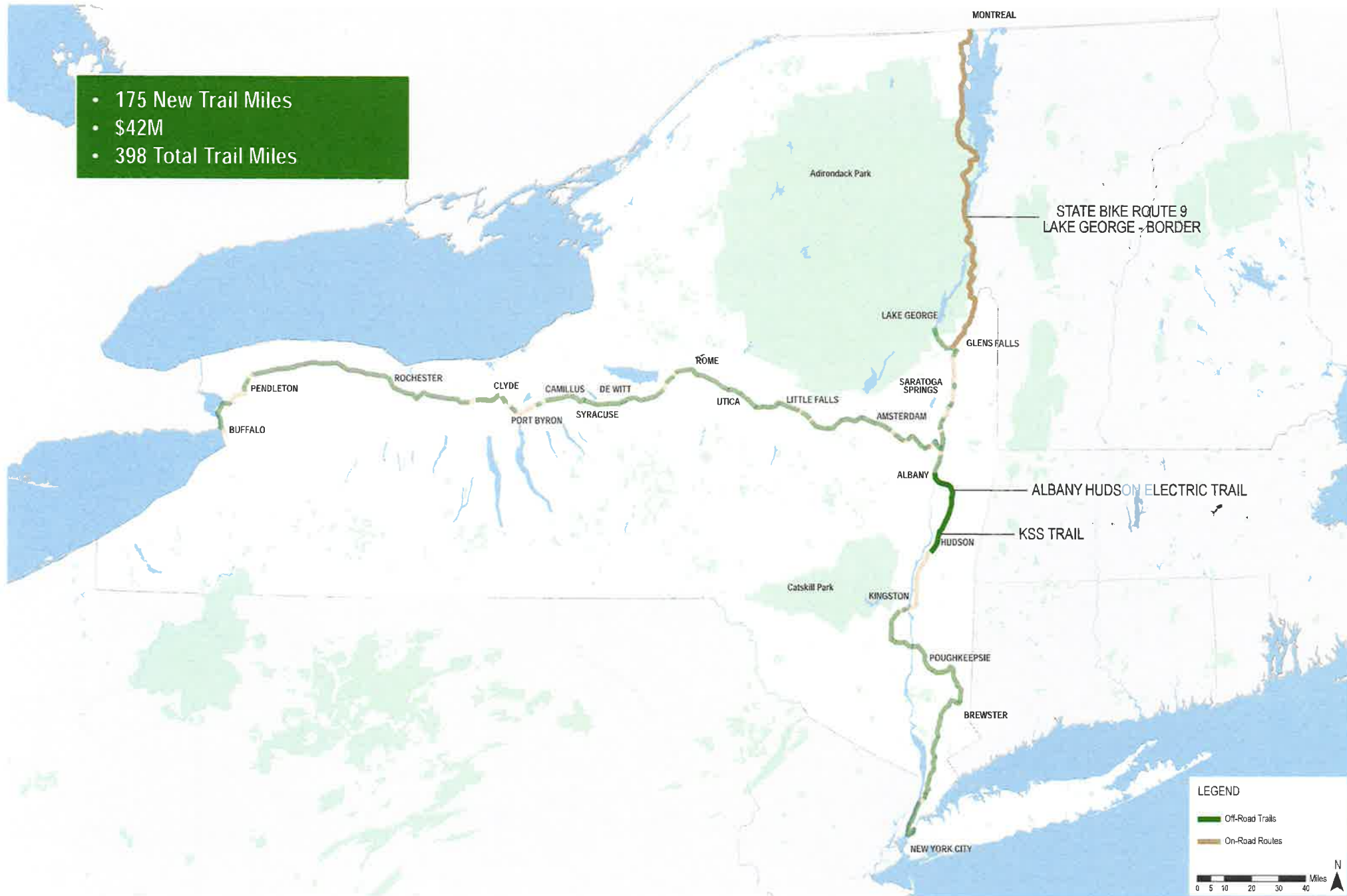


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- 175 New Trail Miles
- \$42M
- 398 Total Trail Miles



PHASE 3 - ECT (2019-2020)

