

You see trails and trees. We see connections.

## Welcome to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail

### **At the intersection of the past, present, and future.**

In the mid-1980s, when the New York and Harlem Railroad Line was abandoned, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) was founded and the concept of a 46-mile Trail on the old rail bed was proposed in Columbia and Dutchess Counties.

We're a non-profit, educational, and membership organization. We're change agents who advocates for enhancements in our counties, including the completion of the Rail Trail between Wassaic and Chatham, NY.





— Completed and open  
 - - - Shovel ready – completion pending final funding  
 . . . Final design and permitting stage – Trail closed.  
 . . . Pre-planning – Trail closed

## Where the Trail leads.

It took 37 years to build the existing 26 miles of our Trail, which goes from Wassaic to Hillsdale. We're committed to raising the necessary funds to finish the final 20 miles, from Hillsdale to the Village of Chatham, in 5 years – knitting these communities together again.

Here's our plan:

- Phase I – Build the Trail from the Village of Chatham to the Bartlett House
- Phase II – Build from Bartlett House crossing Route 66 through the Village of Philmont
- Build out the Hillsdale section to the Taconic State Parkway
  - The Golden Spike! Connect both sides of the Trail with crossing of the Taconic State Parkway!



# There are many ways you can join us on our journey.

## **Enjoy the Trails.**

Bring family and friends to explore the spectacular and serene surroundings. Hike, bike, skate, run, bird watch, be in nature. Wander from Trails to towns to experience all the amazing things our counties have to offer.

## **Become a member.**

We're proud to say, we've never raised our dues rates. Join us and enjoy the benefits of membership, including e-newsletters and an invitation to our annual meeting. Your donation will support us in promoting the Trail, including raising matching funds for grants to help us design and build new sections of the Trail.

[Join here.](#)

## **Volunteer.**

Thanks to our volunteers who help with Trail maintenance, and install amenities, like benches, along the Trail. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact us at [hvrta@fairpoint.net](mailto:hvrta@fairpoint.net).

## **Donate.**

We rely on the generosity of people and organizations who enjoy and support the Harlem Valley Rail Trail to help continue to build our paths of possibilities. Your donations go a long way to helping us reach our goals. We appreciate your interest in participating in our growth...growth that benefits us all. [Donate here.](#)

The HVRTA is a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization.

Stop by or reach out to us to find out more about the Harlem Valley Rail Trail's history and future:

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