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**MAKE A DONATION | MARCH 2014 | BECOME A MEMBER**

Dear Friend,

Our new membership cards are in stock. And we would love to send you one!

As we begin our spring membership campaign, I hope I can count on you to join in our efforts to vigorously advocate and champion New York's parks and trails...as we have for nearly 30 years.

When you join Parks & Trails New York, you become a member of an exceptional group of people who share your passion for New York's parks and trails and who want to do their part to enhance and protect these treasured places.

The stories in this eNews issue attest to the critical work we do to support the outdoor places that are important to you. Won't you support us in these efforts and [become a member today](#).

Thank you. And Happy Spring!

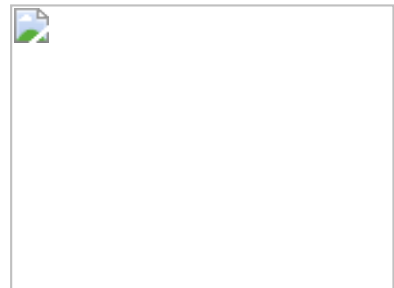
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Robin Dropkin  
Executive Director

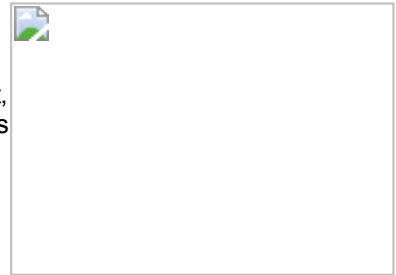
## **Keep it clean! Canal Clean Sweep April 25-27**

Join us April 25-27 for the ninth annual Canal Clean Sweep to commemorate Earth Day 2014 and prepare the Canal and Canalway Trail for the 190th consecutive navigation season.



## Love your park? Show it May 3

Volunteers from across the state will participate in cleanup, improvement, and beautification events at NY State parks and historic sites on May 3 as part of the 3rd annual I Love My Park Day.



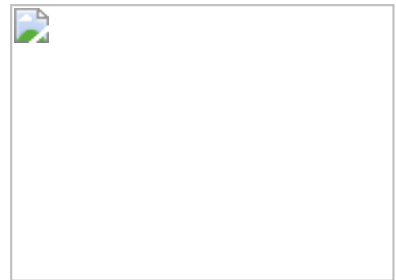
## Saddle up - Summer cycling trips

Hit the road this summer with PTNY! Cycling the Erie Canal (July 13-20) and Cycling the Hudson Valley (July 29-August 3) are scenic, multi-day bike tours for riders of all abilities.



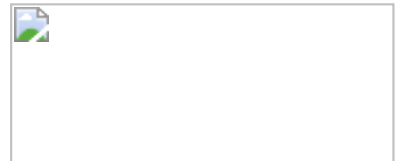
## Senators seek funds for walking, biking

20 NYS Senators have signed a letter pressing Governor Cuomo and Senate leadership for \$20 million in dedicated bicycle and pedestrian funding in this year's budget. Thanks for your support, Senators!



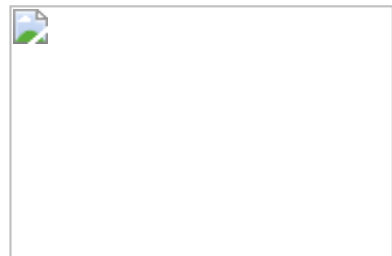
## 1% for the Planet

Parks & Trails New York is now a non-profit partner of 1% for the Planet, an alliance of over 1,200 member companies in 48 countries that give one percent of revenues to environmental causes.



## Advocacy Days X 2

February is lobby time in Albany, and Parks & Trails New York has been busy promoting the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as New York's magnificent state park system.



## Big checks. Big goals.

PTNY awarded \$15,000 in Growing the Grassroots capacity-building grants to eight park and trail organizations across the state. Last week, we presented two of them with BIG checks.



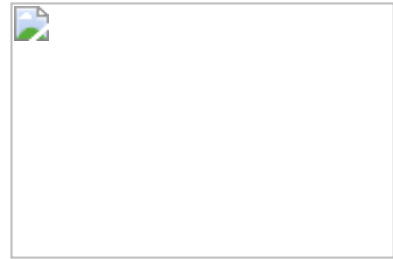
## High speed rail: trains & tourists

A major overhaul of passenger rail service in New York State is underway, with great promise for growing recreational tourism - but only if park and trail advocates speak up. Submit your comments on the importance of trails, parks, and tourism throughout the Empire Corridor by March 24.



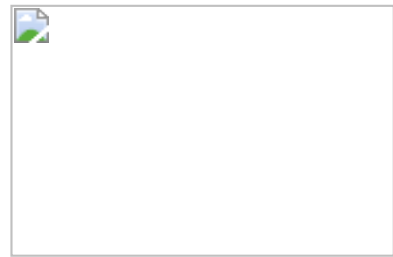
## Less than one quarter to go on the Erie Canalway Trail!

With seven new miles completed in 2013, 77% of the Erie Canalway Trail is now complete. Promising plans and long-standing challenges lie ahead for the remaining 83 miles.



## Complete Streets goes national

A new federal bill, the Safe Streets Act, would support the 600 Complete Streets policies already in place across the nation. U.S. DOT Secretary Anthony Fox seems to like the idea.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) workshops have been scheduled for March 2014 across New York State: ATTENDANCE (in-person or via webinar) IS MANDATORY FOR ALL TAP FUNDING APPLICANTS!**

### Conferences/Trainings

March 19: [Transportation Equity Conference](#) in Albany

### Reports/Tools

[Protected Bike Lanes Mean Business](#): a new report

### Events

March 13: [Tunes for the Trail](#), benefit concert for the Cayuga

demonstrates impact of bike/ped activity on growing downtown economies

Waterfront Trail in Ithaca featuring a band that tours by bike!

**March 24:** DASH-NY [Healthy Community Development Conference](#) in Rochester; DASH-NY [Webinars](#): Healthy Food Policy, 3/26; How REDCs Work, 3/27

Smart Growth America's [Best Complete Streets Policies 2013](#)

**May 10:** [Putnam Cycling Classic](#) and [Tour de Putnam](#); early registration open now

**May 21-22:** [Walk-Bike New York Symposium](#) *Encouraging Sustainable Movement* in Suffern

New resources to promote healthy neighborhoods: [Move This Way](#), a toolkit; and [Making Streets Welcoming for Walking](#), a factsheet

**June 7:** [National Trails Day](#); [register an event](#) in your community!



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