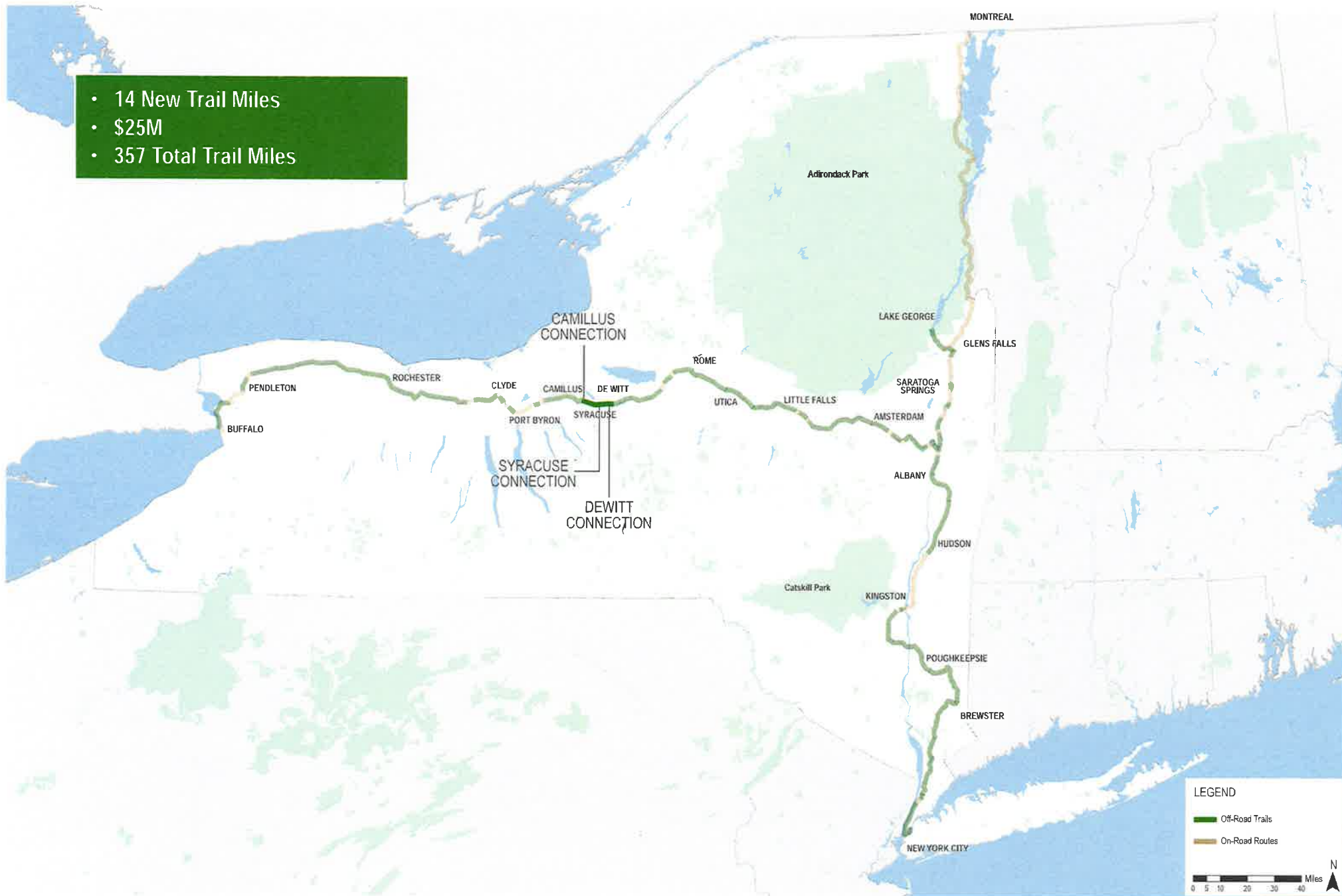


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- 14 New Trail Miles
- \$25M
- 357 Total Trail Miles

