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Dear Friend -

It's finally here - summer! The time of year all of us outdoors lovers most look forward to...the time to put bikes, hiking boots, fishing rods, tents and paddles to maximum use and maximum fun.

The options and opportunities for outdoor activities are truly limitless in New York State.

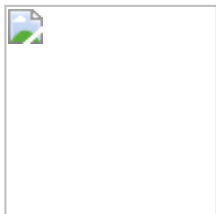
However you choose to enjoy the summer, go for it!

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin".

p.s. There's still time to sign up for our two awesome summer bicycling adventures: [Cycling the Erie Canal](#) and [Cycling the Hudson Valley](#).

Robin Dropkin
Executive Director



Introducing...Canalway Trail Times

Canalway Trail Times is the official newsletter of New York's Canalway Trail System, and now it's available online. [Sign up](#) to receive great information on the statewide system, including upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and the history of New York's canals.



Amazing New York Summer Rides

There is still time to sign up for a summer escape with Parks & Trails New York! Experience one of the best trails in America on [Cycling the Erie Canal](#) (July 13-20) or discover why National Geographic Traveler named the Hudson Valley a must-see place on [Cycling the Hudson Valley](#) (July 29-August 3).



Parks Alienation -- Not as Other-worldly as it Sounds

Once lost, local parkland is difficult to recover. A bill, pushed by PTNY, to better protect local parks made great progress in this year's legislative session.



PTNY Growing the Grassroots Grant Launches Award-winning Video

With help from many in-kind donations and a \$1,250 Growing the Grassroots grant from PTNY the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct have produced a seven-minute video that has been a big winner for the Friends of Old Croton Aqueduct.



We Love New York...Outdoors

Why was PTNY at the second NYS Tourism Summit in NYC at the American Museum of Natural History last month? Because outdoor recreation makes up more than 20% of the state's nearly \$60 billion tourism

industry!



PTNY Weighs In on Park No Smoking Regs

Should the state parks agency be able to regulate smoking in state parks and historic sites? We think so. That's why we petitioned the court to submit an amicus brief in support of state parks no smoking regulations.



Making an Entrance

Once a highly visible sign of the neglect and deterioration of the state's historic assets, the restored entry to Staatsburgh State Historic Site now proudly welcomes visitors and honors the grandeur of New York's past.



A National Honor for 5 NYS Trails

Five New York State trails were named to the list of National Recreational Trails on National Trails Day, June 7.



A Boost for Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety in NYS

On June 10, Governor Cuomo announced nearly \$76 million in funding for road safety projects across the state, many of which include significant safety improvements for New York's pedestrians and cyclists.



Green is the New Black

The Village of Green Island in Albany County will receive \$444,000 in regional Transportation Improvement Program funding for the Black Bridge Rail Trail Connection Project, closing a Capital District gap in the Erie Canalway Trail.



Vision Zero

Vision Zero, a traffic mindset that views pedestrian and cyclist fatalities as 100% preventable, has taken New York City by storm, after successful implementation internationally and elsewhere in the U.S.



In Like Flint

When the Flint Bridge over Routes 5 & 20 was struck by a truck, just four years after being restored, members of Ontario Pathways wondered if it meant the end for an important trail connection. But, on National Trails Day, a large crowd gathered on a new bridge to celebrate the return of continuous trail between Canandaigua and Clifton Springs.



Short Takes

Take a look at the [I Love My Park Day photo gallery](#) on LongIsland.com

Amtrak [testing new upright bicycle racks](#) in luggage cars on Northeast Corridor and other lines

PTNY is now a member of the [Catskill Park Coalition!](#)

Resources/Awards

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability grant funding available through [EPA](#), [DOE](#), and [Funders Network](#)

Submit your best camping photo to enter the [2014 New York Camping Photo Contest](#)

PTNY has developed a new [Rail Corridor Use Policy](#)

Calendar

August 1: Deadline to submit nominations for the annual [Canalway Trail Tender Award](#), to be presented at the NYS Canalway Conference in September

August 8-10: Celebrate the history and culture of the NYS Canal System at [Canal Splash](#)

Ride with us: [Cycling the Erie Canal](#) (July 13-20), and [Cycling the Hudson Valley](#) (July 29-August 3)



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