Vibrant pathways, living landscapes, active communities

Photo Credit: Kevin Godbey Photography
About the Kingston Land Trust

> Founded in 2008

> An Urban Land Trust
  > Special focus on promoting the best and highest use of underutilized spaces in Kingston and surrounding communities

> Key Programs/Initiatives
  > The Kingston Greenline
  > Urban Agriculture
  > General Open Space Protection

> Recent Successes
  > South Pine Street Farm finishes 4th year
  > Public/private partnerships for trails
  > Recently completed first strategic plan

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.”

John Muir, *The Yosemite*
The Greenline Vision

a network of linear parks and complete streets that connects residents & visitors to Kingston’s rich historical, cultural, recreational, and commercial resources.

Photo Credit: Rails-To-Trails Conservancy
At the Center of the System

1. Kingston Point Rail Trail
2. Hudson River Greenway Water Trail
3. Hudson Valley Rail Trail & Walkway Over the Hudson
4. Wallkill Valley Rail Trail
5. Mohonk Preserve and Minnewaska State Park
6. O&W Rail Trail/D&H Canal Heritage Corridor
7. Ashokan Trail
8. The Catskill Mountains

Planned
Existing
A City-Wide System and a Trail Hub

- Midtown Hub
- Rondout Section
- Uptown Section
- Wallkill Valley Section

More at www.KingstonGreenline.org
Kingston Connectivity Project

- City-led project in partnership with KLT
- Detailed design phase
- Combination of on-street and off-street
- Approx $2M in grants received (DOS, OPRHP, Central Hudson)
- Construction in 2016!
Midtown Hub

- Future Midtown Trail Access
- Saccaman Avenue Entrance to Municipal Parking Lot Replaced with New Entrance on Cornell Street to Smooth Traffic Flow
- Drop Curbs at Existing Driveway Locations. Migrate Width of Curb Cuts to 24 Feet or Less Where Possible. Coordinate with Property Owners.
- Existing 2-Foot Wide Buffer Strip Between Curb and Sidewalk Expanded to 5-Feet Wide where possible to Accommodate Street Tree Plantings
- Crosswalks, Stop Lines and "Stop" Text Planted at all Stop Sign Intersections to Slow Traffic.
- Crosswalk Markings at all Non-Signalized Intersections with "Yield to Pedestrians" Signage.
- Decorative Light Fixtures
  - Trailhead Sign
  - Picnic Tables

Legend:
- Asphalt Pavement
- Concrete Pavement
- Decorative Pavement
- Shared Route Pavement Marking ("Sharrows")
- Existing Trees to Remain
- New Street Tree Planting
- New Shrub Planting
- Existing Utility Pole
- Existing Decorative Street Light
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- Bollards (Removable Center Bollard "RCB")

Saccaman Avenue Entrance to Municipal Parking Lot Replaced with New Entrance on Cornell Street to Smooth Traffic Flow.

Shared Lane Bike Route Along Railroad Avenue and Fashion Lane Connecting Future Walkway Trail to Cornell Street.
Kingston Point Rail Trail
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Delaware Ave Trail Crossing Node
- Trailhead Sign
- Decorative Light Fixtures
- Benches
- Bicycle Rack
- Parking Area
- Shelter Kiosk
- Vegetative Screening of Adjacent Properties

Modify intersection and decrease turn radius. (Future phase - coordinate with NYSDOT).
Rondout Gardens to Kingston Point
Building a Better Broadway Project

- Approx $4M in grants awarded in 2013 (NYSERDA, NYSDOT)
- Conceptual design fast-tracked with County support
- City-led detailed design and construction, with KLT support
- Project involves major re-design of the Broadway corridor – signalization, traffic calming, place-making
- Design calls for two-way protected cycle track (to be implemented in phases)
Building a Better Broadway

Broadway Phase 1 (2016/17)

- Protected Cycletrack
- Sharrow

Legend:
- Separated Bike Lanes
- Sharrow

Locations:
- Meagher Elementary School
- Kingston High School
- Kingston Point Rail Trail
- Walkill/Valley Rail Trail
- J & D Corridor
- Grand Street Hub
Building a Better Broadway
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The U&D and the O&W

- New County policy for rail and trail on the U&D between Midtown and Highmount
- Conceptual design begins soon on the Ulster County Midtown Linear Park
- Detailed design and site control underway on Kingston O&W Rail Trail
- Design underway for the Ashokan Trail (from West Hurley to Boiceville – 11.5m)
The Ashokan Trail & the U&D Corridor
Ulster County Midtown Linear Park

- Park at the end of Field Court
- Sharrows on Field Court
- Trailhead on Cornell Street at the end of the Uptown Trail
- Protected cycle track through the municipal parking lot
- Sharrows and counterflow bike lane on Thomas Street

[Map of Ulster County Midtown Linear Park with labeled features]
The Kingston O&W Rail Trail

> Alternative 1 Selected
> ROW Process Underway
> Final Design Q2 2016
> Construction Start Q2 2017

Alternative 1 – O&W = 1.8 mi
Alternative 2 – U&D/Route 209 = 1.8 mi
Connecting to the WVRT

> Lots of ROW issues – corridor sold to adjacent property owners

> Few attractive alternatives – Rte 32, Linderman Ave

> Critical link to connect Northern and Southern Ulster County!

> We’re working with the County and OSI to explore the options
Lessons Learned

> Partnerships are critical, but that doesn’t mean they’re easy

> You can never do enough engagement and advocacy

> We need a top-down AND a bottom-up approach
Where Do We Go From Here?

> **Advocacy and Engagement**
  Coalition-building, neighborhood outreach, growing the grassroots...

> **Corridor Development**
  WVRT extension to midtown, CMRT, O&W Connector, Hudson Landing Promenade

> **Design and Construction**
  City and KLT-led design process, KPRT construction, B’way signals & enhancements

> **Maintenance and Management**
  Comprehensive management plan, organizational development, fundraising
Volunteers doing some “heavy lifting” on the Kingston Point Rail Trail in 2013

Join the Movement!

> Help us advocate for trails and complete streets as a way to improve public health

> Become a volunteer to help with events and clean-ups

> Sign up for notices and announcements and learn more about the Greenline at www.KingstonGreenline.org

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Together, let’s build these trails!