

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

Preserve historic features

Boost real estate values

Retain & attract younger residents

Attract visitor spending

Better health

Fishing & boating access

Trailside art

Bicycle tourism

Alternative transportation

Walkable communities

Safe routes to schools

Enhance quality of life
for residents of all ages

Link business to historic sites
& other attractions



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Winnakee & Trails



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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



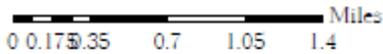
Town of Rhinebeck Trail Planning

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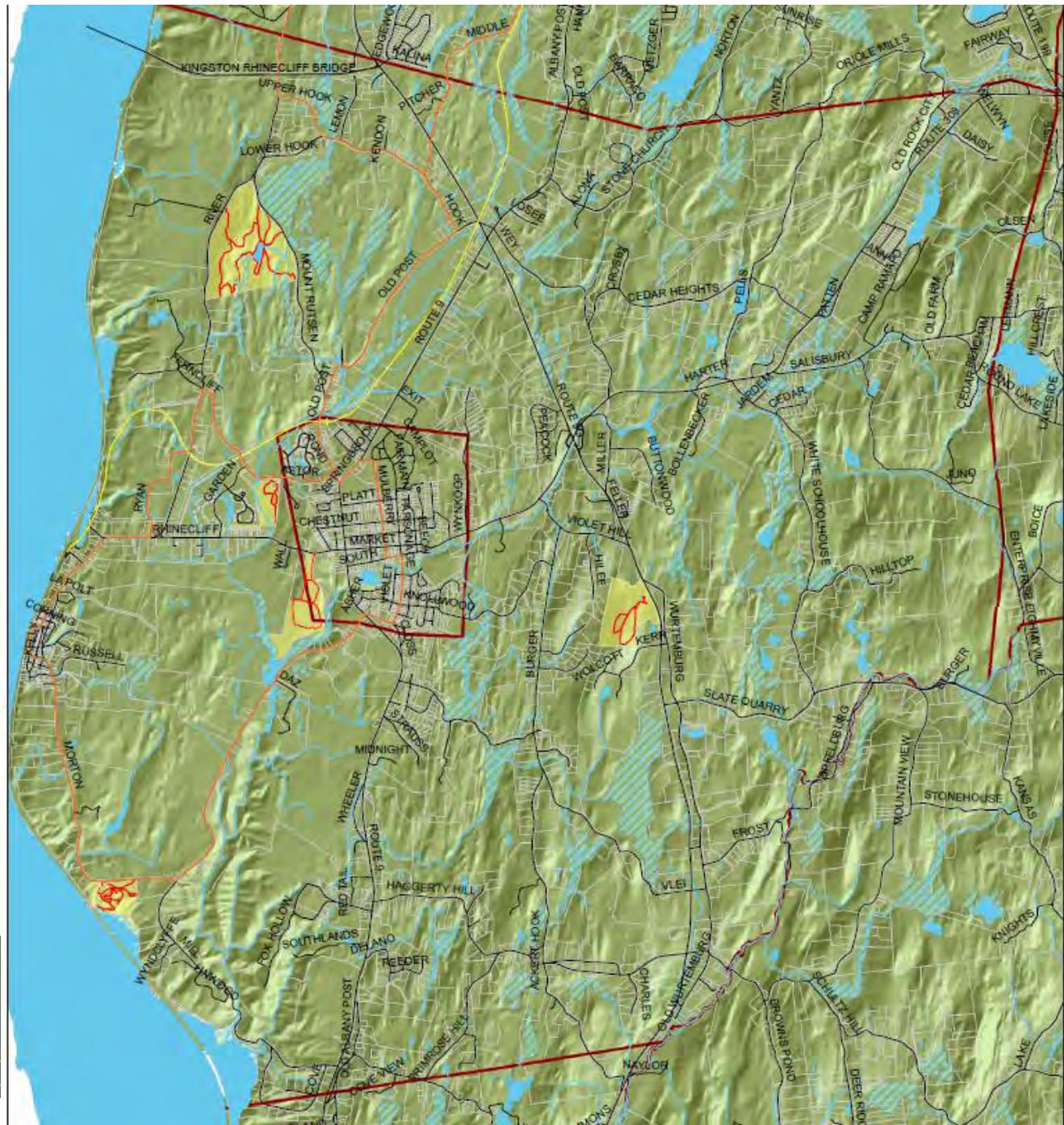
- Existing Trail
- Existing Bike Trail
- + Abandoned Rail Bed
- ▨ DEC Wetland
- Public Access Property

