

May 24, 2017

Rail Trail Task Force
Town of Dryden
93 East Main Street
Dryden, NY 13053

Dear Property Owner,

We are reaching out to landowners and neighbors of the historic Dryden rail bed, to invite you (and your tenants) to participate in the exciting next step of designing the Dryden Rail Trail.

Please join us, together with Friends of the Dryden Rail Trail, at the **Rail Trail Community-Design Workshop**, from **9 am to noon, Saturday June 17** at the Dryden Fire Hall (Neptune Hose Co. #1), 26 North St. in the Village of Dryden.

Workshop facilitators David Cutter, Cornell Landscape Architect & Village of Dryden resident, and Reed Huegerich, CU Transportation Planner, will lead a lively program.

It will feature an overview of the Dryden Rail Trail project, which aims to connect the Jim Schug Trail in the Village of Dryden on to Freeville, the hamlets of Etna and Varna, and in to Ithaca at the East Ithaca Recreation Way. The trail will provide the essential 10.5-mile link for off-road hiking, walking, running, cross-country skiing, biking, bird watching, and much more.

Through pictures, slides and videos, the workshop will provide a chance to learn more about the history of the Dryden rail bed, progress in making the trail a reality over the last two years, and about elements of other rail trail projects around the country.

The heart of the workshop will be opportunities for neighbors to share ideas about the look and feel of our Rail Trail. What should be the overall theme? What will the trail logo look like? What about the design of the signs, benches and informational kiosks? Can we create these trail features so they can be built by volunteer crews? Are there ways that local communities and businesses along the trail can personalize nearby sections to reflect their unique resources?

We look forward to exploring possibilities for these and other important planning questions together. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, email: <rmb24@cornell.edu>

Sincerely,

Bob Beck, Chair, Dryden Rail Trail Task Force
Bruno Schickel, Vice Chair
Alice Walsh Green, Task Force Member