



# CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL PROFILE

## Town of Stillwater

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**Trail Description:** The Town of Stillwater has been actively completing sections of the Stillwater Multi-Use Trail. When complete, the trail will span approximately 5 miles connecting the City of Mechanicville with the Town of Saratoga. Completed trail sections include the Campbell Park Trail, the Stillwater Multi-Use Trail (Phase 1), and the Saratoga National Historic Park Trail. The trail primarily follows the historic Old Champlain Canal towpath. The southern section provides a greater integration of the Stillwater Junction and Riverside communities and will serve as a gateway into Stillwater from Mechanicville and the Zim Smith Trail. A central trail loop runs through the heart of the Village downtown connecting neighborhoods with local amenities and the Hudson River.



*Riverfront Town Park*

The trail proceeds south along the sidewalk network through the village and terminates at its intersection with an active railroad corridor at a distance of about 0.75 mile south of where the trail crosses Halfway House Road at the trailhead parking lot. The northern trail system establishes links from Bemis Heights north to the Phillips Road entrance to the Saratoga National Historical Park, through the internal trail system along the Old Champlain Canal, and on a planned public trail to the Town of Saratoga boundary.



**Empire State Trail:** State Bike Route 9 along Route 4 will continue as an on-road marked bicycle route and serve as the route for the Empire State Trail. The road will be marked and signed for bicycling.



*Stillwater Multi-Use Trail*

**Hudson River/Champlain Canal Access Points:** Stillwater Riverfront Park (canoe/kayak launch); Lock C4 Stillwater; Admiral's Marina.

**Public Facilities:** Stillwater Blockhouse and Museum; Knox Trail Marker; Saratoga National Historic Park; Stillwater Riverfront Park; Bemis Heights Pocket Park (parking trailhead); and Lock 4 State Canal Park (access from Stillwater Bridge Road).

**Public Events:** 18<sup>th</sup> Century Day (SNHP); Stillwater Fall Festival; and Trees of Lights.

### Connector Trails:

Saratoga National Historical Park: Internal trail system.

Zim Smith Trail: Multi-use Trail linking Ballston Spa to Mechanicville.

### Local Planning Support:

- Town and Village of Stillwater Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (2016)
- Stillwater Trail Feasibility Study (2012)
- Stillwater Farmland Protection and Green Infrastructure Plan (2007)
- Stillwater US Route 4 Corridor Study (2006)



*Stillwater Blockhouse*

**Implementation Strategy:** Three sections of trail need to be constructed to assure all sections are well connected. Grants have been awarded to the Town of Stillwater for a Champlain Canal connector project that is presently under development and the development of two additional miles of multi-use trail.

## Trail Sections:

### RT 67/MULBERRY AVENUE TO MITCHELL ROAD/RIVERSIDE TRAIL (SW-1)

**Description:** This 1.23-mile section begins at the intersection of Rt 67/Mulberry Avenue at the boundary with Mechanicville. It continues roadside along Mulberry Street and Brickyard Road until the abandoned railroad tracks where it continues as a stone dust path until the existing Stillwater Multi-Use Trailhead on Halfway House Road.

**Parking and Signage:** Trailhead/parking lot is being established at the intersection of Rt 67/Mulberry Street and Campbell Road. No signage is currently in place.

**Status:** Design is complete, and construction is planned for 2018. Funding was through a grant provided by the NYSOPRHP Recreational Trails Program.

### MITCHELL ROAD TO HALFWAY HOUSE ROAD/STILLWATER MULTI-USE TRAIL (SW-2)

**Description:** This paved, and fully accessible trail is 0.88-mile in length and extends from just south of Mitchell Road to Gurba Drive in the Town of Stillwater.

**Parking and Signage:** Trailheads are located on Campbell Road and Halfway House Road. Locational signs are posted at the trailheads.

**Status:** Construction of the trail was completed in 2007.

### HALFWAY HOUSE ROAD TO CAMPBELL ROAD/CAMPBELL PARK TRAIL (SW-3)

**Description:** This 0.38-mile paved trail section begins in the Town of Stillwater at the north end of the Multi-use Trail, continues down the roadside of Railroad Avenue, drops into Campbell Park ending at the Campbell Road trailhead in the Village of Stillwater.

**Parking and Signage:** Trailheads are located on Gurba Drive and Campbell Road trailheads. Locational signs are posted at the trailheads.

**Status:** This section was completed in 2014. Design was funded by the Hudson River Valley Greenway and construction was completed by the Town of Stillwater.

### KELLOGG ROAD TO PRICE ROAD/THE VILLAGE TRAIL (SW-4)

**Description:** This 2.3-mile trail section continues north down the right-of-way of Kellogg Road, Lansing Road, Nielson Avenue, right down Lake Street, left through the American Legion Road and the park lands, down Rundle Lane, left on Major Dickinson Avenue, north on Colonial Road and east down Stratton Lane until reaching the intersection with Price Road.

**Parking and Signage:** A trailhead using the existing parking lot will be established at the Stillwater Blockhouse.

**Status:** This trail section is in the conceptual phase and not funded at this time. The formal route of the Empire State Trail will be along State Bike Route 9 which follows US Route 4.

