NY State to Invest Millions in Catskills, Minnewaska

New York State is investing in two of its most popular parks in 2016, with trails poised to benefit from the continued commitment of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s administration to protect and promote our green spaces. On Oct. 23, Cuomo announced a $5 million Love N.Y. tourism campaign for the Catskills, a Catskills Challenge, featuring the area’s outdoor recreation opportunities; and a $7.3 million transformational project at Minnewaska State Park Preserve. The goal is to grow local economies while showcasing some of the state’s marquee forest playlands.

Empire State Development will infuse $5 million into an ad campaign promoting the Catskills to visitors from around the world. Part of that campaign includes the newly-launched Ride the Catskills website (bit.ly/TC-RTCats), which offers a number of road trip itineraries throughout the region. The website offers several suggested hikes that involve trails maintained by volunteers of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. The Catskills Challenge will also put trails front and center. It’s modeled after the governor’s successful Adirondack Challenge, which kicked off in 2013. Details of the Catskills Challenge will be revealed closer to its launch next summer, but in addition to hiking, it is expected to involve fly fishing, paddling, and biking.

“T’im very excited that New York State is calling attention to the beautiful natural resources of the Catskills,” said Will Soter, the Trail Conference’s current Catskills Assistant Program Coordinator and former Southern Catskills Trails Chair. “Encouraging people to engage in the region’s recreational opportunities also allows folks to learn about the hard work of our volunteers, and how they, too, can give back to trails.”

Not very far south from the Catskills, Minnewaska State Park Preserve will receive $7.3 million in infrastructure upgrades, making this Shawangunk hiking destination more accessible. The centerpiece is a new, 6,000-square-foot visitor center that will better accommodate the nearly 300,000 people who visit the Lake Minnewaska area every year. Also of note are planned improvements to parking areas, a redesigned main entrance on Route 44/55, and the addition of a warming hut and potable water in the park.

The project is part of the 2013-2014 New York State Parks 2020 plan for rejuvenating the parks system. The Minnewaska proposal is further supported by the Open Space Institute, which pledged to raise $3 million in private philanthropy and deliver design and construction services, which are expected to begin in the spring.

With more people than ever anticipated to explore the Catskills and Minnewaska next year, the Trail Conference is looking forward to serving as ambassadors to these parks beautiful trails.

“The Trail Conference is focused on protecting our public lands and making it easier for people to enjoy them,” said Executive Director Edward Goodell. “Promoting and improving these parks will attract more visitors, and our volunteers, as always, will have the trails hike-ready.”

Black Bear Encounter on Cedar Swamp Trail

On Nov. 14, the Trail Conference’s West Jersey Trail Crew was working in Wawayanda State Park on the long-term project of refurbishing the puncheon on the Cedar Swamp Trail. When we broke for lunch, we went back beyond the start of the puncheon to have a dry place to sit. After about 10 minutes, Bob Jonas, Central North Jersey Trail Conference Co-Chair, noticed that “someone” was coming toward us.

That “someone” turned out to be a large male black bear. He stopped about 30 feet from where we were eating. Bob yelled, “It’s a bear!” and we all got up and began to shout. The bear grudgingly turned and ambled back along the puncheon, with several of us following. He inspected our backpack, scattering its contents. Once he got to the far end of the puncheon, he stopped—and did not leave. I finally started up a chainsaw, and he ran into the woods. We quickly finished lunch and returned to work, albeit much more cautiously aware of our surroundings.

A little while later, Bob and Estelle Anderson, his co-chair, started to leave. When they got back to the staging area where we had lunch, there was the bear! He had circled back around us, apparently to inspect where the smells of food had come from.
The newly renovated Trail Conference headquarters opened with many bare walls at the ribbon-cutting ceremony this past April. An Art Selection Committee has since been formed, led by volunteer GLEN DA HAAS, and composed of fellow volunteer DIERICK and a staff liaison, with the goal of utilizing the arts to connect to environmental appreciation. Additionally, the stories of both the Trail Conference and Darkling Schoolhouse have come to life through photographs and artwork in the historic foyer, in an exhibit by local artists. To obtain the Committee’s mission of partnering the Trail Conference with the community and artists to promote trails, the building’s main conference room will display a rotating art exhibit, chiefly composed of local artists. An art display system has been installed and the Trail Conference is now hosting its inaugural art exhibition.

Our first guest artist is Richard Kirk Mills. His work comes to us as a sub-exhibition of "To the Earth,” a larger exhibition sponsored by the Blue Hill Art Center at the Blue Hill Plaza office complex in Pearl River, N.Y., was designed by Walter Daniels, who has previously worked with the Blue Hill Plaza Cultural Center, guided the Trail Conference Art Selection Committee in making our first exhibit happen. Their recommendation of Mills is serendipitous, as the artist’s studio in Bovina, N.Y., was designed by Walter Aurell, the architect for the Darkling Schoolhouse renovation. Mills has long been involved in environmental artwork and restoration, primarily at the Teaneck Creek Conservancy and Hackensack River Stories Project. Mills’ background includes working as a master printmaker and as an art professor at Long Island University/Post.

Four of Mills’ interpretive graphics are on display in the former schoolroom, along with nine of his landscape paintings of Catskills locations.

The Richard Kirk Mills exhibit is open to our members and the public until April 14, 2016, during regular Trail Conference office hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The paintings are for sale with 20 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Trail Conference.

