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Three Trail Projects to Receive Assistance from Parks & Trails New York

Three New York trail projects have been selected to receive assistance from Parks & Trails New York as part of its *Healthy Trails, Healthy People* program. The program is aimed at increasing the number of physically active New Yorkers by helping communities create new or increase the usage of existing multi-use trails. Selected communities receive help with technical issues, planning, public outreach, grant writing, fundraising, programming, organizational development and other activities critical to the long-term success of trail projects.

Projects chosen include:

Genesee Valley Greenway, Allegany County – Parks & Trails New York will work with the Cuba Friends of Architecture to encourage usage and volunteer support for a newly completed one-mile section of Genesee Valley Greenway in the Village of Cuba.

Montezuma Heritage Park Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Cayuga County – Parks & Trails New York will help the Town of Montezuma create and promote a network of trails linking the hamlet of Montezuma with the Seneca River and several historic Erie Canal sites.

Andes Trails, Delaware County – Parks & Trails New York will assist Andes Works! with the creation of a five-mile trail linking the Village of Andes to the Pepacton Reservoir.

“Throughout the state, local governments large and small are recognizing how much their citizens value safe, off-road trails that offer the exercise they need and connect the places they frequent. We look forward to helping Cuba, Montezuma, and Andes with their trail development efforts,” said Parks & Trails New York Executive Director Robin Dropkin.

Communities Selected to Receive Trail Development Assistance

Parks & Trails New York is the leading statewide advocate for parks and trails, dedicated since 1985 to improving the health and quality of life of all New Yorkers by working with community organizations and municipalities to envision, create, promote, and protect a growing network of parks, greenways and trails throughout the state for all to use and enjoy. Since it launched its *Healthy Trails, Healthy People* program in 2004, Parks & Trails New York has assisted trail development efforts in 38 communities located in 34 different counties across the state. When these projects are fully complete, almost 260 miles of new multi-use trail will be open to the public. *Healthy Trails, Healthy People* is funded in part by a grant from the Healthy Heart Program of the New York State Department of Health.

To find out more about the *Healthy Trails, Healthy People* program, contact Parks & Trails New York at 518-434-1583 or ptny@ptny.org or visit the Parks & Trails New York website at www.ptny.org.

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