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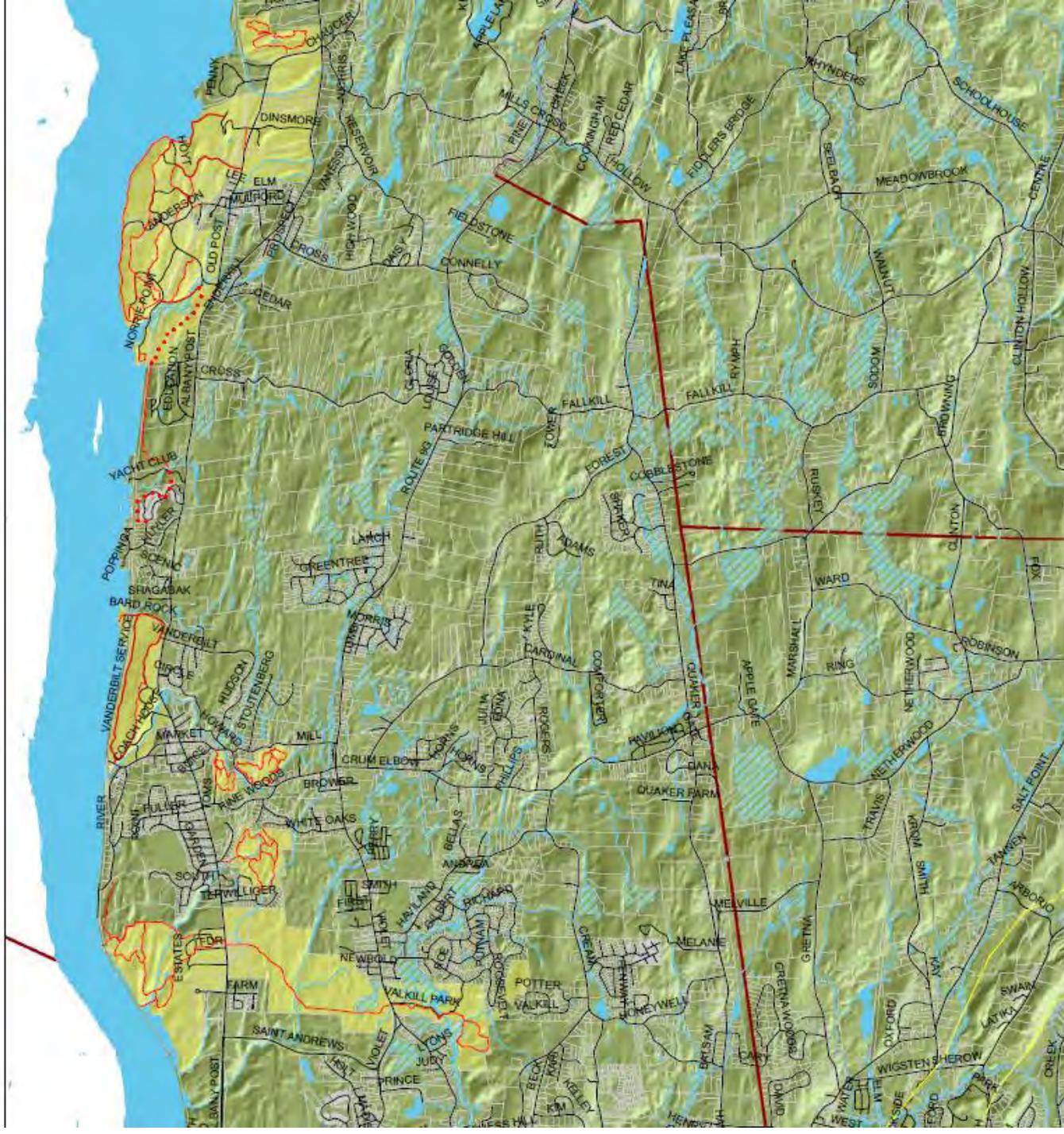
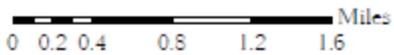
Town of Hyde Park Trail Planning

