

Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
June 27, 2019
4:00 – 5:00 PM
Town of Plattsburgh Town Hall

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
 - Clinton County - Sean Dermody, Paula Calkins-Lacombe, Sara Rowden
 - City of Plattsburgh - Jesse Feiler
 - Saranac - Nick Carter
 - Schuyler Falls - Phil Von Barga
 - Town of Plattsburgh - VACANT
- Approval of May 9, 2019 Minutes
- Officer's Reports
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Old Business
- New Business
 - SRTG Phase II and III
 - Phase II Design Document: <http://www.cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1215>
 - Treadwell Mills Funding
 - Resolution Authorizing the President to Sign the Agreement for the Award of Tobacco Settlement Fund Monies
 - Extending Trail from George Angell Drive to Rugar Woods
 - Rugar Woods Trail and Signage
- Other Announcements
- Community Input
- Adjournment

Notes

Saranac River Trail Greenway, Incorporated
Minutes for Meeting of Thursday May 09, 2019
Held in Room 215 of the Clinton County Government Center
137 Margaret Street; Plattsburgh NY 12901

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
4. Officer's Reports
5. Old Business
 - a. Tobacco Settlement Funding Proposal
6. New Business
 - a. By-Laws Revision (Discussion / Action)
 - b. Tax Status and Filing (Discussion / Action)
7. Other Announcements
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Friends of the Saranac River Walks / National Trails Day (June 1, 2019)
 - ii. Friends / Water Resource Recovery Facility Tour (June 22, 2019)
 - iii. River Run Triathlon (August 10, 2019)
8. Community Input
9. Adjournment

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Feiler at 4:08 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Paula Calkins-Lacombe, Nick Carter, Sean Dermody, Jesse Feiler, and Phil Von Barga were the board members present. A quorum was determined to be present.

James Bosley was also present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:

Motion: Approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on March 14, 2019.

By: Sean Dermody

Second: Nick Carter

For: All Ayes

Against: None

Motion Carried 5-0

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Jesse Feiler reported that the county legislative committee which reviews tobacco settlement fund requests is recommending \$5,000 in tobacco settlement funds be awarded by Clinton County to the SRTG for the Treadwells Mills section of trail.

We still need a board appointee from the Town of Plattsburgh.

Should we have a formal mechanism to recognize a portion of trail as part of the greenway?

Treasurer Nick Carter reported that there has been no change in the bank account balance: \$1,940.33. The 2018 taxes are complete.

Secretary Sean Dermody reported that once the by-laws revisions have been decided on [which may affect the timing of terms of board members], he will reach out to the Town of Plattsburgh to request that they do an appointing resolution.

Old Business:

The full County Legislature will vote on tobacco settlement fund request awards on May 22nd.

New Business:

Motion: Approve by-laws revisions as presented by Sean Dermody.

By: Sean Dermody

Second: Paula Calkins-Lacombe

For: All ayes

Against: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion: Authorize Sean Dermody to send letters to appointing municipalities asking for SRTG board member terms to align with the calendar year and the SRTG by-laws.

By: Nick Carter

Second: Phil Von Bargen

For: All ayes

Against: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Upcoming Events:

Mayor's Cup is July 4th weekend.

The SRTG, Inc. will do a site visit of the Rugar Woods Blue Trails on May 22nd at 2pm, meeting at the end of George Angell Drive by the Webb Island Bridge. James Bosley will bring maps. The purpose will be to look at proposed trail alignments for easement purposes. James Bosley needs the SRTG, Inc. to have all necessary easements in hand before NYSDOT TAP funding can be applied for by Clinton County for the final design and construction of the Blue Trails.

Is there a cost involved with getting the easement documents? Would a survey be needed? Could we ask economic development council(s) for money? If the school is working on its athletic fields, could it bring in a section of trail as part of that project?

Community Input:

None.

Next Meeting:

Other than upcoming site visit, the next scheduled meeting is Thursday June 27th at 4:00pm. The venue has not yet been reserved.

From: Jesse Feiler <jfeiler@champlainarts.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 6:40 AM
To: Miller, Matthew <MillerMa@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov>
Subject: DEC Permit

The City has received the DEC permit for Phase II and that is public information. In passing that information along, I'm making certain that people know this is but one more step on the road to completion of Phase II, but we are moving forward and that is very positive news. Thanks to you and everyone else who has worked on this project.

Onward to the next step!

Jesse

From Matt Miller:

For the SRT Phase II update, this week the City finally received the permit from DEC to proceed with SRT Phase II. Stantec is finalizing the project plans based on comments from DEC and NYSEG. When complete, these plans will then be sent to DOT for review and final approval. Once DOT approves, we will be able to bid out the Phase II work which is likely commence in the spring of 2020. Plans for SRT Phase III are on hold until details regarding the scope of the improvements to the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility and the City's larger plan for development of the harborside area are clarified. I'm not familiar with the LCBP Ruger Woods Grant or plans to connect the SRT and Blue Trails.

Best,
Matt

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May 28, 2019

Saranac River Trail Greenway
135 Margaret Street, Suite 124
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

RE: Tobacco Settlement Funding

Dear Awardee:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of Resolution #381 titled "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for 2019 Projects." This Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Clinton County Legislature in Regular Session on May 22, 2019.

The decision by the Legislature results in an award of up to \$5,000 to your organization, to be paid by the County upon receipt of invoices by the Legislative Office upon the successful completion of the upgrade to the recreational trail. The funding may only be utilized to complete the project specified in your request. I understand that this award may not fully fund your request. There were simply insufficient funds to grant full award amounts to all worthy applicants. If you are unable to proceed with the project, even with this monetary award, please contact me as soon as possible.

