



## Saratoga County Trails Grant Program

2015

In 2015 Saratoga County Board of Supervisors set aside \$100,000 in matching grant funding to assist municipalities in the construction of trails. This grant program is a 50/50 matching grant with county funding awarded directly to the municipality when the project is completed. The required local match can be either cash or in-kind services or a combination of both.

**Eligible Costs:** Costs eligible for funding include construction or reconstruction of trails, survey work, scoping reports and feasibility studies. Grant awards will be capped at \$10,000.

**Eligible Applicants:** Saratoga County Municipalities

**Application Period:** July 14, 2015 through September 14, 2015

**Application components to be submitted are as follows:**

**Project Cover Sheet:**

- ❖ Title of Proposed Project:
  
- ❖ Location of Proposed Project including Tax Map number, Project Address:
  
- ❖ Proposed Trail Length:
  
- ❖ Proposed Construction Material:
  
- ❖ Project Contact and Sponsoring Organization address, telephone number and email address.

**Project Summary-Brief proposal description:**

- ❖ Description of the property and its current use:

- ❖ Is Right of Way (ROW) owned or controlled by Applicant?
- ❖ Property's local and regional importance as a trail connection:
- ❖ Proposed project's compliance with local plans such as Municipal Comprehensive Plan, Green Infrastructure, Linkage Plan, Municipal Trails Plan, New York State Open Space Plan.

**Project Budget:**

- ❖ Total estimate cost of Proposed Project:
  - Design and Survey:
  - Plan Preparation:
  - Construction:
- ❖ Amount and sources of other outside funding sources:
- ❖ Amount of County Grant funds being requested:

**Project Maps:** (Saratoga County Planning Dept. can assist in preparation of Project Maps if necessary)

- ❖ Location map showing street names and important landmarks
- ❖ Aerial photo with tax map overlay
- ❖ Locations of connecting trails and associated amenities and nearby cultural resources.

**Project Ranking Considerations**

**Items will be ranked on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 lowest value, 5 highest value.**

**Resource Protection**

- Proximity to protected water body/waterway/aquifer
- Wildlife Habitat corridor
- Close proximity to significant wetlands complex
- Scenic view shed

- Provides public access
- Proximity to other parklands

### **Community Resource**

- Important to rural character of municipality
- Proximity to expanding residential growth
- Located close to public infrastructure
- Connectivity of Trail to other public Resources
- Provides viable transportation alternative in populated area
- Allows for multi-use trail

### **Local Support**

- Municipal designation as an important Community Resource as evidence in a Town adopted ordinance
- Matching Funding Sources confirmed as evidenced by a letter from entities providing the match.

### **Other**

- Applicant can provide additional narrative regarding the proposed project that will help the County Trails Committee understand its importance to the surrounding landscape, community and why it should be a top priority for grant funding.

**Submit 10 copies of the application either by Mail or In Person to**

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