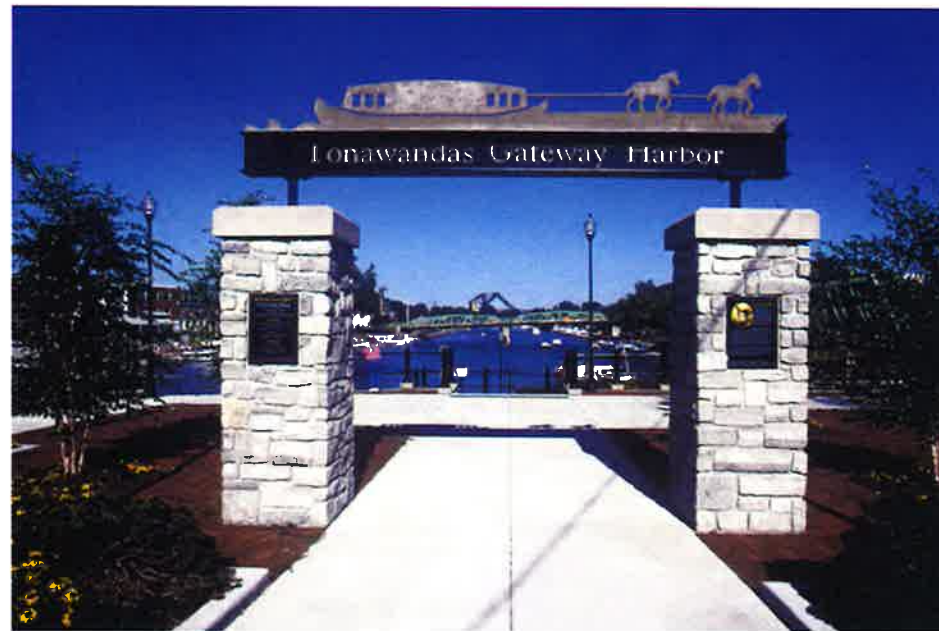


AMENITIES



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NY EMPIRE STATE TRAIL SYSTEM



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THANK YOU!



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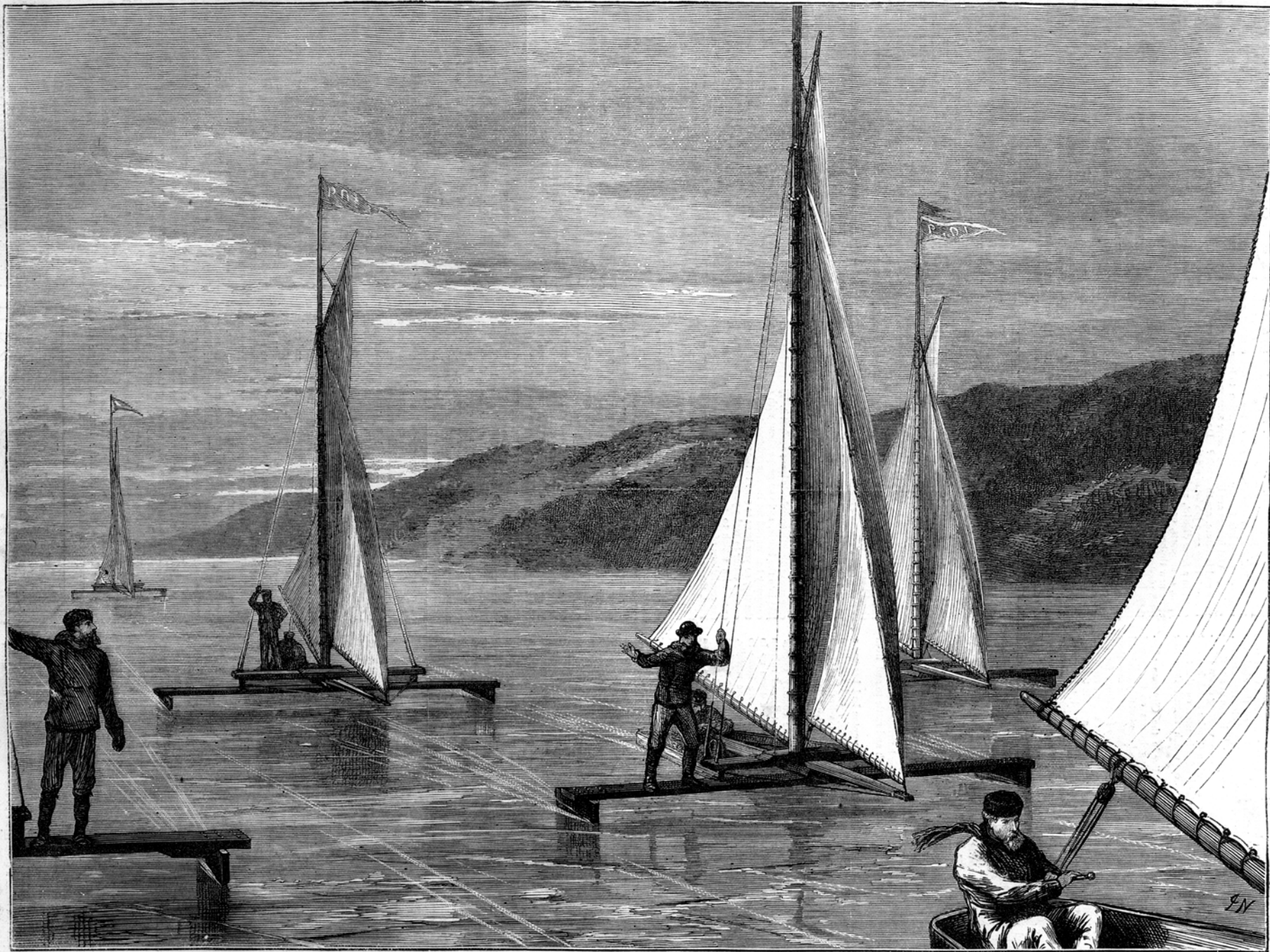
Franklin Delano Roosevelt's *HAWK*

