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Trail News

Zim Smith Trail. The Zim Smith Trail, which extends from Coons Crossing in Halfmoon to the Mourning Kill just north of Route 67 near Curtis Lumber, is growing! On which end, you ask? On both ends! In Ballston Spa, Saratoga County has committed \$550,000 in county funds and \$1.7M in federal economic stimulus funds to complete the section from the Mourning Kill to Oak Street. On the other end, Pan Am Southern Company has agreed to grant a 75' wide right-of-way to Saratoga P.L.A.N. as part of its intermodal railyard expansion project. This ROW will link the City of Mechanicville almost all the way to Coons Crossing! Once the gaps are filled in, 2 villages, 5 towns, and one city will be connected for the enjoyment of bike riders, hikers, horseback rides, rollerbladers, and snowmobilers. Congratulations and thanks to the members of our Trails Committee, the Town of Halfmoon and Saratoga County for these significant advances in creating an off-road trail along the spine of the county.

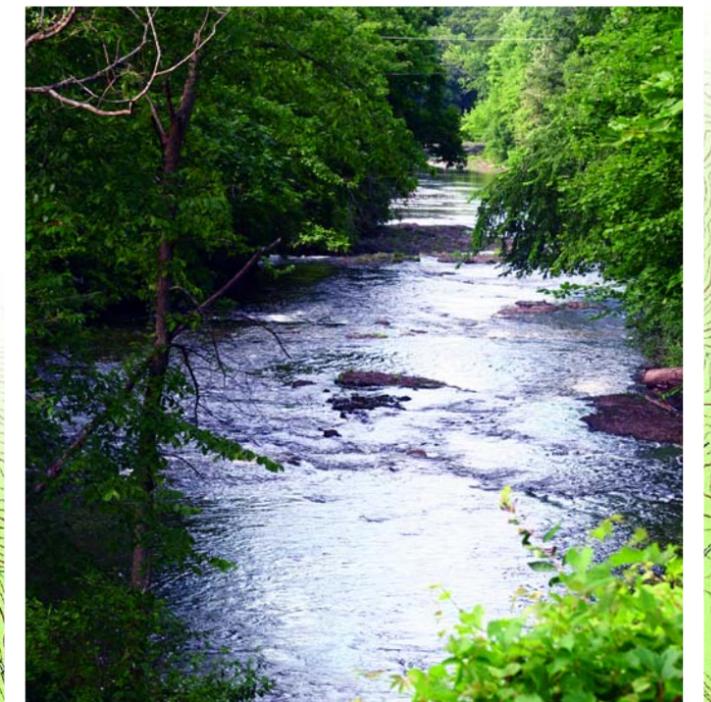
Spring Run Trail. The City of Saratoga Springs will receive \$1.5M in federal economic stimulus funding to build the Spring Run Trail. We've blown the dust off of our construction plans created more than 10 years ago. Those plans qualified this trail as a 'shovel-ready' project, creating construction jobs in the near-term and boosting the local economy in the future.

Fish Creek Trail. Saratoga P.L.A.N. has been awarded several grants for the Fish Creek area linking the villages of Victory and Schuylerville. These grants will enable us to better interpret the important Revolutionary War history of this special place for future trail users. With funding from the

Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership (\$9,000) and the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (\$31,500), we are able to: Purchase the Corbett property on the south side of Fish Creek; Conduct archeological studies on the Corbett property and on the proposed trailbed of the Fish Creek Trail on land owned by Brookfield Power Systems; Conduct historical research to better understand troop positions and movements during the two-week siege following the Battles of Saratoga in 1777, which led to surrender by the British troops.

County Forest Trail in Wilton. Saratoga County opened up a trail on county forest land located on Loudon Road just north of the Wilton Mall. This short loop is a multi-use trail with a

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