If You Go

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Sabina Cardenas, Finance and Operations Assistant

Sabbatical love for the outdoors was solidified when she spent a summer training to complete the Devil’s Path in one day. Since then, she has continued to explore the outdoors, including serving as a Trail Conference AmeriCorps Trail Crew Member at Sterling Forest. She is currently working on her master’s degree in school counseling and hopes to combine this with her passion for the outdoors to become a wilderness therapist.

Will Smith, Buildings and Grounds Manager

Will brings nearly 40 years of experience to this position for several engineering and facilities management positions and the position. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Rutgers College of Engineering and has previously held engineering and management positions for several engineering firms. Will loves the outdoors: he began as a boy while spending summers with his grandfather in the Catskills.

Will Soter, Catskills Assistant Program Coordinator

Before attaining his NYS DEC license to guide, Will shared his love for the outdoors with friends and fellow members of hiking clubs in the Catskills. He was named the Trail Conference’s Southern Catskills Trails Chair in January 2014, and in that volunteer position, coordinated the volunteer efforts on approximately 106 miles of trails. Will is engaged in promoting recreational tourism opportunities throughout the Catskill Park, and looking forward to utilizing his new role to grow awareness of the Catskill forest.

We’re official! On Wednesday, Nov. 11, the beautiful new TRAIL CONFERENCE letters and our logo were installed on the front of our headquarters in Mahwah, N.J. Many thanks to John Janis and Butler Sign Company for this generous donation. Stop by to see it for yourself!
New York State support for outdoor recreation is moving in a very good direction, recalling its long tradition of excellence. In the decade before the “Great Recession,” New York poured hundreds of millions of dollars into acquiring land, but park maintenance and capital projects seemed to languish. Since then, under the Cuomo administration, capital investments have averaged almost $100 million annually. While most of this goes into projects that are near areas, bathrooms, water and roads, parking lots, swimming pools, and species—only a significant part of the package. A few directly support Trail Conference priorities, including:

- $200,000 toward the completion of the Appalachian Trail on Bear Mountain.
- $254,000 to provide a northern gateway to Minnewaska State Park via the magnificent but currently poorly accessible Stony Kill Falls, one of the four great waterfalls of the Shawangunks that the Trail Conference and Open Space Institute protected in 2000.
- $500,000 for the Heritage Trail extension in Orange County that will host a segment of the Long Path, the Trail Conference’s longest trail.
- $450,000 to purchase lands expanding Hook Mt. State Park, which contains Trail Conference trails. All told, more than $5.4 million was awarded to 13 outdoor recreation projects in Rockland, Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster, and Orange counties. Projects include building new hiking, biking, and walking trails; new rail trails; new trailheads and rehabilitations; and visitor centers and funds to purchase open space.

Even better, consider volunteering with our reconstituted Advocacy Committee, which will be working at the state and local level to protect and provide access to open space throughout the region. Contact Volunteer Coordinator John George (jgeorge@nynjtc.org) for details on how to get involved, and check nynjtc.org for updates on issues important to our mission.

**TRAIL CONFERENCE YEAR-AND-PROGRAM REPORT •**

**2015 LOOK BACK**

**New York State**

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**New Jersey**

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  - Expanded Summit Stewards program to other popular destinations in the Catskills.

- **East Hudson**
  - Expanded and recruited a dedicated Hudson Highlands trail crew.
  - Collaborated with NYC Parks to recruit volunteers and offer technical assistance and documentation with trail maintenance projects.

- **New Jersey**
  - Promote, protect, and improve the long-distance Highlands Trail, New Jersey’s Millennium Legacy Trail. Developed workshops, volunteer outings, and events to draw attention to this nearby, under-utilized hiking trail.
  - Expanded Trail Conference presence and recruitment everywhere we maintain trails.

- **West Hudson**
  - Collaborate in a Trails Town event along southwestern boundary of Harriman, attracting eco-tourism and highlighting improved trail access via mass transit.
  - Develop a Bear Mountain Stewards program.
  - Create a new trail loop in Sterling Forest’s recently preserved “donut hole.”

**Bear Mountain**

- Extended progress on the remaining 1,145 feet and 325 stone stairs of the A.T. on the Upper East Face. Complete all work by fall 2017.

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Mountain Lodge Property Receives Permanent Protection

After 10 years of effort, the Open Space Institute (OSI) purchased 405 acres of Mountain Lodge property in Orange County, NY, in October. This newly conserved land in the Hudson Highlands will serve as a buffer for the Highlands Trail and the Long Path within a scenic natural area from the threat of development spreading north and west of the Route 87/17 interchange.

Located in the Moodna Creek Watershed adjacent to the 2,700-acre Schunnemunk Mountain State Park, the acquired Mountain Lodge property furthers the long-term vision of OSI, the Trail Conference, and other conservationists in the region: a protected greenspace connection between regional state parks. The land is expected to become a permanent addition to Schunnemunk Mountain after OSI transfers the property to the state to the property system. “Long-distance recreation trails are key in involving more people to experience and develop a stake in the great outdoors,” said Glen Oleksak, Chair of the Trail Conference’s Highlands Trail West Committee. “Land conservation achievements like Mountain Lodge are critical for the long-term success of these trails, in addition to protecting important wildlife corridors.”

This acquisition will ensure that the land—and the Highlands Trail and Long Path—will remain protected for generations of hikers to come.

News in Brief

Giving Tuesday Challenge Raises More Than $65K

We’ve tallied your Giving Tuesday donations and our donors and friends from the community helped us raise $32,501 from Nov. 24 through Dec. 1. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Janet Ross Fund, these donations will be matched 1-to-1 for a grand total of $65,002. All of these gifts will be put to work to support building, maintaining, and protecting trails in our region. Thank you!

