

# Marbletown's Efforts Related to Bicycling and Walking

2019 Update - Formerly Action 6.10

8 total points

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| 1. Develop a bicycle/pedestrian master plan (or similar plan) applicable to the entire jurisdiction (within last 10 years) | 3 |
| 2. Expand and improve bike/walking paths, bike lanes and sidewalks   | 3 |
| 3. Improve bike parking  | 2 |
| 4. Improve bike and pedestrian signage   | 2 |
| 5. Develop a bike share program  | 5 |

## 1. Develop a bicycle/pedestrian master plan (or similar plan) - 3 points

Hamlet Strategic Plan. 2011. A copy of the Plan is available to the public at the Stone Ridge Library. The [PDF version](#) is available on the town website. A map with planned pedestrian walkways is on page 13. Pedestrian, biking and hiking information can be found on pages 14- 15, 23-24, 30 and A-2.

**2019 UPDATE:** Marbletown helped create the O&W Rail Trail Coalition. A breakdown of the seven municipalities is [here](#). The [Cooperation Agreement](#) is available on the new [Rail Trail website](#). This website is an addition to the Committee pages on the separate municipality websites. Marbletown's Committee page is [here](#).

## 2. Expand and improve bike paths and bike lanes - 3 points

**2019 Update:** Within its town borders, Marbletown has been working to finalize the expansion of the O&W into the hamlet of High Falls. See below, on page 6, in bold red type.

This expansion is in addition to constant repaving, clearing and mowing of the trail to keep it clear and open all year. Photos are [here](#).

#### **4. Improve bike signage - 2 points**

2016 Update: In addition to new signage going up in Hurley, signage is also ready for the portions of the trail in Rochester. Marbletown has been assisting.

**2019 Update:** Kiosks have been improved and printed maps have been updated. An example of the map is [here](#). Extra signage has been installed. See below, pages 4 and 5, in bold red type.

*Below are annual reports from 2015, 2016 and 2018. These show Marbletown's improvements, as well as some of the Coalition's improvements across the entire trail.*

## **Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee – 2015 year end report**

This year the trails team focused on erosion prevention, drainage improvements and trail resurfacing. Trail widening and fallen or leaning tree removals went on as required by committee members. The beaver pond and dams continued to be a nuisance that had to be remedied almost weekly during the Spring and Fall wet seasons. Specific jobs were as follows:

Install drainage ditch approximately 1,000 feet; recover and open up 16” cast iron drainage pipe south of Rest Plaus road resulting significant drying and improvement of the trail in that segment. Work done by Garland Excavation, much of it Pro Bono.

Annual drainage improvement of the area south of Cottekill road for about 1,000 feet. Also another 1,000 feet north of Marcott trail head. This work coordinated by the chair with the work done by Ulster County probation department's community service group.

Resurfacing of approximately 500' of trail by Highway Dept. north of the Damon crossing north of Leggett road. Huge improvement for walking and biking. Done with trail budget dollars.

Repair of eroded embankment at Benjamin Brook large culvert near Rondout Manufacturing. Work done by Highway Dept. with trail budget dollars.

Removal of large stump at intersection of Boice's driveway; recover and open 12” cast iron culvert at same location. Work done by committee.

Resurfacing of Leggett road trail entry for approximately 200' covering protruding roots and filling in wet areas . Done by Highway with trail budget dollars..

Scheduled mowing of the 8.7 mile trail during mowing season resulting in significant widening of the trail. This well done work was done by highway.

The chair attended monthly Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee monthly meetings.

The chair coordinated the initial year of O&W rail trail coalition of municipalities monthly meetings. New trail maps and signage are currently being developed by this group. Initial trail signs for Hurley (engraved by USHECO at no charge) earmarking the trail to Kingston have been completed and will be installed soon.

The committee has just received a \$2100 grant for kiosk map design and replacement from the Mohonk Preserve.

Happy to report that the Boy Scout Eagle Project of scout Andrew Davis for erecting a new kiosk at Rest Plaus road and reroofing the kiosks at Rte. 213 and Leggett road has been completed. Soon there will be a redesigned sign to complement these kiosks done by the committee.

