

YES, WE ARE OPEN!

If you plan on using our facilities, please wear a face covering and maintain social distance.

While enjoying outdoor spaces, please continue to follow CDC/NYSDOH/ACDOH's guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick, or showing or feeling any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, coughing, and/or troubled breathing;
 - Practice social distancing by keeping at least six (6) feet of distance between yourself and others, even when outdoors;
 - Wear a mask when you cannot maintain social distancing;
 - Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging or high-fives;
 - Wash hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available; and,
 - Avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces that are often touched, such as doorknobs and handrails.
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ALBANY COUNTY

Helderberg
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RAIL TRAIL

Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail

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Welcome to the Rail Trail!

The public recreational Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail stretches nine miles along the old Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Railroad between the Port of Albany and Voorheesville.

The entire length of the Rail Trail, from Pearl Street in Albany to Grove Street in Voorheesville, is fully paved and open for public use during daylight hours.

An incredible asset for Albany County residents and visitors, the Rail Trail adds tremendously to the quality of life in our region.

The many benefits include:

- Preservation of open space,
- Community linkages,
- Opportunities for physical fitness and outdoors enjoyment and
- Increased property values for surrounding communities.



Rail Trail General Maintenance: Week of December 7, 2020

Due to the forecast for dry weather this week, DPW will have several crews working on the Rail Trail performing tree & brush removal and general clean up. Please be aware and stay safe!

Please Keep the Rail Trail Clear of Yard Debris

For the safety of those who use the Rail Trail, Albany County DPW kindly asks residents not to place yard debris along the trail.

DPW inspects the trail several times a week for trees and branches that may have fallen across the trail and to ensure fencing is in good repair. If anything needs attention, a DPW crew is dispatched as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support!

Trail Etiquette

Friends, neighbors and visitors come together to enjoy a pleasant outdoor experience on the Rail Trail.

For the safety of all Rail Trail patrons please observe these courtesies:



- Be courteous and considerate of other trail users.
- Respect our neighbors and don't trespass on private property.
- Pets **must** be leashed at all times
- Control and clean up after your pet(s).
- Bicyclists should yield to pedestrians.
- Travel at a reasonable speed and in single file when path is crowded.
- Avoid startling others; announce "on your left" then pass with care.
- Move to the side when stopping on the trail.
- No hunting or discharging of firearms.
- Overnight camping and camp fires are prohibited.
- Remove your litter - this is a "Carry In/Carry Out" trail.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited. (Wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility assistance devices are permitted.)
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants & animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.

Above all, please do whatever you can to leave the Rail Trail better for your next visit!

Vital Statistics

Length: Approximately 9 miles

Acreage: Approximately 117 acres

Municipalities: City of Albany, Town of Bethlehem, Town of New Scotland, and Village of Voorheesville

East Terminus: Just east of South Pearl Street in the City of Albany

West Terminus: Just east of Main Street in the Village of Voorheesville

Highest Point: 350 feet above sea level near the west terminus

Lowest Point: 50 feet above sea level near the east terminus

Cost to Acquire Corridor: \$700,000

Source of Acquisition Funding: 50% NYS Parks Acquisition Grant + 50% contribution by Scenic Hudson, Inc.

Cost to County Tax Payers for Acquisition: \$0

Online Resources

- [Rails-to-Trails Conservancy](#)
- [Scenic Hudson, Inc.](#)
- [NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation](#)
- [Parks and Trails New York](#)

- [Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy](#)
 - [The Harlem Valley Rail Trail](#)
 - [The Wallkill Valley Rail Trail](#)
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Rail Trail Map

Event Request

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Trail Updates