Shop with AmazonSmile and Support the Trail Conference

When you shop AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price on eligible orders to the Trail Conference.

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6042883

Thank you! We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on our trails.

TRIBUTES

In celebration of Grand Opening of the Headquarters
Carol W. & Richard Greene, Alfred A. & Carol Seymour-Jones

In honor of Kenneth Manklin’s birthday
Kenneth Mayer

In memory of William Edward Grauer
Cane & Bonsfide

In memory of Edward J. Fuller
Long Distance Trails Crew & Chris Reiling & Robert E. Fuller

In memory of Ed Fuller, who passed away on P44 (father of Robert Fuller). Ed served the Trail Conference as a trail maintainer and builder for over 20 years until his retirement to North Carolina. His generosity, friendship, and hard work on behalf of the Trail Conference will be remembered.

Singleos and Sociables Activity Committee of the AMC & Linda Rousseau

In honor of Chris Connely, Board Chair 2011-2013
Katzmann/Goldwell Family Fund

CORPORATE, FOUNDATION & OTHER DONORS


In memory of William Edward Grauer

Calling all artists: The Trail Conference wants your creative designs for our 2016 volunteer T-shirts! Rules:
1) All entries must be sent via email by Feb. 1 to Volunteer Coordinator John Leigh (jleigh@nynjtc.org).
2) All entries must contain the Trail Conference logo and be a single color design (to be printed on a color T-shirt).
3) All entries become property of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.
4) The decision of the Volunteer Committee is final.
5) All designs may be modified to meet Trail Conference branding guidelines.
6) Winner will be announced in Trail Walker and E-Walker, and on Facebook and Twitter.
Building Trails in Sterling Forest: Work Begins on Red Back, Eagle

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HOVERING OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS

The Trail Conference Annual Awards are determined by the Board of Directors upon recommendation by the Volunteer Committee. The following award announcements were made Nov. 7 at the Celebrating Our Volunteers event at the Trail Conference Headquarters in Mahwah, N.J.

WILLIAM HOEFERLIN AWARD Recognizes Trail Conference volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary service to trail maintenance, management, and/or trail land protection.

Jim Gebhard nominated by Sona Mason and Dave Webber A field crew trail crew member, sawyer, maintainer, and former Trails Chair, Jim (above left) has a love affair with the trails at Minnewaska State Park Preserve. He was instrumental in reopening the overgrown trail sections along the Shawangunk Ridge Trail race route. A regular with the West Hudson North Trail Crew, he adds special touches to enhance morale.

Gail Neffinger nominated by Ed Goodell A long-time volunteer and Trail Conference Life Member, Gail (above right) is packing his boots and moving to North Carolina. Since 1995, he has been Chair of the Orange Rockland Appalachian Trail Committee. From 1990-2001, he served as a member of the Trail Conference Board of Directors. Gail has been the Trail Conference Trails Council Chair and is stepping down from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Stewardship Council, where he represents the Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Council.

NEXT GENERATION AWARD Given to those under age 21 who are making significant contributions of time and energy to trail building or protection.

Zachary Kunow nominated by Wayne Towner For his Eagle Scout project, 15-year-old Zachary chose to build a 66-foot bridge on the Long Swamp Trail in Sterling Forest. Zach proposed to his troop that they maintain the trail, which they are now doing. He has built and installed 10 wood duck boxes in the park. Zach arranged for instructions about invasive plants and then had the troop remove over 200 invasive bushes.

2015 TRAIL CONFERENCE AWARDS

HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Given by the Volunteer Committee to recognize significant service or a special achievement by Trail Conference volunteers.

Jill Weber nominated by Bob Ward Recently retired after 38 years of service, Jill served as the Rockaway Park Administration for the past eight years. Jill was instrumental in the development of the Bayswater Trail. She served as the liaison between the Trail Conference and the New York State Forest that had jurisdiction over the land for the proposed trail. She provided tools, supplies, and manpower to cut and clear a portion of the trail.

Martin Stratton nominated by Doug Senterman Since 2009, Martin has performed trail maintenance and served as a Trail Supervisor for multiple sections of Catskills Region 3. He has a strong work ethic and covers any vacant trail sections, helps maintainers when needed, and simply does not stop until the job is done.

Howard and Susan Reed nominated by Howie Liebmann Stokes State Forest is a special place for Susan and Howard. This dynamic trail-maintaining duo met in 1995, when Susan was on an organized hike on the Paulinskill Valley Trail in Stokes State Forest. While on that hike, she met her future husband, Howard. After getting married in 1997, Susan and Howard decided to give back to the trails where they met. In 2003, they started maintaining trails in Stokes State Forest.

Lee Mott nominated by Gene Giordano Active since 2009, Lee has built moldering privies at all the Appalachian Trail shelters in New Jersey, constructed the new Brinja Shelter, and assisted in the construction of the Appalachian Trail Community Kiosk on Route 17A in Warwick, N. Y. Lee is an active member of the West Jersey Trail Crew and helps organize ad-hoc crews to assist maintainers when they submit help requests.

Jim Mott nominated by Dave and Monica Day Since 2012, James has been a “stalwart and stout fellow” of the West Jersey Trail Crew. His work is excellent and his efforts nearly limitless. Jim has been a major positive force with the West Jersey Crew by always joining in on ad-hoc crews along the Appalachian Trail corridor. An all-around good guy, he will do whatever he is asked—or more—with enthusiasm.

