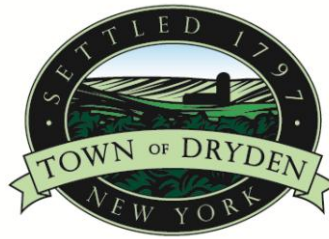


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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Clearing of the “Rail Trail” Begins with Help from Project Lead**

Clearing of the rail bed in the Town of Dryden began last week with the help of a group of young people participating in Project Lead, Dryden’s youth employment program. The first section of cleared rail trail was located in Etna with permission from Ross and Rachel Adkins. Clearing of brush and small trees was supervised by several adults, including Alice Green, Milo Richman, David Keifer, Judy Auble, and Bob Beck.

Project Lead is the town’s youth employment program that is funded by the Town of Dryden and run by Cornell Cooperative Extension. It is focused on educating and preparing youth ages 12-18 for their first jobs. Each week, youth participate in a different educational program and learn different skills related to being a good employee and working with others. At the end of the week, participants receive a certificate to show potential employers indicating the skills they learned.

Project Lead is coordinated and run by Program Manager Alexandra Hartley and can be contacted at arh238@cornell.edu.

For more information about the Town of Dryden Rail Trail, or to become involved in the Friends of the Rail Trail, contact Bob Beck, chair, at [rmb24@cornell.edu](mailto:rmb24@cornell.edu).



Pictured:  
Elected officials: Jason Leifer, Supervisor; Dan Lamb, Deputy Supervisor; Kathy Servoss, Councilperson. Friends of the Rail Trail: Bob Beck, Chair; Milo Richman; David Keifer, Judy Auble; Alice Green (not shown). 11 Project Lead Youth

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