Hudson River Valley Greenway
February 1, 2017

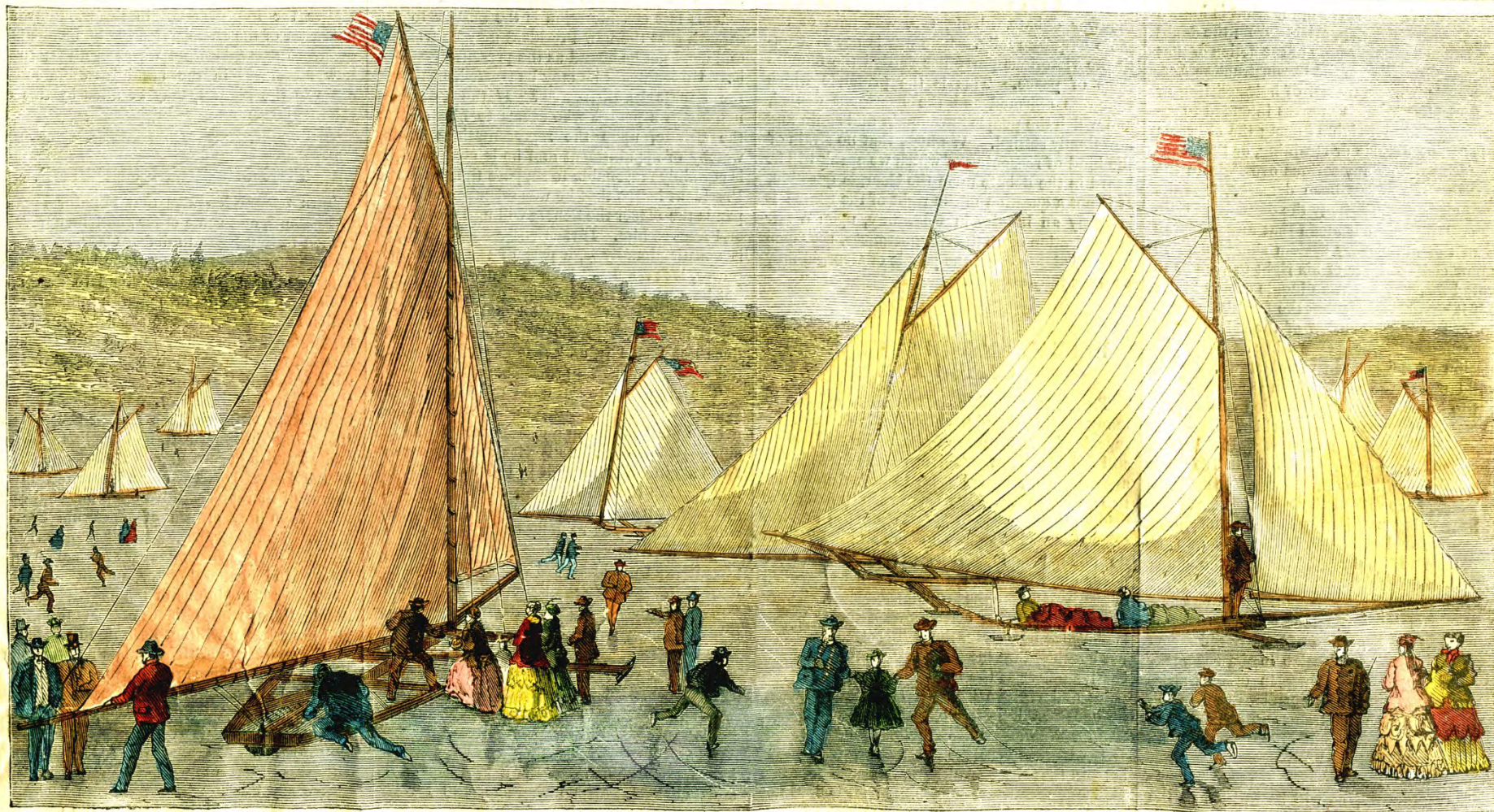


Hudson River Ice Yacht Club

Robert Wills, Vice-Commodore