Will Soter nominated by Doug Senterman Since January 2014, Will has served on the Trails Chair for Catskills Region 3. Always more than willing to help out whenever and wherever he can, he fills vacant trail sections and spreads the word about the Trail Conference and its mission throughout the region.

Lee Auletta nominated by Chris Connolly As an active member of the Stakeholder Action Team responsible for fundraising activities for the Darlington Schoolhouse, Irene contributed to the Trail Conference’s success in helping to obtain the funds necessary to build the new headquarters. She was also integrally involved in the planning of the Darlington Schoolhouse “standing-room-only” ribbon-cutting ceremony.

SUSAN BARBUTO nominated by Chris Connolly As an active member of the Stakeholder Action Team responsible for fundraising activities for the Darlington Schoolhouse, Susan contributed to the Trail Conference’s success in helping to obtain the funds necessary to build the new headquarters. She was also integrally involved in the planning of the Darlington Schoolhouse “standing-room-only” ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Hanna Benesch nominated by the Membership and Development Team In early 2013, Hanna began volunteering weekly with Membership and Development to focus on fundraising. In the summer of 2014, Hanna was particularly helpful during a personnel transition, volunteering an extra day each week.

Wendell George nominated by Doug Senterman Since 2013, Wendell has been managing the Catskills roving trail maintenance crew for the Catskill Mountain Club and the Trail Conference. The crew includes volunteers for the Trail Conference, Catskill Mountain Club, Rip Van Winkle Hikers, and the 3500 Club. Under his leadership, their work has kept many Catskill trails open to hikers.

David Haas nominated by Chris Connolly As a member of the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce, David worked with the Chamber to sponsor a 5K road race that raised funds for the Trail Conference. In addition, he was involved in the planning of the Darlington Schoolhouse “standing-room-only” ribbon-cutting ceremony and the grand opening.

James Mott nominated by Dave and Monica Day Since 2012, James has been a “stalwart and stout fellow” of the West Jersey Trail Crew. His work is excellent and his efforts nearly limitless. Jim has been a major positive force with the West Jersey Crew by always joining in on ad-hoc crews along the Appalachian Trail corridor. An all-around good guy, he will do whatever he is asked—or more—with enthusiasm.

Jill Weber nominated by Bob Ward Recently retired after 38 years of service, Jill served as the Rockaway Park Administration for the past eight years. Jill was instrumental in the development of the Bayswater Trail. She served as the liaison between the Trail Conference and the New York State Forest that had jurisdiction over the land for the proposed trail. She provided tools, supplies, and manpower to cut and clear a portion of the trail.

Zachary Kunow nominated by Wayne Towner For his Eagle Scout project, 15-year-old Zachary chose to build a 66-foot bridge on the Long Swamp Trail in Sterling Forest. Zach proposed to his troop that they maintain the trail, which they are now doing. He has built and installed 10 wood duck boxes in the park. Zach arranged for instructions about invasive plants and then had the troop remove over 200 invasive bushes.
LEIKIN EXTRA MILE AWARD
This award recognizes those volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to projects such as a book, map, or advocacy.

Suse Bell
ominated by the Publications Committee
A member of the Publications Committee since 2003, Suse produced the Trail Conference’s Book Production Manual and has indexed several Trail Conference guide books. She files for copyrights to protect the Trail Conference’s books and maps. As part of our partnership with New Jersey State Parks, Suse has served as the Project Coordinator for the production of 15 trail maps.

Alice Luddington-Cantor
ominated by the Membership and Development Team and Chris Connolly
Since 2010, Alice has been a key player in executing fundraising events, assisting with invitations, press releases, and blog posts. She sat on the Stakeholder Action Team and was a member of the Headquarters Grand Opening Committee and the Membership and Development Committee. Arnie Seymour-Jones
ominated by Gary Willick
For eight years, Arnie has come to the office weekly to methodically and prolifically assemble our map sets. Working behind the scenes, yet vital to the functioning of the Trail Conference, Arnie has put in a lot of “trail miles” with all the map sets he has assembled!

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER
Conveys life member status and the right to vote at Delegate meetings. Usually given after long (greater than 20) years of extraordinary service to the Trail Conference.

John Blenninger
ominated by Sona Mason and Harold Hill
John (right) has been a Trail Conference member for 44 years. He has been Trail Supervisor of Black Rock Forest for 35 years and Storm King State Park Trail Supervisor for more than 20 years. His attention to detail is second to none. A dedicated trail volunteer, he is known for his meticulous paint blazing—each blaze is a work of art.

KEN LLOYD AWARD
This award recognizes members of Trail Conference member clubs or member clubs who have demonstrated exemplary service to trail maintenance, management, and/or trail land protection. It is usually given after more than seven years of service.

Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (MEVO)
ominated by Chris Connolly
Founded in 2008, the Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (below) is primarily composed of high school and college students from Mahwah, N.J., and neighboring towns. MEVO has logged 18,000 hours on projects that promote environmental sustainability in local communities. MEVO’s activities include the Earth Crew summer intern program, which sponsors student volunteer leaders and members to organize recycling bin distribution, pollution clean-up, agriculture, and trail repair and rehabilitation projects. Over the past two years, the Earth Crew volunteered over 800 hours on Trail Conference trails in Bergen, Passaic, and Rockland counties.

ASK A TRAIL BUILDER
Why all the hammers? Do you really need them to build trails?