Thanks to our Highway Department, The UC Probation Department, Garland Excavation, USHECO of Rosendale, Marian McCorkle Design, the Mohonk Preserve and of course our very active Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee team members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Pezzino, Chair

## Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee - 2016 Year End Report

Once again your Committee spent their time in 2016 maintaining and upgrading the 8.7 miles that comprises the Marbletown portion of the O&W Rail Trail in Ulster County. The following upgrades were performed.

○ **New color maps of the entire trail from Kingston to Ellenville were installed on our trail kiosks at Marcott, Cottekill, Leggett, Rte 213 and Rest Plaus trail heads. Funding for the design and production of the maps was provided by a grant from the Mohonk Preserve.** (Kiosk picture with new map here.)

○ Over a thousand linear feet of stone (Item4) was paved from the Cottekill trail head south. It provides a smooth surface to walk or bike and adds drainage height to the trail bed. The work was performed by the town's highway department with funds from the trail budget. Additional Item4 was also paved near the Leggett Road trail head. (Highway paving picture goes here.)

○ All trail head gates were cleaned and repainted red by a volunteer crew of the Ulster County Realtors Association in the Spring. (Realtors workparty picture goes here.)

○ **The kiosks at the Marcott, Cottekill, Leggett and Rte. 213 trail heads were releveled and reroofed. The work was done by contract from the trails budget. The roofs at Leggett and Rte. 213 were done by Eagle Scout Andrew Davis as part of his project.** (Kiosk with new roof goes here.)

○ The silos at the Cottekill trail head were painted by contract with funds from the trails budget. (Silo picture goes here.)

○ Our trail volunteers contributed many hours of their time and equipment (chainsaws, pickups, hand tools, etc.) toward keeping the trail open year round. The Ash Borer disease continues to plaque the area and the dead trees left by the disease has led to additional work party clean ups. The volunteers spent additional hours keeping the side walls of the trail trimmed back. (Picture cutting down tree at Leggett parking goes here.)

○ Our highway department was called in to take on the task of cleaning up after two large tree falls on the trail. Heavy equipment had to be brought in to assist in the work. This work was paid for by the trails budget. (No picture.)

○ Continued bi-weekly mowing of the trail by the highway department contributed greatly to the general neatness of the trail and reduced tick and poison ivy incidence. (Picture of Doug on mower goes here.)

○ Community Service of Ulster County provided drainage ditch remediation along the Cottekill portion of the trail. (No picture.)

○ The chair attended the monthly meetings of the Ulster County Trail Advisory Committee; and lead the way to the formal creation of the O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities. As a result, a grant sponsored by Hudson Valley Greenway and submitted by the Town of Marbletown and co-applied for by the Coalition will provide newly designed brochures for the trail in the Spring. The brochures will also be partially funded by a grant from Ulster County Tourism. (No picture.)

Respectfully submitted by Carl Pezzino...Chair, Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee

## **O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities year end 2016 Annual Report**

The Coalition had a number of major accomplishments in 2016, its official year of establishment.

0 By June 2016 all seven municipalities including the towns of Ulster, Hurley, Marbletown, Rochester, Wawarsing along with the City of Kingston and the Village of Ellenville, signed the Agreement establishing the Coalition under Article 5G of New York State General Municipal Law.

0 Officers were elected. Carl Pezzino (Marbletown), Chair; Terry Houck, (Wawarsing), Vice Chair; and Ralph Durham (Hurley), Treasurer. The office of Secretary remains open.

0 All seven municipalities have paid the initial start up fee of \$500 each. A total of \$3,505 is on deposit at the Coalition's account at Ulster Savings. No expenses have yet been incurred nor withdrawals made.

