

TRAIL ESTABLISHMENT ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Trails and Greenways Conference. Ithaca, NY

Some Issues to Consider:

1. Who is going to own the trail/property?
2. Liability Insurance?
3. Buffers to the trail?
4. Who has the right to manage the trail?
5. How will management issues be responded to?
6. Who will fund management and other operational costs?
7. How will land disputes be responded to?
8. Are there any potential security issues?
9. If the trail is a reclaimed rail bed- make sure the rail company no longer has any legal interest in the property. Some rail companies want to retain a long term right to redevelop the rail, should they ever need to.

Other Question/Comments

1. Is further conservation possible? Adding areas of interest to trail?
2. Make sure you do not waste the time of landowners and municipal officials.
 - a. Do some planning/visioning up front.
 - b. Be prepared for meetings.
 - c. Provide refreshments at meetings.
 - d. Make appointments on time.
 - e. Dress appropriately.

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