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.
Schodack – trail corridor south of Nassau Lake.
Schodack – wet section south of Nassau Lake.
Nassau - Bridge E over the Valatie Kill, north of the Village.
Nassau – north of Route 20.
Nassau – Route 20 crossing, looking north.
Nassau – alley south of Route 20.
Nassau – looking north at Village Commons Park.
Nassau – Gazebo looking north at Village Commons Park.
Nassau – Bridge D south of the Village.
Nassau – Bridge D foundation pilings.
Above: Nassau – Bridge D.
Below: Nassau – Bridge C.
Nassau – Bridge C north of Sweets Crossing Road.
Nassau – trail corridor looking south toward Sweets Crossing.
Nassau – trail corridor north of the NYS Thruway/Berkshire Spur.
Nassau – looking east along NYS Thruway/Berkshire Spur.
End of Rensselaer County Pictures