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Dear Friend -

Fall is not often thought of as a time of new beginnings.

However, in the North Country Town of Peru, more than a decade of hard work and resourcefulness brought a great new beginning this fall with the opening of 1.25 miles of the Little Ausable River Trail. And PTNY was there from the beginning, helping the project get off the ground.

At the opposite end of the state near Buffalo, PTNY hosted a Bicyclists Bring Business roundtable and bike-a-round in the Towns of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda. These towns are beginning to look at their location at the intersection of several significant trail systems as a very real asset and considering how to take advantage of this asset.

Finally, fall is when important decisions are being made regarding New York's great outdoor spaces, including the potential Adirondack Rail Trail. This month's newsletter describes several ways in which you can get involved.

Come to think of it, fall is just a great season overall. So take advantage of it by hitting a trail, visiting a favorite park, and speaking out on behalf of the great outdoor spaces that we all treasure.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Dropkin
Executive Director



A Trail Worth Waiting For

It took almost ten years of hard work but a clear vision, an unwavering commitment, and incredible resourcefulness paid off for the North Country Town of Peru as the first 1.25 miles of the Little Ausable River Trail opened on October 5. PTNY began working with the trail friends group in 2005 as part of our *Healthy Trails, Healthy People* program.



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Apply by Oct 30 for PTNY Growing the Grassroots Grant

The application deadline for PTNY's Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grants is fast approaching. Online applications must be received by October 30, 2014.



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Speak Out for Open Space

Do you care about open space and parks and trails in NYS? Then let your voice be heard! Comments are being accepted until December 17 on the 2014 draft NYS Open Space Conservation Plan, which will guide the State's investments in open space protection, which includes opportunities for land acquisition for park and trails, for the next several years.



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Adirondack Rail Trail at Critical Juncture

The Adirondack Rail Trail, a project supported by PTNY, is approaching a critical planning stage, with public hearings scheduled across the North Country. Voice your support by attending a hearing or submitting written comments by December 15.

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PTNY Welcomes New Staff

PTNY is excited to welcome two new staff members. Jonathan Duda brings extensive experience in non-profit park and outdoor recreation management to a combined communications and administrative position, while Aimee Beaudette will focus on conservation issues as our new Arthur V. Savage intern.

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Happy to Meet Up

Past and future Cycling the Erie Canal riders joined us in Albany last week to share stories and hear what's new on the Erie Canalway Trail. Take a look at photos from the event and learn how you can host an Erie Canalway Trail meet-up in your community.

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They Did It!

Fall is a great time to explore the Erie Canalway Trail and perhaps become an end-to-end. Meet a few of the many cyclists who have experienced the Erie Canalway Trail end to end.

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A Five-Star Trail

Did you enjoy the Erie Canalway Trail this summer or in past summers? Help us raise the visibility of the trail on TripAdvisor as one of the best trails in America.

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Short Takes/Resources

[Weigh in](#) on the future of Bethpage, Trail View, and Sunken Meadow State Parks

Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area is [expanding](#)

USDOT announces new [bicycle/pedestrian safety initiative](#)

NYC announces [park equity initiative](#)

Mohawk River Basin [mini-grants available](#)

Calendar

October 30: Deadline for PTNY's [Growing the Grassroots grant program](#)

November 1: [National Recreation Trail applications](#) due

December 15: Deadline for comments on the potential [Adirondack Rail Trail](#) transportation corridor

December 16: Deadline for comments on [NYS Open Space Plan](#)



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