AMA KOENIGHOF
Trail Builder and Educator
Hammers are an essential tool in trail construction, especially when dry stone masonry is involved. But the variety can be overwhelming. Hammers can range in price from a $12 local hardware store special to a $315 carbide-tipped monster slab splitter. Choosing the right hammer for the job can make your tool bag light-er, while proper care will ensure your investment lasts a lifetime. Here are my top 5 lesser-known hammers.

1. MASH HAMMER (CAN BE CARBIDE TIPPED)
Used: The best crash maker out there. It can also be used to split and trim stone. Comes in weights from 2lbs to 4lbs with various handle lengths.

2. HAMMER SET/ BULL SET (CAN BE CARBIDE TIPPED)
Used: Trimming stone, removing drill marks, taking off an edge, squaring up a stone. Hold in place with hammer blade angled on its edge toward the outside of the stone and strike with another hammer. Comes in weights from 2lbs to 12lbs with horizontal or vertical blades and various handle lengths.

3. MALLORCAN HAMMER
Used: Splitting or trimming stone. Comes in weights from 2lbs to 4lbs with various handle lengths.

4. BUSH HAMMER (CAN BE CARBIDE TIPPED)
Used: Shaping, texturing, smoothing stone. It can help to remove or split other tools marks. Comes in weights from 1.5lbs to 7.5lbs with various handle lengths.

5. BRICKLAYER’S HAMMER (CARBIDE TIPPED)
Used: Shaping stone or digging in the dirt. The blade edge works great as an “adze” to bust out kerfs, or grooves, in a stone. Comes in 1lb and 1.5lbs weights.

Speak Up for Trails!
Advocacy at the Trail Conference involves our annual Lob-By Day pilgrimage to Albany, where we chat with elected officials about preserving the Environmental Protection Fund, which keeps parks open and running, among other issues. That’s where the day-to-day work of our volunteers has a huge behind-the-scenes impact. Officials quickly realize that parks are not so easy to defund when they see just how many people put so much time and energy into caring for trails. Make your voice heard! Join us for the Catskill Park Awareness Day on Tuesday, Feb. 9, or the En-vironmental Protection Fund Lobby Day on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Want to get involved? Check out the advocacy issues the Trail Conference is currently involved in, such as the Pilgrim Pipeline threat-ening trail networks in both New York and New Jersey, at bit.ly/TC-advocacy.
A Year in the Life of the Westchester Trail Tramps

The Westchester Trail Tramps have evolved into a year-round crew that performs trail maintenance, improvement, construction, and monitoring on Wednesdays and Fridays (and other days when necessary). We go where we are needed in northern Westchester and Putnam counties, with Teatown Lake Reservation serving as a home base on Wednesdays, and Pound Round Ridge on Fridays. Here’s a glance at our year.

WINTER
While many crews were hibernating, the Tramps insisted on staying active, participating in a fisher tracking program. Fishers, for those of you unfamiliar with these animals, are in the weasel family. Cameras and bait were set up in many parks and preserves in Westchester, and it was our job to retrieve them over each two-week monitoring period.

This project gave the crew the opportunity to learn not only about fishers, but also how to locate things using waypoints on hand-held GPS devices. All recoveries were off trail, which meant bushwhacking though deep snow. At project completion, we were rewarded with a slideshow of the animals captured on camera—deer, coyote, fox, bobcat, raccoon, skunk, red tail hawk, owl, and yes, fisher...not to mention the crew!

SPRING
Projects included blazing and building the new Twin Lakes Trail at Teatown, blowdown clearance at Mountain Lakes and on the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trail (our crew includes two B-certified sawyers), and the usual sprucing up of trails. We welcomed four John Jay High School senior interns, who participated in the construction of puncheon, stone causeway, and water bars, and attended the invasive plant identification course provided to the crew by Linda Rohleder, Trail Conference Director of Land Stewardship.

SUMMER
The Tramps did serious maintenance, suffering the thorns and ubiquity of outrageous invasive plant life. We had one disappointment: We attempted an invasive survey in Mount Tabor State Forest, but the trails proved so overgrown that maintenance took precedent, forcing us to cut the survey short.

FALL
Projects included building stairs at FDR State Park, demolishing an old structure near a new trail and building boardwalk at Teatown, and blazing trails at Taxter Ridge. The crew assisted in relaying the Wilkinson Trail and clearing the Osborn Trail in Hudson Highlands. We also participated in two John Jay student volunteer projects: water bars at Leon Levy Preserve and Ward Pound Ridge.

Want to join us? Contact Supervisor Mary Dodds at doddshelmer@gmail.com or 914-261-7082 for more information.

New Section of Appalachian Trail on Bear Mountain Opens with Ribbon-Cutting Hike

A new section of the Appalachian Trail on the southwest shoulder of Bear Mountain in Harriman-Bear Mountain State Parks was opened on Nov. 14. Long Distance Trails Crew Chief Chris Reyling, assisted by Crew Leaders Bob Fuller and Erik Garnjost, cut the ribbon on the new 0.2-mile section built by the all-volunteer group.

The crew led a tour of this new, sustainable route, which winds its way up through cliffs, climbs a stone ladder, and reaches beautiful views. Many accoutrements were expressed for the trail, which includes a rock-pinned stone ladder out of a crevice and up the rock face. Close to 70 volunteers contributed more than 3,000 hours during more than 40 work trips to complete the trail.

