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

Dear Friend-

This is the time of year when we all can't wait to get outdoors to enjoy our favorite park or trail -- especially after this never-ending winter!

Why not spend a day giving back to these treasured outdoor places?

PTNY is spearheading two statewide volunteer events this spring: [Canal Clean Sweep](#) April 17-19 and [I Love My Park Day](#) May 2.

Please join us! You'll feel great giving back to the places you use and enjoy all year long.

Here's to spring,

Robin Dropkin
Executive Director



Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the annual Canal Clean Sweep

Over 100 events are scheduled as Canal Clean Sweep celebrates an important milestone.

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Show your love for Parks May 2

Spring is finally here, and online volunteer registration for the fourth annual I Love My Park Day is now open!

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Help us celebrate Governors Island April 21 in NYC

There's still time to purchase your tickets for Parks & Trails New York's annual George W. Perkins Award Reception.

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Parks win big in final state budget

Lawmakers voted to approve a final budget for State FY 2015-16 that includes landmark investments in state parks infrastructure, environmental programs, and grassroots Friends organizations. Parks & Trails New York worked hard to see these investments enacted, and we are thrilled be able to share this good news with our members and supporters.

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Less than one week to nominate your favorite park and trail heroes

Behind every successful park or trail project there are dedicated individuals and organizations that rarely receive the recognition they deserve. Parks & Trails New York is accepting nominations for our Park & Trail Hero Awards until April 15.

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Members are winners during March Membership Madness

During the month of March, everyone who joined PTNY or renewed their membership was entered to win an Empire Passport to NYS parks. Five happy PTNY members will enjoy free access to our wonderful parks this summer.

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Cycle the Erie: 10 great things

From the canal's intriguing history to the trail's relatively flat terrain, here are our 10 picks for all that is "great" about Cycle the Erie Canal.

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Connect with the Erie Canalway Trail

Join the conversation and stay on top of all that is happening with the Erie Canalway Trail. Join our new Facebook and Twitter Erie Canalway Trail communities.

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PTNY grant advances trail system in Upstate community

A PTNY Growing the Grassroots grant provided one Central New York community with the resources to engage the community in a major trail system development effort.

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Short Takes/Resources

May is Bike Month: [Great materials available online.](#)

National Trails Day is June 6. [Register or find an event near you.](#)

Safer Streets, Stronger Economies. [Read the full findings](#) of the new research conducted by Smart Growth America.

[An opportunity to fund a park](#) in your community.

We now have 4,000 Twitter followers. [Join our Twitter community today.](#)

Calendar

April 15: Deadline for [Park and Trail Hero Award](#) nominations.

April 17-19: [Canal Clean Sweep](#)

April 21: [George W. Perkins Reception](#) honoring Governors Island.

May 2: [I Love My Park Day](#)

July 12-19: [Cycle the Erie Canal](#)

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