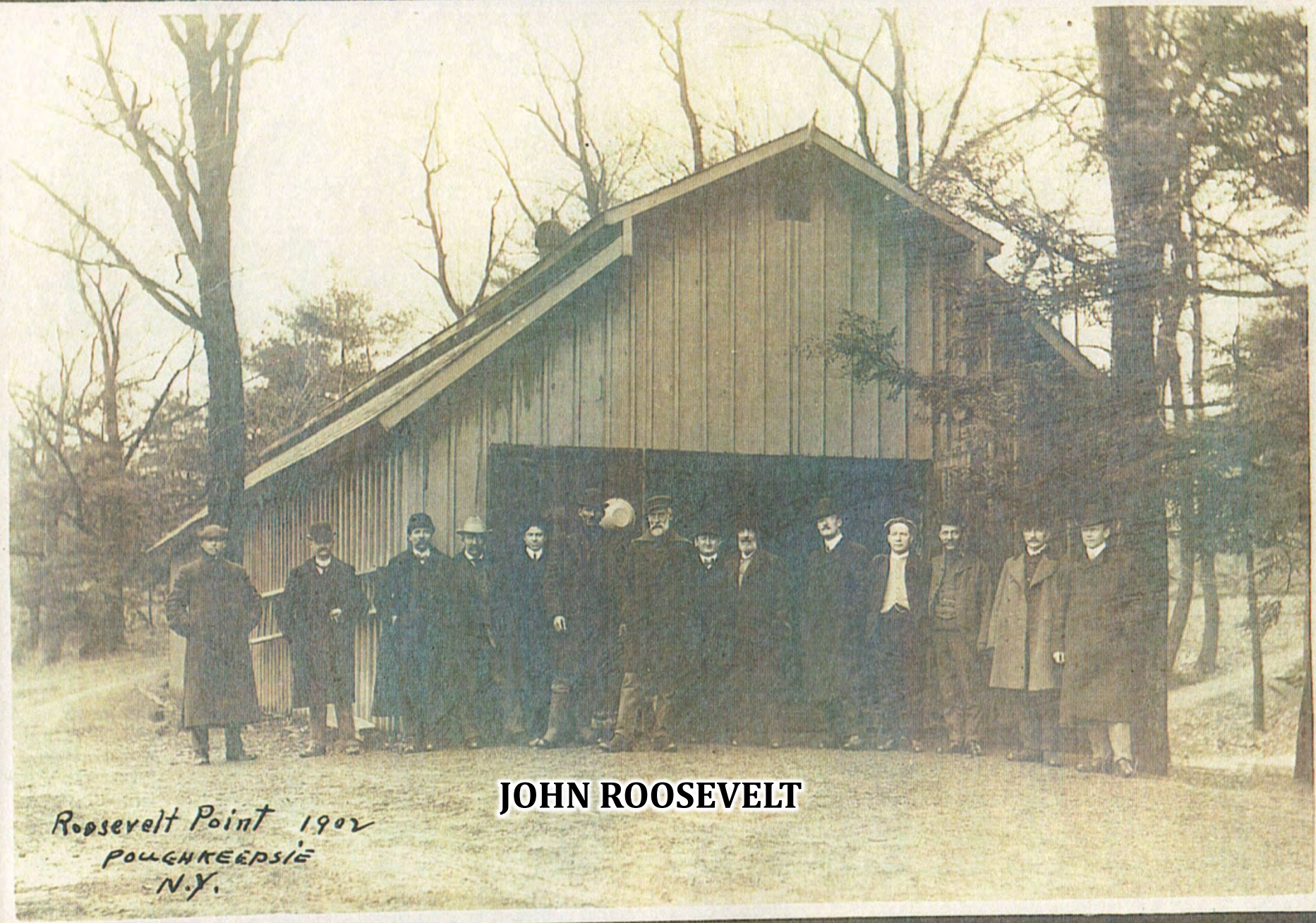
ICE YACHTS ON THE HUDSON RIVER, U.S.A.



WINTER SPORTS—ICE-BOATS ON THE HUDSON.—[PHOTOGRAPHED BY SLEE BROTHERS.]







