

## News

### Kingston receives assistance grant for studying rail trail development

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KINGSTON — The Kingston Land Trust received an assistant grant Friday from Parks & Trails New York to study connecting existing rail trails outside the city to the Midtown area.

“When I got the call, I almost went through the ceiling,” said Rebecca Martin, executive director for the trust.

Parks & Trails officials will meet with the Land Trust on Dec. 9 to begin examining how to best convert the four railbeds that meet at Thomas Street in Midtown into usable trail space. Parks & Trails will also assist with grant writing and fundraising efforts once a feasibility study is complete.

Two rail trails currently run near the city. The Walkkill Valley rail trail is expected to reach Kingston’s southern border in 2012, while the Hurley-Marbletown rail trail currently stops at the border between Hurley and the Town of Ulster.