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

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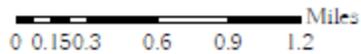
Town of Red Hook Trail Planning

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

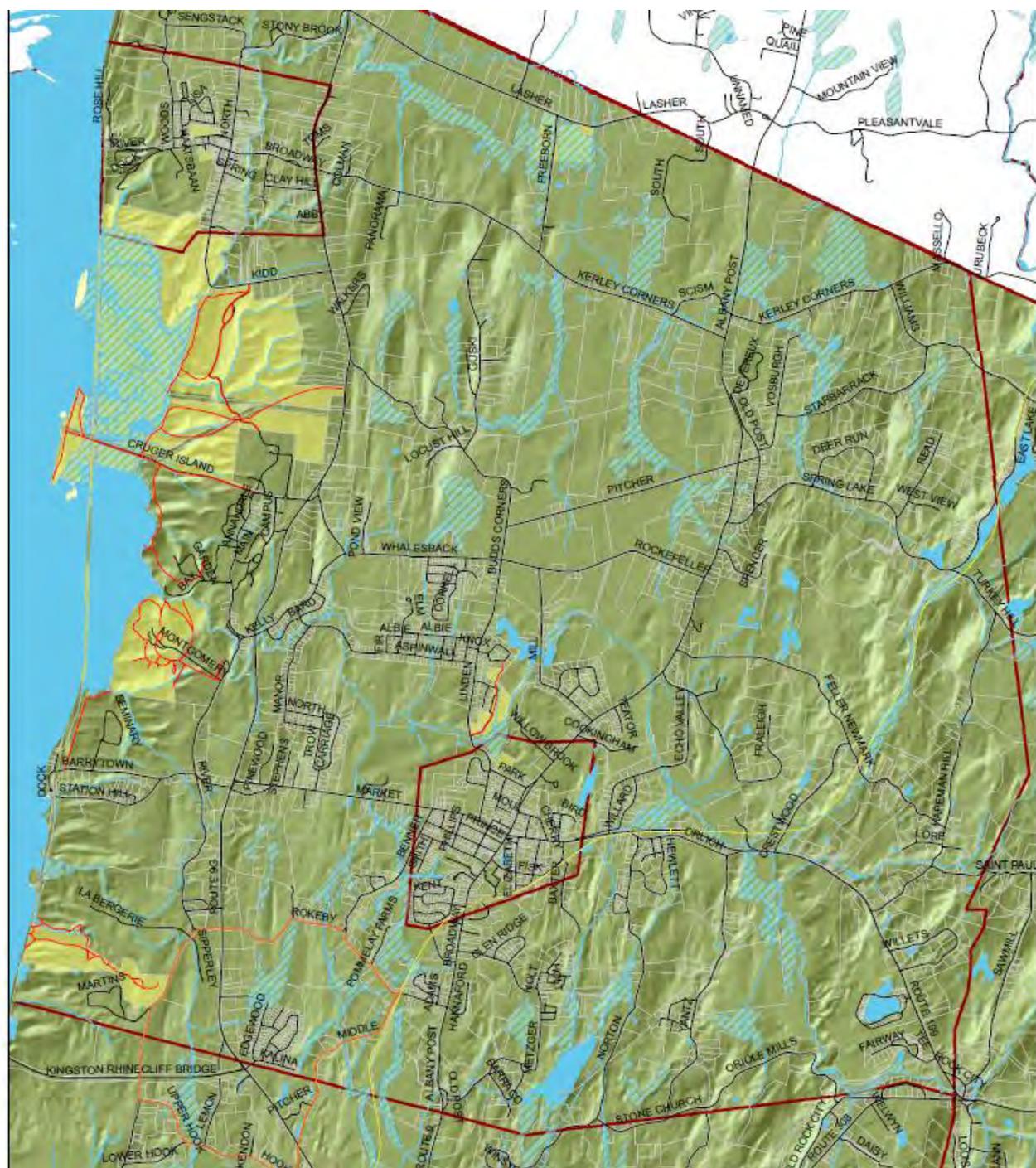
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Dutchess County Rail Infrastructure