The relocation is very accessible, only two-tenths of a mile from the Appalachian Trail/1777W Trail parking area on Seven Lakes Drive between Palisades Interstate Parkway and Route 9W. Read more about the crew at bit.ly/LDTC-ATBem. For info on joining the Long Distance Trails Crew, contact Chris Reyling at 914-953-4900, chrisyeling@gmail.com, or Bob Fuller at 732-952-2162, refuller99@hotmail.com.

In 2016, the Tramps hope to construct a new bridge on the Teatown Kitchawan Trail, perform a crew invasives survey, and build new trails at Teatown.

Join the crew! Check bit.ly/TC-tdtc for dates.

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New Bridge Completed
In the spring of 2015, the West Jersey Trail Crew began work in Stokes State Forest on a new realignment of the Stony Brook and Blue Mountain trails, including a new 36-foot-long bridge over the Stony Brook. You can read a detailed account of the crew's extra-ordinary work on this project at bit.ly/TC-wtt-15.

Keeping Trails Open & Safe
Swamper John Moran, pictured, helped clear the Silver Trail with sawyer Peter Meyer on Oct. 5 in Campgaw Mountain County Reservation.
The closure of Ramapo Mountain State Forest and Ramapo Valley County Parks in October was an understandable but unfortunate response to “unusual black bear activity” reports from the public. The Trail Conference assisted in these closures, but we believe interactions between bears and people in suburban parks are predictable this time of year, and largely preventable through robust public education programs. The Trail Conference is eager to work with parks and the public to avoid further park closures.

Bears-safety begins with bear education. Learning how to act in the event of a bear encounter is crucial for the public’s safety, and, especially, the bear’s safety. (See the West Jersey Trail Crew's story about handling a bear encounter on page 1.) We want to work with the NJ DEP and other land managers to reinforce the fact that we live and recreate among bears, and that there is a right and wrong way to act in parks, the bear’s natural habitat.

Appropriate signage is particularly crucial. Bears are learning bad habits from people who are trying to “help” them by offering food—an illegal and dangerous act that leads to aggressive behavior. The end result is bears being trapped and euthanized, and our parks being closed “out of an abundance of caution”—a huge failure. These are our public parks, and we need to work together to keep them open. Only outreach and education can address this matter without setting precedent for a cycle of park closures at great cost to both land managers and the hiking public.

The Trail Conference offers bear safety tips written by wildlife experts at njntc.org/content/bear-tips/hikers. We can do a better job of utilizing this information.

Clear information about bears must be installed at trailheads and kiosks in all parks where there is a likelihood of bear activity. The NJ DEP has good material on their website. DEC can reproduce them and Trail Conference volunteers can help keep trailheads posted.

AmeriCorps Season in Review

The Trail Conference fielded five Conservation Corps crews in 2015 with extraordinary results.

Thanks to the support of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, New York State Environmental Protection Fund Grants, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Westchester Land Trust, Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Recreational Equipment Inc., The Corps Network AmeriCorps Education Award Program, and private donors, as well as countless volunteers and park personnel, for making the work of our Conservation Corps crews possible.

### CREW WHERE THEY WORKED

#### Palisades Crew


1.95 miles of trail including 59 stone stairs, 26 square feet of stone crib wall, 54 stepping stones, and 80 feet of bog bridging

65 4,366

#### Taconic Crew

The Taconic Trail Crew served in Fahnstock State Park constructing and reconstructing portions of the Appalachian Way Trail, Wilkinson Trail, and Highlands Trail at Fishkill Road.

0.66 miles of trail including 62 stone stairs, 31 square feet of stone crib wall, and 85 stepping stones

143 4,861

#### Megalithic Crew

The Megalithic Trail Crew served in Bear Mountain State Park constructing the Upper East Face portion of the Appalachian Trail reroute up Bear Mountain, as well as the Trails for People Exhibit on the A.T. at the base of Bear Mountain.

0.2 miles of trail including 86 stone stairs, 1,100 square feet of stone crib wall, 5 stepping stones, one bridge, 10 feet of punch beam, 10 feet of bog bridge, 1 open culvert, 1 closed culvert, and 25 feet of turnpike

313 11,237

#### Long Path/SRT Crew

The Long Path/SRT Trail Crew served in Huckleberry Ridge State Forest constructing portions of the Lenape Ridge and Shawangunk Ridge trails.

2.29 miles of trail

14 1,550

#### Invasives Crew

The Invasives Crew served on 30 projects from the Delaware Water Gap through the Lower Hudson Valley surveying and removing invasive plants.

102.49 acres of land improved, 47,600 invasive plants removed

75 2,709

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

### VOLUNTEERS

NUMBER OF

### BEAR, from page 1

He clawed at and punctured the seat of the park’s utility vehicle that we were using. Bob and Estelle started yelling, and the bear moved a little distance away, but stopped. Fortunately, I had cell service, so I phoned the park office. A park police officer arrived after about 20 minutes, by which time the bear was out of sight. This had been the officer’s third bear call that day. We packed up our tools, and with a “police escort,” made our way back to the trailhead.

Our bear had three ear tags—clearly a known “problem bear,” since these animals are tagged every time one is trapped and relocated. We have seen bears on multiple occasions while working in the woods, but they have always avoided us once our presence was known. However, it seems that bears are much less wary of humans as of late. Our visitor was unfazed by our presence. Those of us who spend time in the woods need to be prepared for the very real possibility of a bear encounter such as we had.

