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Dear Friend,

You may notice some differences in our e-newsletter this month. We have streamlined the format to make it clearer, easier to read on a phone or tablet, and shorter -- but with the same timely and informative content you expect!

As part of this shift, we have launched a new [e-news website](#). For the first time, the content that we share with you every month in e-news has a permanent online home. You can now share links to individual stories or search our e-news whenever you like, rather than having to wait for our monthly e-news email.

The new format includes short introductions to articles, with links to expanded content or calls for action.

We hope you find the new format clearer and easier to read. We welcome any feedback you may have, and we thank you for your support of New York's parks and trails!

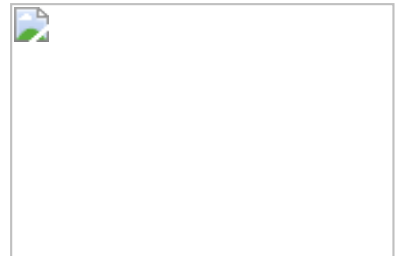
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Robin Dropkin
Executive Director

You can make a difference!

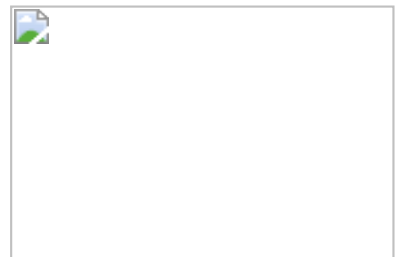
February Advocacy Days in Albany

Join Parks & Trails New York and our partners for our two annual advocacy days in Albany: Active Transportation Advocacy Day February 11 and Park Advocacy Day February 26.



State parks get boost in Exec. Budget

Great news for New York's historic state park system in the Executive Budget: \$90 million to address the backlog of infrastructure needs and critical safety repairs at State Parks and Historic Sites.



Give Back!

Canal Clean Sweep April 25-27
I Love My Park Day May 3

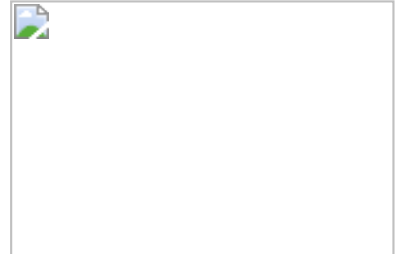
Register now for the Canal Clean Sweep, our annual "spring cleaning" event along the New York State Canal System and the Canalway Trail. Be sure to also save the date for I Love My Park Day and watch for

registration details to come.



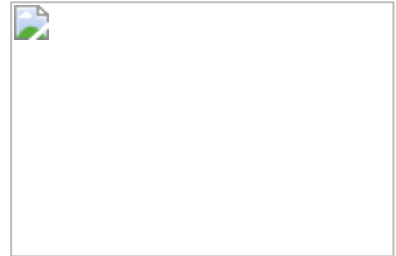
Bike NYS this summer

Registration is now open for our 2014 Cycling the Erie Canal and Cycling the Hudson Valley bike tours. Join us this year, and let your cycling friends and family know about the rides.



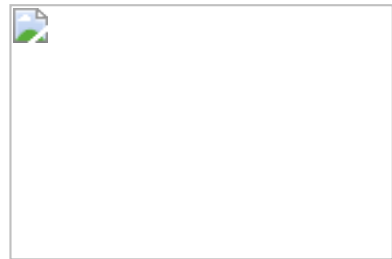
Governor gets bike/ped message 1300 postcards delivered . . . by bike

New Yorkers for Active Transportation (NY4AT) coalition members delivered a message to Governor Cuomo that was hard to ignore: more than 1,300 postcards calling on the Governor to dedicate funding to improve New York's pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure.



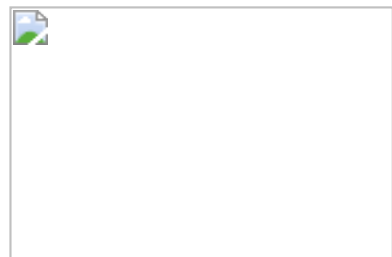
We couldn't do it without you

Thank you, our members and friends, for your generous support in response to our year-end campaign. Together, we raised almost \$25,000 to help protect and promote New York's parks and trails.



Best gym ever

Get in shape at little to no cost this winter by using New York's trails! Instead of splurging on a gym membership, strap on a pair of boots, snowshoes, or cross-country skis and have some fun while exercising.



Growing the Grassroots grants

PTNY granted \$15,000 in Growing the Grassroots capacity building grants to eight not-for-profit park and

trail organizations across New York State.



Bike, ped, trail projects get \$67 million

Governor Cuomo announced \$67 million in funding for 63 bicycle and pedestrian transportation enhancement projects that will encourage tourism and economic development opportunities across the state.



Who's on the trail?

PTNY's 2013 Who's on the Trail Report has just hit the streets. This year trail counts on the Erie Canalway Trail were conducted in the villages of Brockport and Albion, west of Rochester.



Welcome new PTNY staff

PTNY welcomes James (Jamie) Meerdink, our new Project Coordinator and Christina Albino, our new communications intern.



Conferences/Trainings

February 19-20: [Complete Streets Training](#) in Rochester

March 24: DASH-NY [Healthy Community Development Conference](#)

Reports/Tools

[Free webinar](#) on Accessible Pedestrian Signals
Thursday, February 13

[Ultimate Guide](#) to Bicycling Safety

Announcements

Park and trail projects receive [\\$24 million through REDC funds](#)

Hats off to our [Green Tourism Partners](#)

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



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