

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Trails Council
February 7, 2008 - 6:30 PM

The Trails Council is a forum for discussing trail-related projects and concerns, and sharing information and strategies. It also makes decisions concerning the adoption of new trails, blazing procedures and other matters that directly affect the building and maintenance of hiking trails. Voting members of are the council officers, trails chairs, supervisors, trail crew chiefs and leaders. We welcome and encourage the participation of club trail representatives and visitors at these meetings, which are held on the first Thursday in each even-numbered month.

So that people know what will be on the agenda, please submit items at least one week before the meeting. If there is time at the end of the meeting, we will try to accommodate late submissions.

Draft Agenda
Introductions

Announcements:

Blue Blazing - We continue to get complaints that dark blue blazing is difficult to see. Please ask your maintainers to use the suggested blue colors indicated below.

Blue	Benjamin Moore 789	Pittsburgh Paint 150-4 Xavier Blue	Muralo* 67B3D Georgetown (customized color made with Deep Base 397)
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Approval of minutes (5mins)

Additions to agenda

Committee Reports

- Conservation and Advocacy – Brenda Holzinger
- Publications – Dan Chazin

Trail Approvals

1. Van Cortlandt Park's John Muir Trail – Joe Gindoff

New Business

1. Working with groups and Eagle Scouts.
2. A summary report from the Trails Crew Leaders and Chairs Roundtables
3. Developing a tool inventory and finding regional tool managers – Brenda Holzinger

Old Business

1. Should Chainsaw Safety Certification be required for all Conference sawyers?
2. Establishing trail standards
3. Revisiting reporting schedules – all

Discussion:

- *Request from groups for trail work*
- *Trails Policy Revisions*
- *Inviting Maintainers to attend the Council Meetings*

Some suggested agenda items for the April 3rd meeting: