On the Trail – Dutchess County Bike/Ped

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At the heart of the Winnakee’s mission is a deep regard for the history and natural beauty of northern Dutchess County

Winnakee Land Trust

- Protects farmland and natural habitats from development
- Provides public recreational opportunities through its two parks--Burger Hill in Rhinebeck and Winnakee Nature Preserve in Hyde Park
- Has established miles of public access trails and are continually working to add to those
- Hosts several educational and volunteer events a year
What Benefits do Trails Provide?

Close-to-home recreation
Trail events
Outdoor experiences for kids
Bicycle tourism
Preserve historic features
Alternative transportation
Boost real estate values
Walkable communities
Retain & attract younger residents
Safe routes to schools
Attract visitor spending
Enhance quality of life for residents of all ages
Better health
Link business to historic sites & other attractions
Fishing & boating access
Trailside art

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Winnakee & Trails

Trails are an important work area that contribute to community health and are a proven economic driver

- **Hyde Park**
  - Established and partners in the management of more than 10 miles of public-access trails.

- **Rhinebeck**
  - Established a public trails system on 30 acres of private land
  - Developing a trails system at the 76-acre Thompson Mazzarella Park

- **2012 Dutchess County Trail Conference**

- **Trail Coordinator (2014/2015)**
  - Two year Land Trust alliance grant
  - Aiding local community trail initiatives in Dutchess County
  - Advancing the concept of an interconnected, County-wide trail network AND connecting the trail network to key destinations and complimentary transportation infrastructure
Dutchess County Townships

Winnakee’s Primary Work Area:

-Rhinebeck
-Hyde Park
-Clinton
-Red Hook
-Milan
-Pine Plains
Town of Hyde Park Trail Planning

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Tax Parcel Boundaries from
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Miles
0 0.2 0.4 0.8 1.2 1.6
Town of Red Hook Trail Planning

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- Existing Trail
- Existing Bike Trail
+ Abandoned Rail Bed
- DEC Wetland
- Public Access Property

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Walk Bike Dutchess
The Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan
for Dutchess County, NY
On the Trail Coordination Horizon

- Continue efforts to establish and manage trails within Winnakee’s work area
- Continue Local Support
  - Primary role in Red Hook trail planning initiative
  - Foster Trails Committee in Rhinebeck
  - Maintain participation with Hyde Park and Pine Plains Trail Committees
  - Outreach to D.C. communities to offer support/assistance for trail initiatives and encourage inter-community/regional connections
- 2015 DC Trails Conference
  - Local success and challenges
  - Regional Connectivity
  - DC Trails Advisory Committee
Winnakee’s Larger Role

- Landowner relations – trail easement negotiations with private landowners
- Assistance with key parcel acquisition
- Access to grants resources
- Mapping
- Regional coordination – crossing municipal boundaries (organizing and/or facilitating meetings, linking to experts)
- Assistance with outreach and education campaigns
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