Vibrant pathways, living landscapes, active communities

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About the Kingston Land Trust

> **An Urban Land Trust**
  > Special focus on promoting the best and highest use of underutilized spaces in Kingston and surrounding communities

> **Key Programs/Initiatives**
  > The Kingston Greenline
  > Urban Agriculture/Land Matching
  > Community Land Trust
  > Pine Street Burial Ground Project

> **Recent Successes**
  > South Pine Street Farm finishes 6th year
  > Just launched new website

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.”

John Muir, *The Yosemite*
The Greenline Vision

a network of linear parks and complete streets that connects residents & visitors to Kingston’s rich historical, cultural, and recreational resources.
We’ve Got Great Trails!
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At the Center of the System

1. Kingston Point Rail Trail
2. Hudson River Greenway Water Trail
3. Hudson Valley Rail Trail & Walkway Over the Hudson
4. Wallkill Valley Rail Trail
5. Mohonk Preserve and Minnewaska State Park
6. O&W Rail Trail/D&H Canal Heritage Corridor
7. Hudson River Greenway Water Trail
8. The Catskill Mountains

Planned
Existing

Ashokan Trail
The Kingston Greenline

- Existing Segments
- Proposed Future Segments
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- “Complete Streets” Connections
Making the Case for the Greenline

> For a stronger economy
  *It generates economic activity, creates jobs*

> For a healthier population
  *It improves health, combats chronic disease*

> For social and environmental justice
  *It offers greater mobility and access to all*

> For quality of life
  *It attracts and retains people to stabilize our city’s urban neighborhoods*

“If you build it, they will come…”

Craig Della Penna, REALTOR®
Kingston Point Rail Trail Feasibility Study
Kingston Greenline Conceptual Plan
Kingston Connectivity Project

- City-led project in partnership with KLT
- Detailed design phase (Saratoga Associates)
- Combination of on-street and off-street
- Approx $2M in grants received (DOS, OPRHP, Central Hudson)
- Construction underway!
Building a Better Broadway Study

- Approx $4M in grants awarded in 2013 (NYSERDA, NYSDOT) plus additional funding in 2016

- Conceptual design fast-tracked with County support

- City-led detailed design and construction, with KLT support

- Project involves major re-design of the Broadway corridor – signalization, traffic calming, place-making, green infrastructure
Building a Better Broadway Concept

Broadway Phase 1

Legend
Separate Bike Lanes
Sharrows

Protected Cycletrack
Sharrows

Kingston Point Rail Trail

Valkill Valley Rail Trail

Grand Street Hub

Meagher Elementary School

Kingston High School

Wood St.

E. Chester St.
Building a Better Broadway

- Preliminary design was rejected by DOT
- Doesn’t adhere to AASHTO standards
- But FHWA has endorsed NACTO standards
- Our design complies with NACTO, has been done elsewhere in NYS
- Need to push DOT for approval
The U&D and the O&W

- County policy for rail and trail on the U&D between Midtown and Highmount
- County has begun to solicit input for design of Midtown Linear Park!
- Detailed design and site control underway on Kingston O&W Rail Trail
- Construction underway for the Ashokan Trail (from West Hurley to Boiceville – 11.5m)
The Ashokan Trail & the U&D Corridor
Ulster County Midtown Linear Park

- Park at the end of Field Court
- Sharrows on Field Court
- Trailhead on Cornell Street at the end of the Uptown Trail
- Protected cycle track through the municipal parking lot
- Sharrows and counterflow bike lane on Thomas Street
The Kingston O&W Rail Trail

- Alternative 1 Selected
- ROW Process Underway
- Final Design Q2 2016
- Construction 2019/2020

Alternative 1 – O&W = 1.8 mi
Alternative 2 – U&D/Route 209 = 1.8 mi
Connecting to the WVRT

> Lots of ROW issues – corridor sold to adjacent property owners

> Few attractive alternatives – Rte 32, Linderman Ave

> Critical link to connect Northern and Southern Ulster County!

> Empire State Trail is jumpstarting on-street connections!
Lessons Learned

- Partnerships are critical, but that doesn’t mean they’re easy
- You can never do enough engagement and advocacy
- We need a top-down AND a bottom-up approach
Where Do We Go From Here?

- **Advocacy and Engagement**
  Coalition-building, neighborhood outreach, growing the grassroots…

- **Corridor Development**
  WVRT extension to midtown, CMRT, O&W Connector, Hudson Landing Promenade

- **Design and Construction**
  City and KLT-led design process, KPRT construction, B’way signals & enhancements

- **Maintenance and Management**
  Comprehensive management plan, organizational development, fundraising
Volunteers doing some "heavy lifting" on the Kingston Point Rail Trail in 2013

Together, let's build these trails!

Join the Movement!

> Help us advocate for trails and complete streets as a way to improve public health

> Become a volunteer to help with events and clean-ups

> Sign up for notices and announcements and learn more about the Greenline at www.KingstonGreenline.org

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