**0 The Coalition created a map to be used on kiosks through out the O&W and currently installed on kiosks in Hurley and Marbletown. Funding for the initial design for the map was made possible by a grant from the Mohonk Preserve. Additional maps may be purchased by each municipality.**

**0 Welcome and directional signage was installed throughout the trail welcoming residents and visitors alike to the O&W. All the municipalities now have at least one welcome sign at their respective trail entrances or town lines. The signs were, and will continue to be, routed out by USHECO manufacturing in Rosendale at no charge to the Coalition. The signs were then painted and installed by the member towns.**

0 A website name has been applied for with the initial content being the O&W Coalition's map. We expect this to be up and online soon. Then a copy of the brochure, buttons to sister trail websites, minutes, trail pictures, etc.

**0 A grant was applied for and received by the Coalition from the Hudson Valley Greenway for a new brochure highlighting the O&W map, the O&W's history and the Coalition members. The Coalition is a co-applicant with the Town of Marbletown. The grant will cover 50% of the cost (up to \$2,000) of the design and production of the brochure (20,000 pieces). An additional 50% sponsorship from Ulster County Tourism to be used toward printing costs should make up for most of the rest of the cost. The Coalition will cover any small difference that remains. The brochure design is currently under review by the Coalition and availability for distribution is expected in the early Spring.**

0 The Coalition met 9 times (8 in quorum) in 2016. Discussion, in addition to the above items, focused on planning for the end to end completion of the trail from Kingston to Ellenville. A plan to track the work items in each municipality needed to complete the trail is under review. Each municipality has at least one member on the Coalition team. In addition ad hoc members from Ulster County Planning, the National Park Service and the Minnewaska State Park attend meetings.

## 2018 Annual Summary of Activities

### **General actions for the Coalition:**

**Coalition Website:** With the financial support of the Coalition, and the additional support of the town of Marbletown's Supervisor's office and a local website designer, the Coalition Website is now online! **Go to: [theoandwtrailtrail.org](http://theoandwtrailtrail.org)**

**Historic Train Station Exhibit:** In coordination with the O&W Coalition Chair, the town of Marbletown's Youth and Recreation Department, the Supervisor's office and the Hurley Heritage Society, action has been taken to move the professionally curated O&W Train Station exhibit from the Society's building on Main street in Hurley to Marbletown town hall. Grand Opening is scheduled for late February/early March 2019 at Marbletown town hall. This display will be moved from time to time to the coalition municipal members's town, city and village halls.

**Here are the major activities taken on by Coalition member municipalities. In addition all municipalities have participated in general clearing, mowing and cleaning up of their respective trail segments.**

**Kingston, Ulster, Hurley Segment:** Work on the "Kingston Connector", which will connect the trail from Washington Avenue in Kingston, through the Town of Ulster, to the farm tunnel in Hurley, continues to move forward with 2 of the 3 rights of way offers being accepted. Pending the third offer being accepted by new owners, the project is scheduled to begin construction by the Fall of this year (2019).

**Hurley:** The town of Hurley Highway Department continues to maintain this portion of the O&W to a high standard. Winter plowing after snow storms of the black top section of the trail allows for almost year round safe usage of this over 2 mile section.

**Marbletown: Partnered with the High Falls Conservancy, a grant application has been submitted to Rails to Trails for funds to formalize the connection between the O&W at Rte 213/Lucas Turnpike and the Hamlet of High Falls. Grant request is for 48,000 dollars.**

**A property swap between the town of Marbletown and a private land owner at the intersection of the trail and Rest Plaus road for parking has been approved and papers filed for deeds with the county. Construction completion of this ten car parking area is expected in the Spring, weather permitting.**

**Rochester:** The town is creating a new Trails Committee to be formed in February of 2019. The committee will work on all trail related sectors including the Rondout Creek. The town is also endeavoring to add a small parking area next to the trail intersection at DeJaeger Lane and Lucas Turnpike.

**Wawarsing:** Work proceeds on clearing the northern section of the trail in Wawarsing by the Renegades Bike Club. A change in the scope of work has been requested for the FHWA grant in this area as well.

The Wawarsing Highway Dept. has been actively reconstituting and resurfacing the 1.2 mile part of the trail on the Ellenville Correctional Facility prison easement. Completion is expected by Summer 2019.

**Ellenville:** Design consultants Clough Harbor have reported design progress on the half mile connection between Berme Road Park and the entry point of the trail at the Ellenville sanitation building.