

FRIENDS OF THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RAIL TRAIL

To: All Members of the Ulster County Legislature
C/O: Victoria Fabella, Legislative Clerk
Sent Via Email on February 26, 2025

Dear Legislators,

Nearly ten years ago, the County Legislature established a shared-use policy for the U&D corridor. The policy and its compromises were well reasoned. With a prescient sense of the increasing importance of trail networks for the physical, mental, and economic health of the County's residents, the legislative policy made trail connectivity a priority. It provided the kind of leadership this County still needs, and I now urge you to fulfill the policy's explicit goal by designating MP 8.33 - 10 as "trail-only."

The 2015 policy has proven to be an unparalleled success. It is generating hundreds of thousands of visits per year, including over 140,000 to the Ashokan Rail Trail alone. It is supporting increased spending all along the Route 28 corridor, in excess of \$9.6 million per year. And it is helping connect people to nature and provides a safe, accessible option for active transportation and recreation. Additionally, the policy gave the Catskill Mountain Railroad (CMRR) time-limited permits to operate a tourist rail ride in Uptown Kingston.

Now the County Legislature is debating options for MP 8.33 - 10, known as the "Undesignated Section". This section comprises almost 2 miles of single-track corridor, including sections of high fill and narrow rock cuts, stretching from Route 28a, near the Hickory BBQ & Smokehouse restaurant, to the bridge over Basin Road. It is a crucial link between Kingston and the Route 28 communities of West Hurley, Woodstock, Glenford, Shokan and Boiceville. However, as a recent engineering study by GPI reveals, this section cannot realistically accommodate both rail and trail; it must be used for one or the other.

The CMRR, a private for-profit operation, has recently requested the County's permission to extend its time-limited permit to include this Undesignated Section. It has misrepresented site control of the Undesignated Section to secure grants without the County's permission, threatening the County's control of the corridor. It continues to promote (and even attempts to illegally implement) a plan that ignores local zoning and planning and jeopardizes the important and agreed upon goal of trail connectivity. What's more, each mile of corridor limited to rail use provides private benefit for a select group of rail enthusiasts, while each additional mile of trail expands access to a regional trail system that offers numerous public benefits - healthy recreation, safe transportation, economic growth - for all County residents.

We finally need to move forward on implementing the policy mandate of trail connectivity from the Ashokan Reservoir to Kingston. Since the Undesignated Section cannot accommodate both uses, please update the 2015 policy to reflect "trail-only" from MP 8.33 - 10 as a necessary step to connect the Catskills and the Ashokan Rail Trail to Kingston and beyond.

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49	Rose	Quinn	Safe Pass Ulster		78 Downs St Kingston NY 12401	12401
50	Liam	Regan		Engineer	24 Stephan Rd, Kingston, NY 12401	12401
51	Theo	Richardson	RBW		575 Boices Lane, Kingston, NY 12401	12401
52	Sophia	Ripple		Teacher	3209 US 209 Kingston, NY 12401	12401
53	Beth	Roessler			105 St James St, Kingston NY 12401	12401
54	Justin	Schaef			113 Main Street Kingston NY 12401	12401
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61	Amanda	Stromoski	Rough draft bar & books		266 Washington Avenue, Kingston NY 12401	12401
62	Orestes	Tarajano	Mill Point Capital	Finance Professional	129 Hovi Lane, Kingston, NY 12401	12401
63	Elliot	Toman			18 Livingston St, Kingston NY 12401	12401
64	Jim	Tomassetti			169 Parsell Street, Kingston, NY 12401	12401
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72	Phil	Goldstein			380 county Rt 2 Accord NY 12404	12404
73	Aaron	Nice			89 Whitfield Rd, Accord NY, 12404	12404
74	Paul	Alexander		Contractor	Bearsville 12409	12409
75	Ronald	Frank	Stone Flower Mountain Accupuncture		1310 Rt. 28 West Hurley, NY 12409	12409
76	Brian	Hendrickson	Small business in Kingston	CEO and Founder	229 Cold Brook Road, Bearsville, NY 12409	12409
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80	Cynthia	Nikitin	Friends of Brunel Park		4008 Route 28 Boiceville NY 12412	12412
81	Marla	Brucker			161 Cottekill Rd; Cottekill NY. 12419	12419
82	Chris	Garland	Overlook Mountain Bikes		12 Coxing Rd Cottekill NY 12419	12419
83	Ken	Kircher		Physician	22 Corriedale Lane, Cottekill, NY 12419	12419
84	Dominick	Mercurio			161 Cottekill Road, Cottekill, NY 12419	12419
85	Natasha	Williams			22 Corriedale Lane, Cottekill, NY 12419	12419
86	Jason	Wadler		retail	PO Box 550,Fleischmanns, NY 12430	12430
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91	Jordan	Kalish			370 Old Route 28 Glenford NY 12433	12433
92	Natania	Rosenfeld			134 Boyce Road, Glenford 12433	12433
93	Carrie	Rubury			370 old state route 28 glenford NY 12433	12433
94	Simon	Mortimer	ABD Creative Office		31 Boulder ridge rd, Hensonville, NY, 12439	12439
95	Alex	Banner	Wishbone Woodworking		5 Clovewood Rd, High Falls, NY 12440	12440
96	David	Barra			16 rock hill road, high falls ny 12440	12440
97	Doug	Cullen			81 Clove Valley Rd High Falls 12440	12440
98	Sheila	Hamilton			1458 State Route 213, High Falls, NY 12440	12440
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104	David	Hayes			44 Kreyer Lane, Hurley NY 12443	12443
105	Christopher	Kelly			218 East Drive, Hurley NY 12443	12443
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109	Michael	Tetta	Consolidated Edison	Overhead Lineman	18 Schroon Hill Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446	12446
110	Mark	Gadomski	Top Tier Fitness		117 lake rd. Lake katrine ny 12449	12449
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116	Peter	Berson	Met Museum of Art	AV Specialist	32 Ridge Road Phoenicia NY 12464	12464
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120	Dennis	Ebbing		Prosthetics & Orthotics	1601Route 212, Saugerties, NY, 12477	12477
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131	Richard	Countryman	Solar generation	Solar sales representative	15 RAST RD shokan ny 12481	12481
132	Gail	Devirgilio	PSIA		25 Red Maple Rd Shokan, NY 12481	12481
133	Stephen	Fine			25 Red Maple Road ,Shokan, NY 12481	12481
134	Raymond	Grehl			59 Parker Ln. Shokan, NY 12481	12481

