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*Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless,
but because they are priceless.*
~Sherry Anderson

Dear Friend,

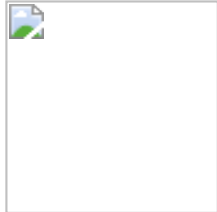
A huge shout out to the nearly 10,000 volunteers who turned out for our two spring clean-up and beautification events-Canal Clean Sweep and I love My Park Day. **We can't thank you enough!**

You raked, planted, hammered, sawed, dug, carried, painted, cleared, cleaned, constructed, assembled, and collected...and had a lot of fun doing it! The gift of your time is truly priceless.

Now that the weather is finally starting to warm up, I hope you can get out and enjoy the fruits of your labor at your favorite park or trail.

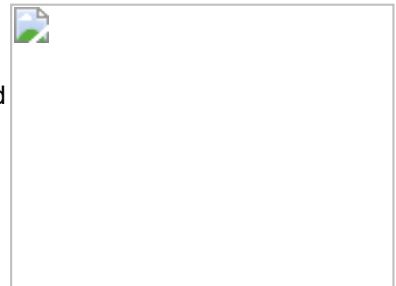
Best,

Robin Dropkin
Executive Director



Lookin' Good

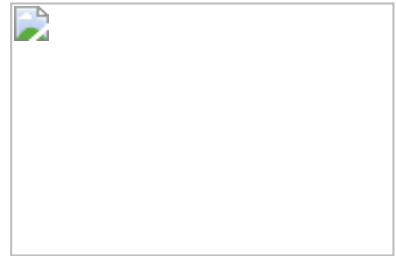
Parks and trails across New York are lookin' good thanks to the thousand of volunteers who turned out for PTNY's signature spring events -- Canal Clean Sweep and I Love My Park Day.



Gear Up for Summer Bike Tours

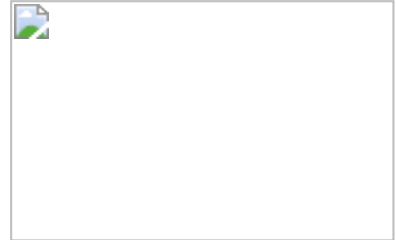
Spring is here, and there has never been a better time to sign up for PTNY's summer bike tours -- Cycling

the Erie Canal and Cycling the Hudson Valley.



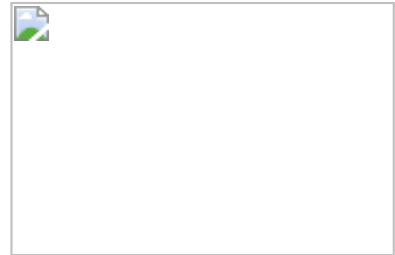
PTNY Grant Fires up Friends of Letchworth

A \$2,550 Growing the Grassroots grant from PTNY has made a major difference in the visibility and energy of the Friends of Letchworth State Park. The funds were just the catalyst needed to dramatically increase memberships and donations for the western New York park friends group.



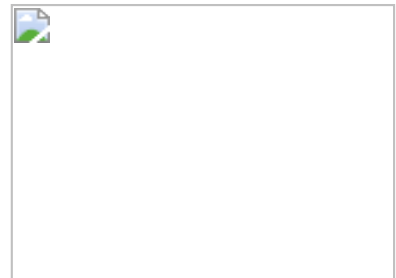
Take Action to Protect the Palisades

Add your voice to the tens of thousands speaking out in support of preserving the legacy of the Palisades viewshed.



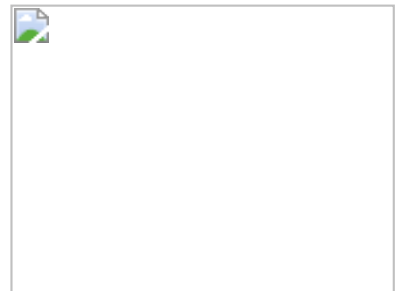
Keep It Local - Speed Limit Controls

After passage in the Senate, local speed limit legislation has stalled in the NYS Assembly. Now, mayors, supervisors, and PTNY and its partners are calling on the legislature and Governor Cuomo to break the deadlock. *We need your voice!*



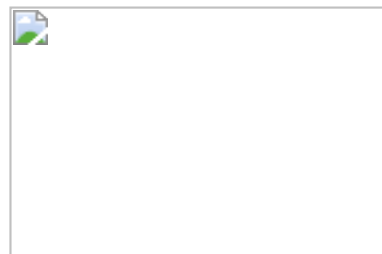
Safe Routes...to Everywhere

More than a year ago, PTNY helped form New Yorkers for Active Transportation (NY4AT) to achieve equitable funding for active transportation infrastructure in NYS. Now a national group with a similar policy focus -- Safe Routes to Everywhere -- has formed.



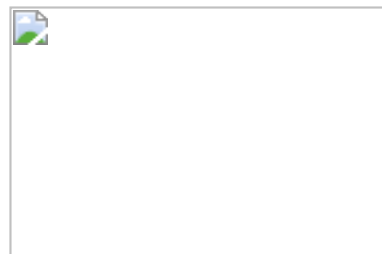
Complete Streets in NYS: Hits and Misses

The recent NYS Department of Transportation Complete Streets Report outlines how the State is moving closer to full implementation of the 2011 Complete Streets law; however, several critical pieces are still missing.



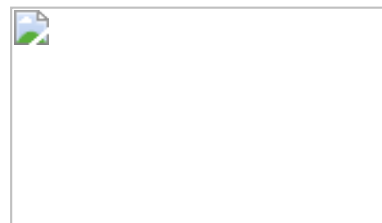
Discover Hudson Valley Ride

Join Bike New York on this one-day ride on June 29. Routes, ranging in length from 15 to 100 miles, take cyclists on the Walkway Over the Hudson, down winding roads, across rolling hills, and through gorgeous apple orchards.



Bike to Work Month

Across New York State, cyclists and active transportation advocates celebrate the joys of biking to work and consider safety issues that remain as obstacles to cycle commuting.



Short Takes

[Fascinating Facts about Biking and Walking](#) from 2014 Benchmarking Report by the Alliance for Biking and Walking

[Grand Opening for Greenway Trail on Long Island](#)

[A Hike A Week](#): One Family...52 weeks...52 parks and trails...
....Mission Accomplished!

Reports/Resources

[Hudson River Estuary Grants Now Available](#)

[American Trails National & International Trails Awards Nominations](#): for actions performed August 2012 - July 2014 period; deadline for submission is September 15

CFA & TAP: 2014 Consolidated Funding Application [workshops scheduled](#), applications due June 16; [Transportation Alternatives Program](#) proposals due June 11

Dates

June 1: Last day to guarantee [Cycling the Erie Canal](#) and [Cycling the Hudson Valley](#) jerseys in your size

June 7: [National Trails Day](#)

[National Sustainable Trails Workshops](#) in June and October to focus on new federal trail accessibility guidelines

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