

To learn more about CTANY and how you or your organization can get involved, please complete the request form below and mail to:

Canalway Trails Association New York

c/o Parks & Trails New York

29 Elk Street

Albany, NY 12207

518.434.1583

Information Request Form

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To find out more about your local or regional contact, please call Parks & Trails New York

at **518-434-1583**

or visit **www.ptny.org/canalway/ctany.shtml**

or email **canaltrail@ptny.org**

Why is CTANY needed?

State and local agencies are working hard to develop and maintain the Canalway Trail. However, the length of the trail, combined with multiple ownership and management arrangements along the trail corridor, calls for a statewide coordinating organization such as CTANY.

CTANY's three-tiered organizational structure:

Statewide Board of Directors

The statewide Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from each of the Regional Canalway Trail groups and three at-large members. The CTANY Board develops and implements the organization's programs and initiatives and addresses trail issues and concerns from a statewide perspective.

Regional Canalway Trail Groups

Regional Canalway Trail groups are involved in the planning, development and maintenance of specific segments of the Canalway Trail. Regions are generally formed by county boundaries or other geographical considerations. Regional Canalway Trail groups recruit and coordinate local Adopt-a-Trail groups, organize events, and develop environmental and historic education programs.

Local Adopt-a-Trail Groups

Adopt-a-Trail groups help care for the Canalway Trail in their communities. They undertake many types of maintenance tasks, such as litter pick-up, mowing, trimming brush, removing fallen branches, raking, patching the trail surface, maintaining signs, painting and landscaping.



**Helping to
make the
Canalway Trail
the Best Trail
in the Country!**

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The Canalway Trail System

When completed, the NYS Canalway Trail System will span more than 500 miles and connect numerous cities, towns and villages along the Erie Canal System, making it one of the longest multi-use recreational trails in the country.

Presently, the trail system is a network of approximately 250 miles of multi-use trail across upstate New York. Major segments are adjacent to the New York State Canal System or follow parallel portions of the original canals of the 19th century. Cooperative initiatives among the New York State Canal Corporation, Parks & Trails New York, volunteers, local governments, and federal and state agencies have created this great network of trails for public use.

The Canalway Trails Association New York

The Canalway Trails Association New York (CTANY) is a volunteer organization dedicated to making the Canalway Trail a world-class, multi-use recreational trail. CTANY assists state agencies, local municipalities, counties, and civic organizations in developing, maintaining, and promoting the Canalway Trail System.

CTANY functions in partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation, the agency leading Canalway Trail development statewide. CTANY operates under the non-profit status of Parks & Trails New York.



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Canalway Trail System



CTANY promotes completion and proper maintenance of the Canalway Trail

CTANY acts as a coordination and communication group for Canalway Trail stakeholders, including state agencies, local municipalities, civic organizations, individual volunteers, and trail users. In cooperation with the NYS Canal Corporation, CTANY also organizes and guides participation in the Canalway Trail Adopt-a-Trail Program, and helps in planning events such as the Canal Clean Sweep in April and the Canalway Trail Celebration on National Trails Day, the first Saturday in June.

Parks & Trails New York

Parks & Trails New York is the only non-profit organization working statewide to expand, protect and promote a network of parks, trails, and open spaces throughout the state for the use and enjoyment by all.

Parks & Trails New York provides technical support to the Canalway Trails Association New York and works with the NYS Canal Corporation to help communities plan, develop and promote the Canalway Trail.



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New York State Canal Corporation and the New York State Canal System

The New York State Canal System is operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Thruway Authority. The NYS Canal System is a navigable 524-mile inland waterway that crosses upstate New York. The Canal System features numerous parks and recreation areas. For more information, call 1-800-4CANAL4 or visit www.nyscanals.gov