JOHN ROOSEVELT

*Roosevelt Point 1902
POUGHKEEPSIE
N.Y.*



**Scene from Roosevelt Point
The Gardener's Cottage
1902**

Name of Yacht Hawk

Name of Designer George Buckhart

Name of Builder " "

Sail made by _____

When build _____

Where build Bay View, N.Y.

Owner Franklin D. Roosevelt

Length of centre timber from Rudder Pos
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Franklin Delano Roosevelt's *HAWK*

Forestay →

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FDR's *HAWK*

1911 HRIYC Line-up, Hyde Park.



HELD ANNUAL MEETING.

Hudson River Ice Yacht Club Elects Officers at Hyde Park Friday.

The regular meeting and election of officers of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club was held at the club house at Hyde Park on Friday. Ex-Commodore A. Rogers presided and the old officers were all re-elected as follows:

Commodore—Thomas Newhall

Vice-Commodore—Franklyn Roosevelt.

Sec. and Treas.—John Hopkins

Measurer—J. Sterling Bird.

Regatta Committee—Samuel R. Rogers, J. Sterling Bird, and Archibald Rogers.

The house committee is to be appointed by the commodore later.

The snow has put a sudden stop to the sport on the river for the present, and the yachtsmen are praying for a good rain, followed by good cold weather. Between the two clubs at Hyde Park the Hudson River Club and the Hyde Park Club, a good sized fleet is on the ice, in all probability the largest in the United States. Looking from the observation room of the club house twenty-five yachts can easily be counted on the ice.

1910 – Poughkeepsie
Eagle



Hudson River Ice Yacht Club

www.hriyc.org

White Wings and Black Ice



Robert Wills, Vice Commodore

Thanks to NARA, NPS,

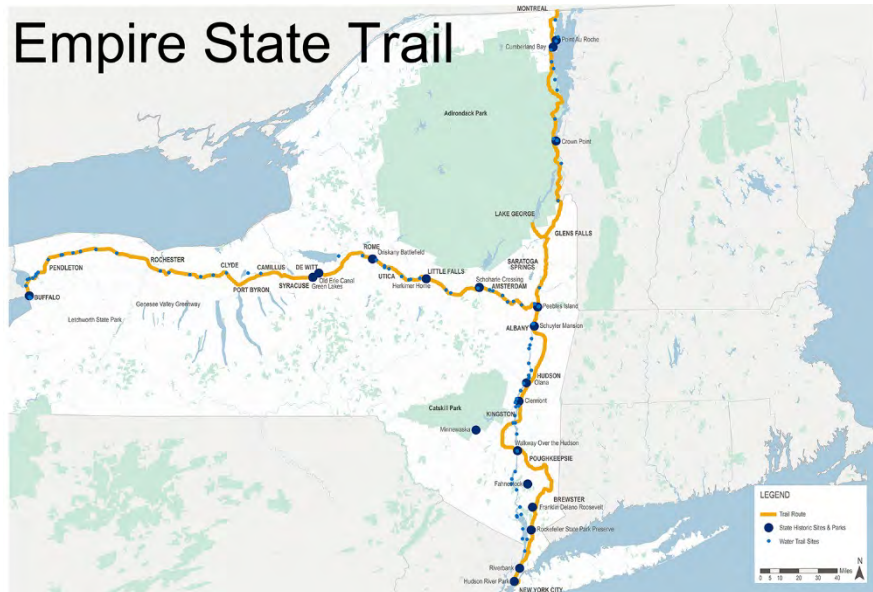
and Brian Reid, HRIYC Secretary

**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.

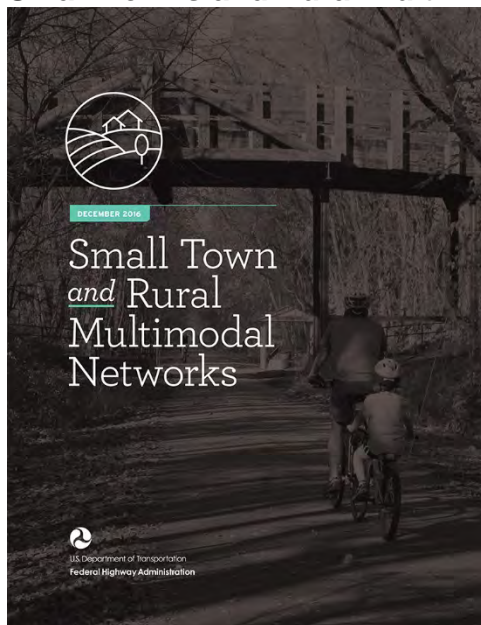
2016 Ramble Economic Impact:

- 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

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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	