

PARK AND TRAIL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROJECTS: ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY



INTERPRETATIVE ON-SITE AND MOBILE SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Four Freedoms Park Conservancy (\$35,000) - to fund more accessible programming in FDR Four Freedoms State Park in 2021; plan, develop and execute a range of on-site tours given by area experts; and develop and execute self-guided mobile tours in multiple languages using QR Code technology. This tech will open special tours for all Park visitors with mobile phone capacity and expand to reach Spanish-speaking, visually impaired and hard of hearing communities.



ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Rochester Inclusive Community Rowing (\$11,592) - to Install a fully accessible pathway with environmentally friendly materials, allowing access from the boathouse and DEC lands to the boat launch at Black Creek near the Genesee River. Another Park and Trail Partnership Grant funded the purchase of an accessible dock at this location in 2020.



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AND HANDS-ON SCIENCE FOR KIDS

Friends of Rockland Lake and Hook Mountain (\$68,000) - to create a pilot mentor program for high school students in 2022 and fund an effort to bring additional 4th grade students to the parks for hands-on science and history learning through their innovative "Learning in the Park" program, which first expanded in 2020 with funds from another Park and Trail Partnership Grant. These programs continue to connect more school-aged kids to our state parks and public lands every year.



IROQUOIS WHITE CORN HERITAGE FOOD EXPERIENCE

Friends of Ganondagan (\$19,000) - grant used to offer visitors a taste of traditional Haudenosaunee food at events and programs at the site with their Iroquois White Corn Project. This project brings people together for cross-generational cultural experiences that teach traditional skills and engage them in community-building activities, including Indigenous foods cooking, cultural workshops, planting, harvesting and husking bees.



EXPANDING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

John Brown Lives (\$11,650) - To support expanded programming at the John Brown's Farm State Historic Site, including additions to their annual Blues at Timbuctoo concert and guided nature programs. These additions will improve interpretation and visitor engagement, increase the usefulness of the Farm for teachers and their students and, involve artists, photographers, writers, musicians, and storytellers more fully to broaden the themes explored at the Farm and the audiences the site attracts.



For more examples of projects that enhance accessibility to NY state parks and public lands that would be appropriate for the Park and Trail Partnership Grants, check out our website at ptny.org/ptpg

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?... POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS & RESOURCES

Parks & Trails New York strongly encourages potential applicants to seek out partnerships at the local level that create opportunities that enhance accessibility to and throughout our state public lands. **You know your communities best!** We recommend looking into local groups, organizations, clubs, universities, etc., as potential collaborators. That being said, we have connected with a few entities across New York State that applicants may look to when considering projects. The following groups are doing excellent work across the state in making our public lands more welcoming, accessible, diverse and enjoyable for all AND/OR advocating for and actively working to support historically marginalized and underrepresented communities.

LADDERS TO THE OUTDOORS

A community outreach organization that connects youth from the region's underserved communities to New York State Parks in Western New York. Ladders to the Outdoors will work closely with school districts, corporate partners, and local youth organizations to offer programming and activities to help connect kids with state parks, nature and foster a lifelong love of the outdoors.

<https://ladders-to-the-outdoors.square.site/>

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ASSOCIATION ON AGING IN NEW YORK

By providing home and community-based services, the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) make it possible for older adults to live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities. Katy has offered to help you find potential senior or disability focused groups in your area. agingny.org.

Contact: Kathryn Carroll, Disability and Program Director, kathryn@agingny.org



NEW YORK OUTDOOR RECREATION COALITION (NYORC)

Members of NYORC are committed to building a more equitable outdoors through investment and creating welcoming spaces for historically marginalized and underrepresented communities. NYORC is made up of policymakers, industries, communities, educators, and other stakeholders looking to work together to bring forth a new way of being with nature.

Contact: To find NYORC members, go to

<https://www.nyoutdoorrecreationcoalition.org/home>



JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG! Consider reaching out to the following organizations in your area:

- Lions Clubs or Key Clubs
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Senior centers or independent living centers
- New York Council on the Arts affiliates
- Local colleges and universities
- LGBTQ+ community centers
- BIPOC-led outdoor recreation groups
- Faith-based organizations
- Public schools
- Local cultural or historic centers

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