### Things We Can Do

- The Trail Conference offers bear safety tips written by wildlife experts at njntc.org/content/bear-tips/hikers. We can do a better job of advertising this information.
- Clear information about bears must be installed at trailheads and kiosks in all parks where there is a likelihood of bear activity. The NJ DEP has good material on their website. DEC can reproduce them and Trail Conference volunteers can help keep trailheads posted.
Long Path Race Series Ends Successful First Year

Inscribed by their personal experiences on the Long Path, Ken Posner and Todd Jennings organized a series of races during 2015, including events in the Hudson Highlands, Schenectady Mountain, the Wallkill Valley, Shawangunks, and Catskills. Participants in the Long Path Race Series earned points based on distance and relative finishing time in each race. In a nod to Raymond Torrey’s memorial plaque on Long Mountain, the series winners were declared “disciples of the Long Brown Path,” and received gift certificates from Kenco Outfitters.

Jordan Grande, 24, of East Longmeadow, Mass., clinched the female division with a strong performance in the Catskill Mountain 100K, a challenge 62-mile ultra-marathon that circumnavigates one of the Catskills’ high peaks regions. Chris Regan, 35, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., won the male division by racking up points in the Catskills race, a new trail race on Schenectady Mountain, and the Hamblentonian Marathon, which includes seven miles of the Long Path on the Orange Heritage Trail. Anna Pettersson, 47, of New York City, crushed the female master division, completing multiple events and winning the female division of the daunting 74-mile SRT, an adventurous race along the Shawangunk Ridge Trail that is completely unsupported. The male masters division was won by two Virginians, Dave Herring, 44, of Linden, and Bernard Pesjak, 46, of Annandale, who completed the SRT together just minutes behind the winner.

“In addition to Hudson Valley locals, we were thrilled to attract racers from as far away as California,” Jennings said. Plans for 2016 are underway.

Posner and Jennings worked closely with park and preserve managers in the planning and execution of each race, and were supported by teams from New Jersey Search & Rescue and Sam’s Point Search & Rescue to ensure participant safety. “With the Long Path is an incredible experience, and it was exciting to see people discovering this important trail and the beauty of the Hudson Valley,” Posner said.

Hikers’ Directory

Can’t find your club? This list represents all Trail Conference member clubs whose dues are up-to-date. If you have questions about your club’s status, please ask your officers to contact the Membership and Development team at 201-512-9348.

ADK Long Island
www.adklong.org

ADK Mid-Hudson Chapter
www.midhudsonadk.org

ADK Mohican Chapter
www.adkmohican.org

ADK New York Chapter
www.adkny.org

ADK North Jersey Ramapo Chapter
www.hudsonhikers.org

Adventures for Women
www.adventuresforwomen.org

Alley Pond Environmental Center
http://www.alleypond.com/

AMC Delaware Valley Chapter
www.amcdv.org

AMC Mohawk Hudson Chapter
http://www.amcmohawkhudson.org

AMC New York North Jersey Chapter
www.amc-ny.org

Bellvale School
http://www.bruderholz.com/en/international-directory/united-states/bellvale

Black Rock Forest Consol Inc.
http://www.blackrockforest.com

Boy Scout Troop 121-Hudson Valley Council

Boy Scout Troop 50, Mahwah
MAHWV050ileyecountians.com

Boy Scout Troop 8, Brooklyn

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 21

Boy Scouts of America-Northern NJ Council
www.njbsa.org

Byram Township Environmental Commission
www.byramwp.org

Catskill 3500 Club
www.catskill3500club.org

Catskill Mountain Club
www.catskillmountainclub.org

Chinese Mountain Club of New York
www.cmcy.org

Closter Nature Center Association
www.clostenaturecenter.org

East Coast Greenway Alliance
www.greenwaynj.org

East Hampton Trails Preservation Society
www.ehtps.org

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association
www.flatrockbrook.org

Fax Hill School
www.bruderholz.com/en/international-directory/united-states/fax-hill

Friends of Garret Mountain
friends@garretmountain.blogspot.com

Friends of Pelham Bay Park
http://www.pelhambaypark.org

Friends of the Hackensack River
Greenway in Teaneck
http://www.teaneckgreenway.com

Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, Inc.
http://aqueduct.org

Friends Of The Shawangunks
http://shawangunks.org

Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
http://vancortlandt.org

German-American Hiking Club
http://gah.nynjtc.org

Greenburgh Nature Center
www.greenburghnaturecenter.org

Hike for Mental Health
http://www.hikeformentalhealth.org

Hilltop Conservancy, Inc.
www.hilltopconservancy.org

Hudson Highlands Gateway Task Force
www.TownofCortlandt.com

Hudson Hiking Club
www.hunterdonhikingclub.org

Interstate Hiking Club
www.interstatehikingclub.org

Jolly Rovers
http://jollyrovers.org

Little Stony Point Citizens Association
www.littlestonypoint.org

Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference
www.ligreenbelt.org

Long Path North Hiking Club
www.shawangunkshf.org

Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization
www.mahwahenv.org

Mahanok Preserve
www.mahanokpreserve.org

Monmouth County Park System
www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Morris County Park Commission
www.morrisparks.net

Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club
http://www.mosaic-gny.org

