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Dear Friend-

How can we thank enough 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. You are truly amazing!

You dug, raked, planted, hammered, sawed, carried, painted, cleared, cleaned, constructed, assembled, and collected...and had a lot of fun doing it (we hope!).

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, I hope you can get out and enjoy the results of your hard work at a nearby park or trail.

And maybe you want to consider applying for a state grant to further improve your favorite park or trail. If so, [see the article](#) on the new Regional Economic Development Council grants just announced.

Best,

Robin Dropkin
Executive Director



State funding available for park and trail projects

Park and trail projects may be eligible for funding under several categories in the new round of Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) grants available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

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Record number of volunteers show parks love

Thanks to the more than 6,000 volunteers who pitched in on May 2, PTNY's fourth annual I Love My Park Day was a huge success. With your help, we accomplished so much.

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Canal Clean Sweep: a decade of giving back

Volunteers wore smiles and commemorative 10th anniversary Canal Clean Sweep t-shirts as they took to rake and shovel on canal and trail sections across the state.

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Target: Bicycle tourists

Bicyclists were one of the focuses of the 2015 Empire State Tourism Conference held in Albany last month and PTNY's Executive Director Robin Dropkin was there to give a presentation on Bicyclists Bring Business.

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Prison to park

750 acres of the former Mount McGregor State Correctional Facility in Saratoga County is being transferred to Moreau Lakes State Park.

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Our man in Washington

In advance of federal budget negotiations, PTNY board member Richard Remmer spent two days in our nation's capital to urge support for funding for critical environmental programs, particularly the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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Trail adopters pay it forward

Canalway Trail adopters help visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience and get to meet some fascinating trail travelers.

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PTNY grant brings awareness to growing rail trail system

A PTNY Growing the Grassroots grant provides a growing trail system with increased visibility.

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Awards presented for Governors Island collaboration

On April 21, PTNY presented its George W. Perkins Award to The Trust for Governors Island, Governors Island National Monument, and Governors Island Alliance for their work in transforming the former military base into a beautiful public green space.

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Celebrate Bike Month

Events across the state are scheduled this month to raise awareness about bicycling and its many benefits.

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Order the official Cycle the Erie Canal jersey

You don't have to be a rider on this year's Cycle the Erie Canal tour to order an official jersey. The 2015 jersey features an 1852 watercolor of Little Falls and an 1896 map of the Erie Canal.

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Short Takes/Resources

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

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

Check out this [video](#) on sharing trails with horses, mountain bikers, and hikers, **"What a Horse Sees!"**

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center names [Saratoga Springs, NY](#) as one of five new **Walk Friendly Communities.**

Calendar

June 10: PTNY Park & Trail Hero Awards
Legislative Office Bldg, Albany

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

September 18: [Parking Day](#)

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