### PRICE ROAD TO ROUTE 32/TOWN OF STILLWATER PRICE ROAD TRAIL (SW-5)

**Description:** This 1.1-mile section of trail continues along the Old Champlain Canal from the intersection of Stratton Lane and Price Road as a roadside trail until the end of Price Road. At that point, as landowner, the Town of Stillwater is constructing a stone dust trail along the west side of the Old Champlain Canal terminating at the boundary of the Saratoga National Historical Park near Old State Road.

**Parking and Signage:** A trailhead would be established at the terminus of Price Road in the south and the Bemis Heights in the north. There is interpretive signage provided by Lakes to Locks Passage at Bemis Heights Pocket Park. Directional signage is also needed.

**Status:** As indicated in the illustration on the next page - *Town of Stillwater Northern Trail Route* - the Town has acquired the easements and properties necessary to connect the trail along the Old Champlain Canal. This section needs additional funding to move forward with construction.



## ROUTE 32 TO PHILLIPS ROAD/ROUTE 4 CONNECTOR TRAIL (SW-6)

**Description:** This 2.5-mile route connects the CCT across Route 32 to the Battlefield to Bemis Heights. The exact trail route through the Battlefield is yet to be determined however it is planned to link into the existing pedestrian trail north of Phillips Road.

**Parking and Signage:** Trailheads would be designated as the Bemis Heights Pocket Park in the south and Stillwater Riverfront Park in the north. Signage does not exist except to mark US Rt 4 as the Empire State Trail.

**Status:** The Bemis Heights Pocket Park on the corner of Routes 4 and 32 can continue to serve as a rest stop for on-road cyclists. The Empire State Trail is a marked on-road shoulder trail adjacent to Rt 4. There are several points where the on-road portion of the EST could move off-road onto a dedicated trail on lands owned by Saratoga PLAN, Canal Corporation and National Park Service. This option would need a more detailed assessment of feasibility in the future.

## BATTLEFIELD TOWPATH TRAIL TO TOWN OF STILLWATER TOWPATH TRAIL (SW-7)

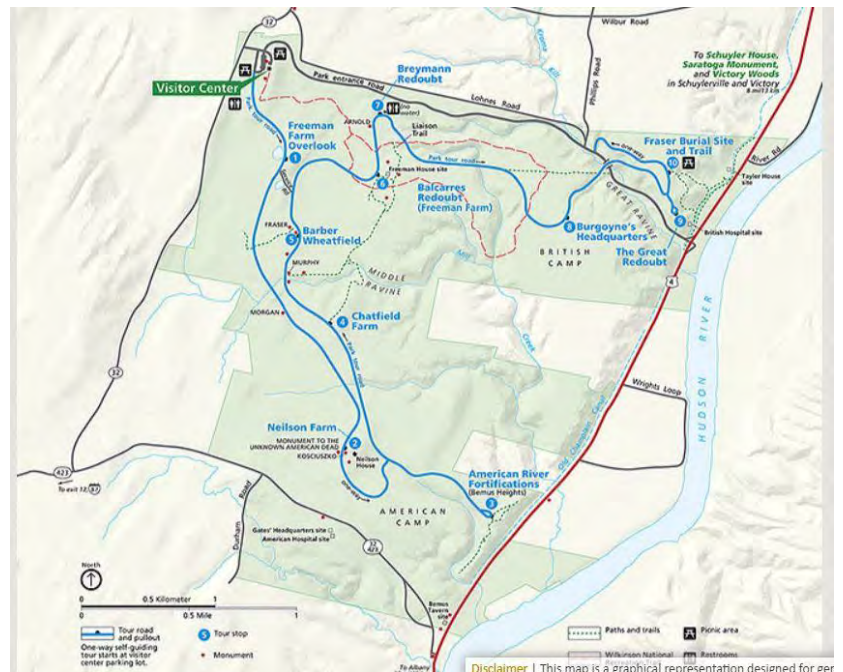
**Description:** This trail segment would begin at Stillwater Riverfront Park and continue about 0.5-miles to the main entrance of the Saratoga National Historical Park where a pedestrian crossing would be required at the intersection with Lohnes Road and Phillips Road. This new trail segment would continue north along the Old Champlain Canal on National Park Service lands that are maintained as a mowed path that connects with the existing trail network in the Park. Future plans call for this part of the trail to be improved with a stone dust surface. The trail continues north on lands owned by the Town of Stillwater to the town boundary where it meets up with the Town of Saratoga's paved Wilbur Road Trail.

**Parking and Signage:** The only signage along this section consists of a few historical waysides which interpret battle-related events plus one sign that interprets the Old Champlain Canal.

**Status:** Completed as a turf trail with future plans as a stone dust surface. The section of trail on Town of Stillwater lands is presently a rough but walkable footpath. This section is anticipated for improvement to a stone dust trail.



*Town of Stillwater Northern Trail Route*



*Saratoga National Historical Park Trail Map*



# Champlain Canalway Trail 2019 Action Plan

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