Muscoot Mountain Conservancy
http://mmnc.nynjtc.org

Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club
www.nassauhiking.org

Nelsonville Greenway Committee
VillageofNelsonville.org

New Haven Hiking Club
www.NHHHC.info

New Jersey Search & Rescue Inc.
www.njsar.org

New York City Audubon Society, Inc.
www.nycsaudubon.org

New York Ramblers
www.nyramblers.com

NYC Outward Bound Center
www.nycoutwardbound.org

Palisades MTB
www.facebook.com/groups/palisadestmb

Protect Our Wetlands, Water & Woods (POWWW)
box292.2host.com/~powww.org

Protectors of Pine Oak Woods
www.siproprotectors.org

Rip Van Winkle Hikers
www.newyorkeverything.com/rvw

Rock Lodge Club
www.rocklodge.com

RPHC Volunteers
rphclub.org

SAJ - Society for the Advancement of Judaism
http://www.thesaj.org

Salt Shakers Trail Running Club
www.saltshakersrun.com

Shorewalkers Inc.
www.shorewalkers.org

Sierra Club Mid-Hudson Group
www.newyork.sierr club.org/ midhudson

Southampton Trails Preservation Society
http://southamptontrails.org

Storm King Adventure Tours
www.stormkingadventures.com

Sullivan County Audubon Society
http://www.sullivanaudubon.org

Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society
http://www.meetup.com/

Sundance-Outdoor-Adventure-Society

SUNY Oneonta Outing Club
www.oneonta.edu/outdoors

Teatown Lake Reservation
http://www.teatown.org

Tenafly Nature Center Association
www.tenaflynaturecenter.org

The Highlands Natural Pool
www.highlandsnaturalpool.org

The Nature Place Day Camp
http://thenatureplace.com

The Outdoor Club, Inc.
www.outdoorclub.info

The Storm King School
http://www.sksc.org

Thendara Mountain Club
www.thendaramountainclub.org

Town of Lewisboro
http://www.lewisborogov.com/
parksrec

Trail WhippAss
http://www.trailwhippass.com

TriState Ramblers
http://TSR.nynjtc.org/Schedules.html

University Outing Club
www.universityoutingclub.org

Valley Stream Hiking Club
www.meetup.com/vshclub

Wappingers Greenway Trail Committee

West Milford 13ers
http://www.weshihike.com

Westchester Trails Association
http://www.westhike.org

Women About
www.womenabout.org

WWW
http://www.weshihike.com

DAVE HERRING, “disciple of the Long Brown Path.”

Dave Herring, incoming board member
As first announced in the Fall Trail Walker, our new, 11th edition of the Catskill Trails map set arrived in November with many significant updates and changes. With more than 400 miles of marked trails in and around Catskill Park, these are the most accurate and up-to-date maps available for the Catskills, so be sure to pick up your copy if you haven’t yet! Many thanks also to our volunteer project manager, George Dagis, and a large number of excellent GPSters, field-checkers, and reviewers who played a crucial role in the production of these maps. These maps have also been made available in digital versions through Avenza PDF Maps app for Apple and Android devices. Plus, for the first time, we have also presented a brand new, digital-only Catskill map that combines all the individual section maps into one single map. It also features an expanded coverage area for much greater Catskills region for general reference. Now users of the Catskill app map can simply download one map for all of their Catskill hiking and travel plans to produce print copies from the Trail Conference. We will gladly accept maps that are well-worn or marked up. (Please note that we already have a surplus of historic USGS topo quads and are not interested in additional copies at this time.)

To obtain the print map set, shop online at nynjtc.org. Currently, we do not have plans to produce print copies of this expanded Catskill map, but if you’d like to see such a product, please let us know. To obtain the digital app maps, including the new expanded coverage area map, visit nynjtc.org/pdfmaps.

Donate Your Old Maps

The Trail Conference has a great collection of maps from the past century, including original maps created by William Hoefler from the Catskill Trail Conference maps produced since the early 1970s. Our collection has some gaps. If you have any Hoeflerlin maps or Trail Conference maps (prior to the year 2000) that you may be interested in parting with, please consider donating them to the Trail Conference! We will gladly accept maps that are well-worn or marked up. (Please note that we already have a surplus of historic USGS topo quads and are not interested in additional copies at this time.)

As we approach the Trail Conference’s 100th year, we will be looking back at the last century of trail work and taking a great admission. Your help in completing our collection is greatly appreciated. Maps can be sent to our office, care of the cartographer, at printcopies@nynjtc.org.
Hiking the Harriman Trail Town Corridor

The trail town movement on the western edge of Harriman State Park is an exciting, inspiring thing to witness. Residents, outdoor enthusiasts, local businesses, and elected officials are all coming together to improve and promote access to the incredible parklands right at their door. Suffern, Hillsburn, Sloatsburg, and Tuxedo are realizing that hikers are already passing through on their way to various trailheads; these towns are now working on enticing them to stay a while. Becoming more hiker-friendly by installing kiosks and better directional signage to the trails is a great start.

In September, a crew from the Suffern Department of Public Works volunteered their time paving a welcoming entrance at the Suffern-Bear Mountain trailhead in town. A kiosk is in the works, but in the meantime, the Suffern Chamber of Commerce has installed a banner pointing to the trailhead, making it much easier to find.

For a great introduction to the trail town corridor, park at this trailhead for a 9.2-mile hike along the Suffern-Bear Mountain, Kakiat, and Pine Meadow trails. This route traverses some little-used areas of Harriman State Park, passes many interesting rock formations, and, on a clear day, offers views of the New York City skyline. It also makes for a nice trail run. This is a one-way hike north to Sloatsburg, but you can return to Suffern via Transit of Rockland’s #93 bus, which runs hourly on both weekdays and weekends. Make sure to give yourself enough time to browse the shops and restaurants before and after your hike—your patronage is important in creating a true trail community.

Find the full hike description at bit.ly/TC-suf-slo.

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