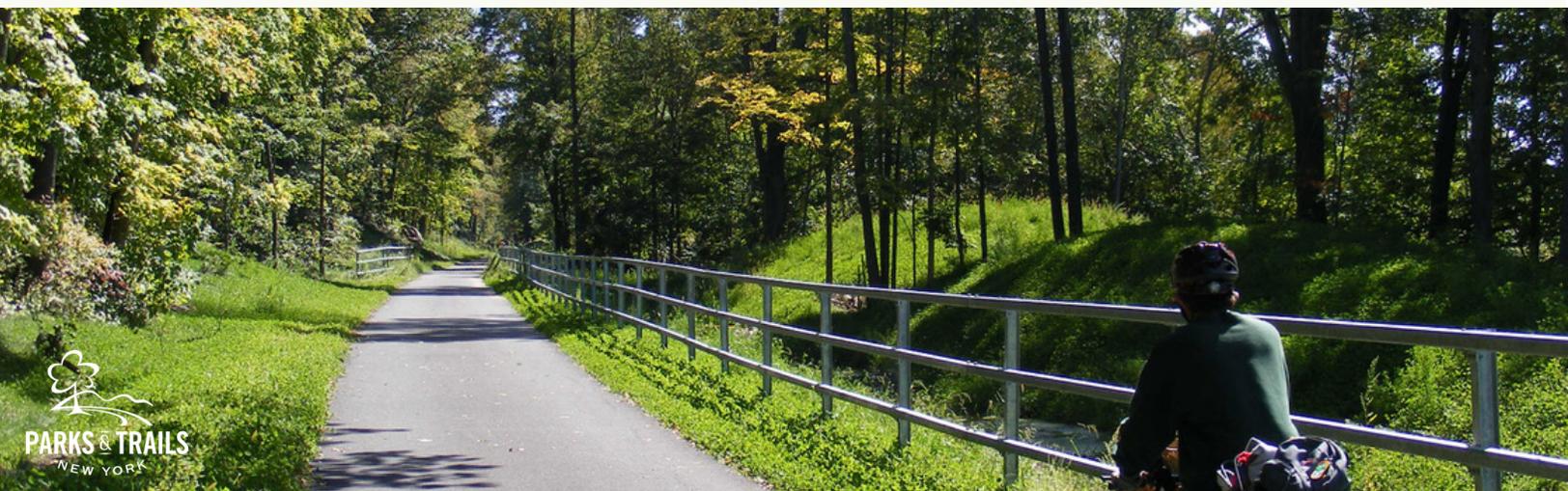


TRAILS ACROSS NEW YORK

The completion of the visionary Empire State Trail has sparked interest in a truly interconnected greenway trail network. Continuing to build and enhance greenway trail networks that connect communities will allow for safe and easy access to travel, recreation, heritage tourism, and cultural amenities that all New Yorkers can enjoy.

OUR VISION

- Build additional connections between the Empire State Trail and regional trail networks, guaranteeing every New York State resident access to a trail within a short distance of their home
- Prioritize development in communities and regions that are not connected to the Empire State Trail and that remain underserved by trails
- Establish a dedicated funding source for the construction of new trails, maintenance and enhancements of existing trail corridors, and pursuance of land acquisition opportunities to connect existing segments
- Ensure the upcoming Statewide Greenways Plan becomes a driving force for future planning efforts, implementing a comprehensive vision for the future of the state's multi-use trail network
- Ensure that amenities (including bicycle fix-it stations, water, sunscreen, and public restrooms) are regularly accessible along trails to meet the needs of users of all ages and abilities



TRAILS ACROSS NEW YORK 2021 PRIORITIES

- **Dedicate state funding to New York's greenway trails network**
 - Create a dedicated funding source for the construction of new trails and the major renovation of existing trails, either as part of existing state funding programs or through a new funding source modeled on successful trail funding programs from other states.
- **Encourage trail development by clarifying the state's Recreational Use Statute**
 - Amend the Recreational Use Statute to cover all recreational activities and protect property owners who allow use of their land for trail purposes.
- **Streamline regulations to facilitate greenway trail development**
 - Undertake a comprehensive review of land acquisition, planning, and construction regulations to streamline the process and reduce the costs and complexities of developing new greenway trails.
- **Incentivize the use of private lands for important greenway trail connections**
 - Provide a property tax credit to landowners who provide access across their land as part of connecting greenway trail networks.
- **Strengthen state railbanking law to preserve corridors for greenway trails**
 - Explore amending Section 18 of the state's Transportation Law to ensure that abandoned rail corridors are preserved for future use as greenway trails.

