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Trail Conference Welcomes Catskill Resident to Regional Staff

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference welcomes Heather Rolland of Bovina Center, NY (Delaware County), as assistant program coordinator for the Catskills. In this year-round, part-time position, Heather will help support volunteer trail leaders and trail crews in the Catskill Mountain region. She will also support the Catskill Conservation Corps, a new partnership between the Trail Conference and the Dept. of Environmental Conservation that promotes volunteer service and stewardship of all natural resources in the region.

Heather is an active board member of both the Catskill 3500 Club and Catskill Mountain Club. She is an avid hiker, currently working on hiking all trails in the Catskills to be the first to earn the Catskill Mountain Club's new All Catskills Trails Patch. Heather brings extensive experience working with volunteers and a professional background that will help her work with the diverse groups and individuals of the Catskills.

Heather is the second Catskill-based staff member for the Trail Conference. She joins Jeff Senterman, senior program coordinator and director of the Catskill Conservation Corps.

Since 1920, the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference has partnered with parks in the region to create, protect, and promote a network of 2,000 miles of public trails, including more than 200 miles of trails and 30 lean-tos in the Catskills. The Trail Conference recruits and organizes volunteers to keep these trails open, safe, and enjoyable for the public. It publishes maps and books that guide public use of these trails. The Trail Conference is a nonprofit organization with a membership of 10,000 individuals and 100 organizations that have a combined membership of over 100,000 active, outdoor-loving people.

The Catskill Conservation Corps (Catskill CC) is a partnership between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, whose volunteers maintain a network of more than 2,000 miles of trails, including more than 200 miles in the Catskills. The Catskill CC aims to increase and support volunteer contributions on projects that protect natural resources and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in the Catskill Mountains.

Keep up with news, events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities in the Catskill region at CatskillConservationCorps.org and nynjtc.org/catskills.