



Countywide Trails Initiative

NOTES

Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 3 pm

Saratoga County Planning Office

West High Street, Ballston Spa

**follow up items in green*

Attendees:

Katie Petronis	Saratoga PLAN
Bill Lasher	Saratoga Equine
Mary Ann Morgan	Town of Milton
Barbara Kerr	Town of Milton
Jim Ruhl	Town of Clifton Park
Linda Butchino	Town of Milton
Larry Woolbright	Town of Milton
Margo Olson	Town of Wilton
Jason Kemper	Saratoga County Planning Dept.
Maria Trabka	Saratoga PLAN
Abigail Larkin	Saratoga PLAN

I. Issues Discussion

1. Funding opportunities

i. County Trails Funding (*J Kemper*)

1. Trails projects were approved by board this Tues, there were 5 applications for \$53,000 – J Kemper was disappointed with the number of projects submitted and it calls the future of the program into question

a. Larry Woolbright says that Milton should have projects next year; *K Petronis recommends speaking with supervisors to let them know this program is important and should be recommitted next year*

b. Mary Ann Morgan notes that it takes time for the municipalities to prepare for projects, J Kemper points out though that the funding can be used for any part of the project (planning, design, construction, etc) so the towns should be able to use it somehow

ii. Open Space Funding applications

1. Similar to trails, there was disappointment with the number of applications – 3 applications submitted, 250k in the budget and only 105k in requests (Clifton Park, Galway, Wilton)

a. Maria recommends aligning the timing with state

- funding so that there is a viable match; recognizing this is a challenge because the state's timing is inconsistent
- b. Bill Lasher – we should all reach out to our elected officials to ask that they recommend continuing the program and to provide information about projects

II. 2016 Goals for the County Board of Supervisors Trail Committee

1. Zim Smith
 - i. Connecting the Zim Smith to the Champlain Canalway Trail
 - ii. Extend northern terminus, including the Saratoga Amtrak Station
 - iii. Complete the ROW acquisition and Design to connect the Zim Smith Trail from Coons Crossing to the City of Mechanicville – *J Kemper* We are now fully funded (\$4.9 million federal project); County will buy the property and complete the design
2. Champlain Canalway Projects
 - i. Waterford Section – CHA work update – public information meeting October 12, Joe Grasso will reach out to PLAN and send information about that meeting so that folks are aware
3. Equine trails - (*B Lasher*)
 - i. Backcountry Horsemen Report
 1. funding application for Moreau project? (*B Lasher*)
 - a. can't submit an application for water project until the parking lot is completed, see below
 2. Providence – Bill Lasher hands out Providence maps showing existing and projected trails totaling approximately 9 miles; parking lot has been mowed and as soon as equipment is available the County will gravel it
 - ii. Complete a phased equine trail on the Moreau County Forest and continue efforts on equine trails in Providence
 1. Parking lot update - there has been no progress on the parking lot; J Kemper can send the County up to complete it if necessary, Bill Lasher says that the Backcountry Assc is interested in supporting that effort
4. Hudson Power Express
 - i. Trail Opportunities
 1. Glenville; Clifton Park
 2. Saratoga Springs into Milton and Village of Ballston Spa
 - ii. Town of Milton – *L Woolbright*
5. Support of county-wide trail computer system – Abigail Larkin update
 - i. K Petronis recommends getting in touch with the County (Troy) to see if he has some of this data to share with her)
 - ii. Abigail is collecting data through working with towns and doing on the ground GPS work; it's been over 300 hours to get to this point and we're about half way complete and looking for grants funding to continue the work
 1. Bill Lasher will share the GPS data for the Providence equine trails
 2. Larry Woolbright will send Abigail data shortly

III. Localized Goals of Trails Committee for 2015

1. Palmertown Range –

- i. Meeting with Steve Ovitt – trails planning and construction expert – a number of participants (local officials, PLAN, Cty reps, user groups) met with him to discuss trails development within Palmertown area
 - 1. PLAN is going to keep a list of the folks who are interested and initiate two projects:
 - a. Scout trails in Lincoln Mountain State Forest (DEC has asked PLAN to present a plan for trails in the SF); and
 - b. Scout trails on OSI land adjoining Lincoln Mountain SF
 - c. PLAN is going to apply for a grant to keep Abigail for the spring semester
- 2. Corinth trail system – *(B Clarke)*
- 3. Linking the towns of Wilton and Northumberland to expand the trail system – TO Wilton Open Space Plan update – Margo doesn't know if there's been work done recently, LA Group was working on it but is now focused elsewhere on a trails connector project from Edie Road that's in the Master Plan
 - i. No intent from TO Wilton to have anything on the North side of Route 50, they envision keeping it on the South side of Route 50 and head towards Loudon Road
 - ii. We should bring larger maps to the meetings – *Jason will bring the county map to the next meeting; Katie will work on bringing CCT, ZS, Greenbelt, etc. trail maps to each meeting*
- 4. Extend the Ballston Bike Path to Blue Barnes Road; Power Express connection – *S Miller*
- 5. Local Zim Smith Goals:
 - i. City trail near Woods Hollow to connect Milton, B Spa, and Saratoga Springs/future Zim Smith trail –L Woolbright portion of that trail that is NW of intersection of Route 50 is designed, portion from end of ZS in Ballston Spa on Oak St to get to the State Park is not designed and tricky
 - ii. *L Woolbright* segment between Village of B Spa snow dump and Cty sewer ROW in Malta
- 6. Saratoga Springs Greenbelt system – *D Meyer*
 - i. M Trabka – across from Lake Lonely near Meadowbrook, there is a parcel owned by Oak Ridge development; developer is putting in a trail between Union and Meadowbrook and developing the land, City has asked PLAN to hold a conservation easement on the land that is being set aside for conservation; PLAN is working on the terms of the easement and trail siting but there is a conceptual agreement; PLAN is also speaking with developer about land north of the development that connects to Bog Meadow that he may donate to PLAN for the greenbelt trail
- 7. Kayadeross Creek Blueway – map review, would like the County Board of Supervisors to adopt this map to formalize its existence ; *K Petronis will ask Blue about Arrowhead Casino (is it an access point)? M Trabka thinks it's an archaeological site*

IV. Department of Transportation Project Radar List *S. Miller*

- 1. Exit 15 over the Northway
- 2. Route 4 and 32 crossing for Canalway Trail from Halfmoon to Main St in Mechanicville.
- 3. Rexford Bridge pedestrian crossing

4. Rt 29 bridge replacements in Grangerville
5. Rt. 50 crossing at Northline Road
6. 9p shared access upgrades (Saratoga Lake) and x'ing near Lake Lonely
7. Spier Falls Road x'ing for Equine from Moreau County Forest to State Park.
8. Crossing on Route 4 at Sword Surrender Site
9. Upgrades on Rt 32 between Battlefield and Victory – Need bike lanes.
10. Rt 29 between SS and Schuylerville – need bike lanes for entire length
11. Jones Road – wide enough for bike pedestrian use.
12. WWPP needs safe crossing on route 50
13. Tunnel/bridge over/under I87 to connect Spring Run Trail to E side of I87
14. 146a connector to Ballston Lake Trail – need clarification here, *K Petronis will ask Scott, might be worth bringing up with Clifton Park*
15. Crescent Ave Greenbelt Trail section
16. Nelson Ave Ext bridge expansion of bike lanes even if by striping

V. Information from Towns/Cities

1. **Clifton Park** – *J. Ruhl* has been appointed to CP Environmental Conservation Commission, condition was that he resign from Open Space and Trails Committees; Roy Casper is resigning from Trails Committee as well. Need someone from Clifton Park to join trails committee and attend these meetings and planning board meetings.
2. **Corinth** – *B. Clarke*
3. **Milton** – *L Woolbright* Open Space Committee is developing a trails map to connect the town's disconnected trails to work on connecting them
4. **Saratoga Springs** – *K. Maynard/W. Elton/others* bike lanes on North Broadway as demonstration project
5. **Malta** – *S Miller*
6. **Wilton** – *M Olson*
7. **Stillwater** – *E. Kinowski*
8. **Halfmoon** – *J Mitchell*
9. **Greenfield** – *Ken Blom*
10. **Ballston Lake** – *A Dyer*
11. **Ballston Spa** –
12. **Mechanicville** – *T Richardson*
13. **Saratoga**

VI. Other?

1. Margo Olson – should we be thinking about the 2017 County Supervisor's list?
Let's dedicate time at next meeting to develop that list
 - i. *Margo suggests adding Cindy Wian from Hudson Crossing – K Petronis will add her to the list and invite her*

*****Next Meeting Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 pm**