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138	Susanna	Nicholson			170 Chase Rd Shokan NY 12481	12481
139	Siena	S Brown		Assistant Director	74 Black Road Shokan NY 12481	12481
140	Kristin	Flynn			3763 Atwood Road Stone Ridge NY 12484	12484
141	Dr. Mike	Halstead		Veterinarian	291 Scarawan Rd, Stone Ridge, NY 12484	12484
142	Michael	Halstead	Hudson Valley Detours		291 Scarawan Rd. Stone Ridge, NY 12484	12484
143	Lee	Kalish	Positive Feedback Inc		3763 Atwood Road, Stone Ridge, NY 12484	12484
144	Richard	LaSalvia			29 Hendricks Ln., Stone Ridge, NY 12484	12484
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150	William	J Wall II		Retired educator	72 Pleasant Ridge Drive West Hurley NY 12491	12491
151	Nadine	Lemmon	Parks & Trails New York		477 Spillway Road West Hurley NY 12491	12491
152	Kenneth	Lonas			10 Hedgerow Court, West Hurley, NY 12491	12491
153	K. L.	Nord		Retired	504 Spillway Road. West Hurley NY 12491	12491
154	Posie	Strenz			43 Fieldstone Rd, west Hurley, NY 12491	12491
155	William	Wall II	Retired educator		72 Pleasant Ridge Drive West Hurley NY 12491	12491
156	David	Andrews			11 High Point Mountain Road, West Shokan, NY 12494	12494
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161	Stuart	Auchincloss			2342 Glasco Turnpike, Woodstock, NY 12498	12498
162	Edith	Cingel			267 Upper Byrdcliffe Road, Woodstock NY 12498	12498
163	Rosalind	Dickinson			25 Plochmann Ln Woodstock 12498	12498
164	Mark	Feighn			267 Upper Byrdcliffe Rd, Woodstock, NY 12498	12498
165	Sean	Hoolihan	Shapers	Business owner	7 Millstream Rd, Woodstock, NY 12498	12498
166	Tom	Howard	Woodstock Land Conservancy		27 Knolls Ct., Woodstock NY 12498	12498
167	Alicia	Katsur			188 California Quarry Road, Woodstock NY 12498	12498
168	James	Lonergan		Attorney (retired)	69 Ohayo Mountain Rd, Woodstock NY 12498	12498

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171	Maxanne	Resnick			200 Van Dale Road, Woodstock, NY 12498	12498
172	Irwin	Rosenthal		Retired	110 Tinker , Woodstock NY 12498	12498
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174	Duncan	Schmitt	Woodstock Land Conservancy	Retired	44 Patricia Lane, Woodstock NY 12498	12498
175	Joanne	Sheldon			PO Box 1136. Woodstock, ny, 12498	12498
176	Amy	Weisz			7 Millstream Rd, Woodstock, NY 12498	12498
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185	David	Brownstein			47 Butternville Road, New Paltz, NY 12561	12561
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187	Christie	DeBoer	Wallkill Valley Land Trust		PO Box 208, New Paltz, NY 12561	12561
188	Eli	Golden		Statistician	6 Lincoln Pl New Paltz, NY 12561	12561
189	Alex	Goodman			65 river road new paltz 12561	12561
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197	Jeff	Burns				
198	Barbara	Dibeler		Artist-Ecologist		
199	Jan	Jaffe				
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