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Work Resumes on Mohansic Trailway

Yorktown Heights, New York, March 31, 2019: Work resumed on the second and final phase of the Mohansic Trailway last week when a dedicated group of volunteers, not afraid to get dirty, moved dirt to prepare the area for the construction of two bridges over the trail's stream. The earth moving will enable the volunteers to build the bridges and walls as well as widen the trail (treadway) on the north side of the stream.

Next on the to do list is to extend the trail to Route 118. Volunteers will cut back vegetation and remove debris and some invasives. The Highway Department will remove a bit more of the berm and lay down item 4 in selected areas.

Jane and Walt Daniels are supervising the work.

Phase I of the Trailway project, completed last fall, included the construction of an eight foot wide 564 foot long boardwalk from Baldwin Road and one bridge. A scout project completed another 50 feet of boardwalk.

When completed, the Trailway will provide an off road link between the North County Trail and FDR State Park and from the Park to many of Yorktown's other trails.

People interested in volunteering to work on the Trailway (most work trips are scheduled on Friday and Saturday should send an email to yorktowntrailtown@gmail.com. Email notifications are sent out weekly with the schedule of that week's work trips and a description of the work to be done. For high school students, volunteering for the Trailway can count towards their required community service hours. Permission slips are needed for youths ages 14-17.

The Mohansic Trailway is being funded by two 50/50 matching grants from the Hudson River Valley Greenway: a \$7,500 grant to the Town of Yorktown and a \$12,500 grant to the non-profit Yorktown Trail Town Committee. The Committee's match was met by a combination of volunteer time and donations that helped cover the unexpected and dramatic increase in the cost of lumber.

Formed in 2014, the Yorktown Trail Town Committee's dual mission is to leverage the town's extensive network of foot and biking trails to promote economic development while at the same time providing greater recreational, health and social benefits to its residents and visitors.

More information about the Mohansic Trailway and Yorktown Trail Town Committee is available at www.yorktowntrailtown.com.

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