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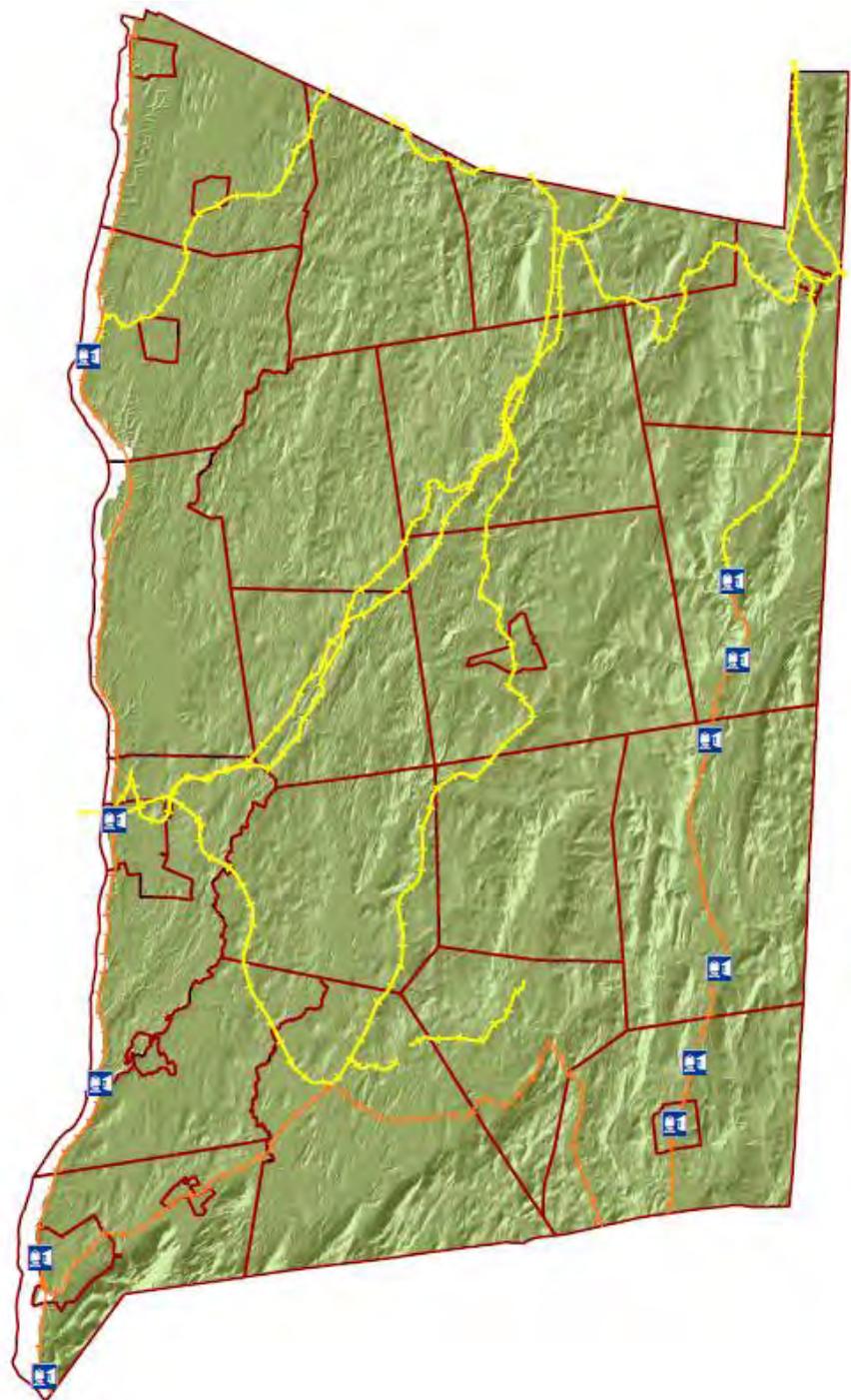


-  Rail Stations
-  Rail Lines
-  Abandoned Rail Bed



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The Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan
for Dutchess County, NY



On the Trail Coordination Horizon



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- 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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