



Hudson River Valley Greenway

Hudson Valley Trails Planning by the Hudson River Valley Greenway



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1991 Hudson River Valley Greenway Created.

The enabling legislation called for the creation of a Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail and set forth five criteria for the Greenway:

Greenway Criteria

Locally based Regional Planning

Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

Heritage and Environmental Education

Economic Development, including Agriculture and Tourism

Public Access to the Hudson River and other significant resources.



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Greenway Act of 1991, § 44-0121. Greenway Trail

The Conservancy shall designate and develop a trail system consistent with the greenway criteria connecting the city of New York to the Erie Canal to be known as the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail. To the fullest extent practicable, the trail shall...



- Be located with direct physical or, if not physical, visual access to the Hudson River;
- Be planned for both sides of the Hudson River;
- Have segments that can be restricted to non-motorized use;
- Utilize existing heritage trails, bikeways, scenic highways, railroad rights of way and esplanades and make connections with other trails including trails along tributaries of the Hudson River;
- Have connections to pathways that highlight the character and resources of the countryside communities.



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*Strategic Plan
1995 - 2005*

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Set forth an approach:

- Communities must request designation, no mandate
- Required maintenance plans
- Started with State agency partners first for designations to show the state's commitment.

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Much more on this later.



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**Hudson River Valley Greenway
Trail Vision Plan**



June 2004

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The 2004 Vision Plan established five trail types

Hudson River Valley Greenway Land Trail

Riverside Trails—Routes along or near both shores of the Hudson River; or that run along the ridge lines with views of the river. Generally north-south orientation.

Countryside Corridors—A network of rail trails, utility easement lines and shared roadways that connect the countryside communities in the Greenway area to those along the river.

Connector Trails—Trail connections between the Riverside Trails and Countryside Corridors.

NYS Bike Route 9—DOT's Bike Route 9.

Hudson River Greenway Water Trail—Reconfirmed the commitment to creating a kayaking/motorboating trail on the Hudson River.

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Again, a where are we, and where do we still need to go from here, exercise.



Accomplishments 1991-2019

Riverside Trails—282 miles

Countryside Corridors—64 miles

Connector Trails — 41 miles

NYS Bike Route 9—147 miles

Hudson River Greenway Water Trail—256 miles,
National Water Trail designation from USDOT



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2017 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announces the Empire State Trail