Albany-Electric Hudson Trail: Before and After Pictures
Rensselaer County Trail Section
June 2022

The Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET) is a 36-mile "rail-trail" that runs from the City of Rensselaer to the City of Hudson, in Rensselaer and Columbia Counties. The AHET trail is part of NYS' larger 750-mile Empire State Trail.

The NYS Hudson River Valley Greenway (HRVG) oversaw the AHET trail's planning, design, environmental review, and construction. Planning began in 2017, construction started in May 2019, and New York State announced the trail was completed in December 2020. The project team included:

- HRVG staff coordinated the AHET project from start to finish.
- The consulting firm Alta Planning + Design assisted in developing the AHET concept plan and provided technical support throughout the project.
- The consulting firm Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) led the development of detailed engineering plans and specifications, completed environmental review and permitting requirements, and provided comprehensive construction management/construction inspection services.
- The construction firm Carver Construction built the AHET section in Rensselaer County.
- The construction firm A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. built the AHET section in Columbia County.

The 36-mile AHET route is 80% off-road trail, constructed on an abandoned trolley line that ran from 1899 to 1929. Today the corridor is owned by National Grid. The remaining connecting AHET sections are designated along public roadways.

During the initial 2017 project planning phase, HRVG staff walked the entire 36-mile AHET route, taking detailed pictures to document the corridor prior to construction.

In May and June 2022, HRVG staff took pictures of the completed trail at more than 100 locations matched to the 2017 photographs, to create detailed "before and after" documentation of the AHET trail.

On each page, the "before" picture is on the top of the page, the "after" picture of the completed trail at the same location is on the bottom of the page.

This document covers the AHET trail section in Rensselaer County. The pictures are arranged "north to south", starting in East Greenbush and running south to the Rensselaer/Columbia County border in Nassau.

East Greenbush – Southern Avenue trailhead parking area.

East Greenbush – trail corridor northwest of CSC Way.

East Greenbush – crossing CSC Way.

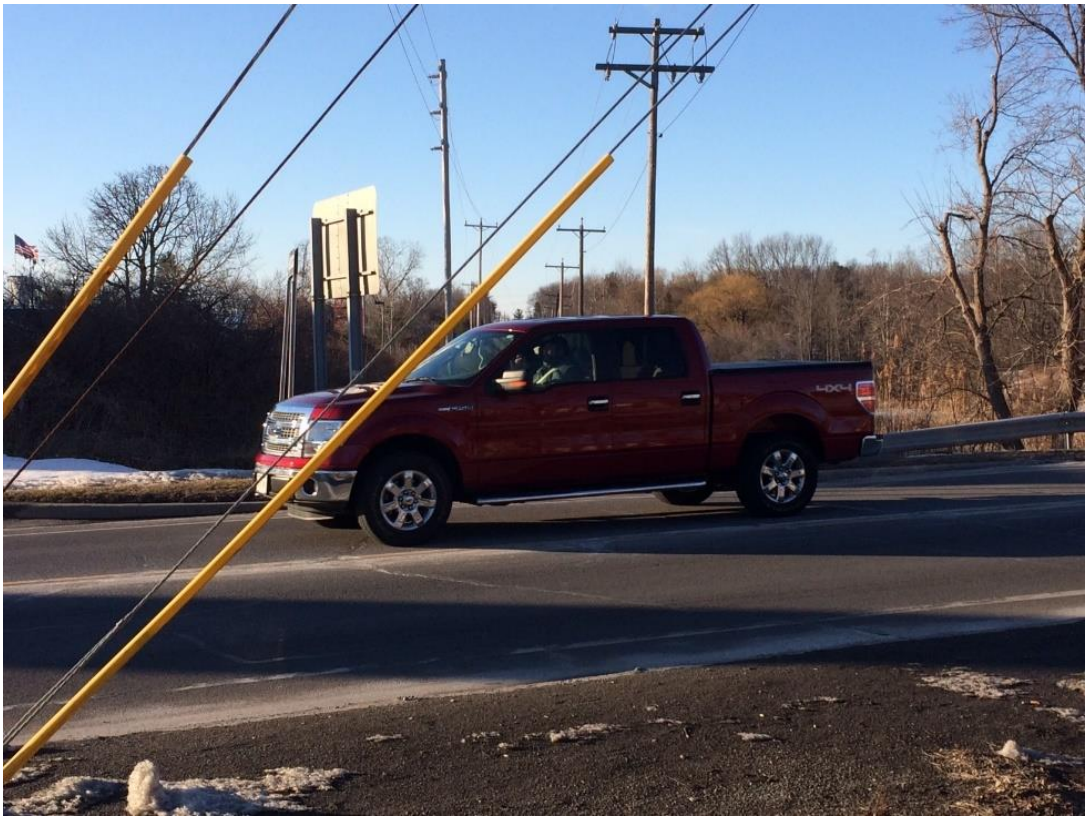
East Greenbush – west of Corellis Trucking Facility.

East Greenbush – adjacent to Corellis Trucking Facility.

East Greenbush – behind Price Chopper/Market 32.

East Greenbush - looking east at Forrest Pointe Drive.

East Greenbush – gully behind Funplex.



East Greenbush - Route 4 crossing looking northwest.

East Greenbush – looking west at Eliot Road crossing.

East Greenbush – looking northwest toward Eliot Road.

East Greenbush - trail entrance looking northwest at Point View Drive.

Schodack – Miller Road looking east.

Schodack – double RRFB crossing at Miller Road.

Schodack - Miller Road at I-90, looking east.

Schodack – “Miller Hill” trail entrance adjacent to I-90.

Schodack – trail “benched” into Miller Hill.

Schodack – trail on “Miller Hill” adjacent to I-90.

Schodack – northwest of Reno Road.

Schodack – Reno Road crossing, looking southeast.

Schodack - Looking southeast behind Stablegate.

Schodack – gully southeast of Brookside Drive.

Schodack - trail corridor northwest of Route 150.

Schodack – Route 150 Substation.

Schodack – Bridge F looking northwest.

Schodack – Bridge F abutment at the Moordener Kill.

Schodack – looking northwest from Rice Road.

Schodack – trail crossing looking southeast at Rice Road.

Schodack – trail corridor southeast of Rice Road.

Schodack – looking southeast toward Best Road.

Schodack – Nassau Lake trailhead parking area (looking north).

Schodack – Nassau Lake trailhead parking area (looking south).

Schodack – completed Nassau Lake Trailhead.