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Dear Friend-

It's that magical time of year when daylight seems to go on and on...when we can spend more time swimming and picnicking at much loved parks, biking favorite trails, and paddling nearby waterways. There are so many ways to enjoy the beauty and peace of nature in June.

However you choose to experience summer, enjoy!

Best,

p.s. There's still time to sign up for an awesome bicycling adventure this summer. But hurry--prices go up for our Cycle the Erie Canal bike tour June 12.

Robin Dropkin Executive Director



2015 Park & Trail Heroes Honored

Congrats to the eight Park & Trail Heroes honored at our 2015 Park & Trail Hero Awards reception.



Report shines light on park alienation

Whether your favorite park is out in the countryside or just down the block, it is comforting to know that it will always be there for you to enjoy. Comforting - but not necessarily true. A new audit by the NYS Office of the Comptroller shines a light on the problem of parkland alienation.



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Arthur V. Savage Internship Program now accepting applications

Applications from undergraduates, graduate students and recent graduates are now being accepted for PTNY's Arthur V. Savage Internship Program.





PTNY grant provides 19th century Springside estate with 21st century website

The Springside Historic Restoration group used a PTNY Growing the Grassroots grant to strengthen its organization and take its restoration efforts to the next level.







Hyde Hall welcomes PTNY board and staff

One of our exceptional state historic sites provided the setting for the conclusion of a productive two-day PTNY board retreat in Cooperstown.

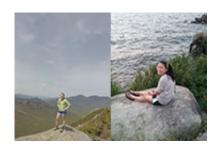




PTNY interns aim high

The summer brings with it the comings and goings of two of our topnotch interns. Not surprisingly, PTNY attracts students and recent grads who share our love of all things outdoors. Our most recent crop is no exception.

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Spa snip

PTNY Executive Director Robin Dropkin ushered in National Trails Day by helping to cut the ribbon on a new multi-use trail in Saratoga Spa State Park.

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Volunteers needed for trail user survey and counts

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is updating the Statewide Trails Plan for 2015 and is looking for volunteers to help conduct trail user surveys and counts.



Short Takes/Resources

Got a great idea for a bike path? A water trail? A park? National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program can help.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) introduces Separated Bike Lane and Design Guide

The Hulk takes on park alienation.

Calendar

June 12: PTNY will be presenting at the <u>Ulster</u> County Active Transportation Conference

July 12-19: Cycle the Erie Canal

September 18: Parking Day

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