If you are prepared to accept the award, please review and sign the enclosed grant agreement and Exhibit 1 and return to my attention.

Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Brown
Deputy County Administrator

RLB/jb
Enclosures

RESOLUTION #381 - 05/22/19

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO APPROPRIATE
AND TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE TOBACCO RESERVE FUND
FOR 2019 PROJECTS – TREASURER’S OFFICE

BY: Mr. Rosenquest

WHEREAS, Resolution #723 dated October 22, 2014 established a policy for expenditure of a portion of Tobacco Settlement funding for community-related projects, with the policy amended by Resolution #286 dated April 27, 2016 and Resolution #294 dated April 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned policy establishes an annual round of applications for tobacco settlement funding in April of each year; and

WHEREAS, nine applications were received by Clinton County during the April 2019 round, and all nine applications were reviewed by the Economic Development and County Operations Committee at its meeting of May 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their review, the Economic Development and County Operations Committee recommends that \$73,000 be awarded for the following projects:

- 1) Town of Saranac/Foundation of CVPH: \$10,000 for Recreation Trail Development
- 2) Town of Schuyler Falls/Foundation of CVPH: \$10,000 for River St. Park Development
- 3) Clinton County Historian: \$10,000 for Production of Historic Sites Map
- 4) North Country Honor Flight: \$10,000 for Honor Flight Expenses
- 5) Brigid Project, Inc.: \$5,000 for expenses associated with the Project
- 6) Saranac River Trail Greenway: \$5,000 towards trail improvement
- 7) Saranac Fire Department: \$10,000 towards purchase of a drone and accessories
- 8) Literacy Volunteers of Clinton County: \$8,000 Literacy Camp expenditures
- 9) Mooers Free Library: \$5,000 Community Park/Garden development

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development and County Operations Committee, at its meeting of May 8, 2019, the Clinton County Legislature hereby awards Tobacco Settlement funding to the following organizations and in the following amounts:

Town of Saranac/Foundation of CVPH

A.351100	\$10,000	
A.396000	\$10,000	
A2989084-5400		\$10,000

Town of Schuyler Falls/Foundation of CVPH

A.351100	\$10,000	
A.396000	\$10,000	
A2989084-5400		\$10,000

Clinton County Historian

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Saranac River Trail Greenway

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Saranac Fire Department

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Literacy Volunteers of Clinton County

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Mooers Free Library

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairperson is authorized to execute all necessary documents.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Conroy
ADOPTED

"Yes"	9
"No"	0
Absent	1 (Mr. Peryea)

RESOLUTION #381 - 05/22/19

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF CLINTON) SS:
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution acted upon by the County Legislature in Regular Session on May 22, 2019.

A quorum being present, and a majority voting therefor.

(SEAL)


Michael E. Zurlo
Clerk of the Legislature

Agreement for the Award of Monies from the Tobacco Settlement Fund

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into on _____, by and between the County of Clinton, a municipal corporation of New York (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), having its principal office at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, and the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "GRANTEE"), having its principal office located at 135 Margaret Street –Suite 124, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, COUNTY has received funding from Tobacco Settlement proceedings, and has agreed to expend a portion of the funds received for community improvement projects within Clinton County that provide a public benefit; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 294 of the Clinton County Legislature , duly adopted on April 26, 2017, Clinton County set forth a policy to award funding from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to worthy projects that provide a public benefit; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 381 of the Clinton County Legislature, duly adopted on May 22, 2019, Clinton County awarded the amount of \$5,000 to the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc. for the purpose of trail improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. COUNTY will pay to GRANTEE the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purposes outlined in SECTION TWO below.
2. GRANTEE shall utilize the funding provided by COUNTY under this Agreement for the following specific purpose: trail improvement.
3. The terms of the payment of these funds by COUNTY to GRANTEE shall include the following:
 - A) GRANTEE shall only be paid for the purpose(s) described in SECTION TWO above.
 - B) GRANTEE shall furnish the COUNTY with an invoice(s) detailing the expenditures incurred to further the purpose specified in SECTION TWO above.

- C) COUNTY shall pay to GRANTEE all eligible expenses incurred, not to exceed the sum of \$5,000.
 - D) GRANTEE must incur the expenses for the purpose specified in SECTION TWO on or before December 31, 2020, otherwise the COUNTY reserves the right to rescind this award in its entirety, or the portion of the award that remains unexpended by that date.
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- 4. GRANTEE shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless COUNTY from and against all claims and demands whatsoever, including costs, litigation expenses, counsel fees and liabilities in connection therewith arising out of injury to or death of any person whatsoever or damage to any property of any kind by whomever, owned, caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by the acts or omissions of the GRANTEE, or any person employed by said GRANTEE, its contractors, subcontractors, or any person directly or indirectly employed by them, while engaged in the performance of the work to be performed by GRANTEE, or any activity associated therewith or relative thereto.
 - 5. The GRANTEE shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or interest herein without first receiving written approval from COUNTY.
 - 6. Changes in this Agreement shall be permitted only upon written approval by both COUNTY and GRANTEE.
 - 7. GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances and regulations.
 - 8. GRANTEE shall cause to be executed the Memorandum attached as EXHIBIT 1, in compliance with New York County Law Section 224, and shall submit the signed document to the Clinton County Legislative office at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been approved and the parties have executed the Agreement as follows:

Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc. Date

County of Clinton Date
Chairperson, Clinton County Legislature

Exhibit 1

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT

To: Clinton County Treasurer

From: Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.

Date:

The Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc. hereby agrees to comply with the terms of the resolution approved by the Clinton County Legislature and the terms of the Agreement signed by the parties for receipt of Tobacco Settlement funding by the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.

Disbursing Officer of the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.

Date: _____

Principal Officer of the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.

Date: _____

Note: The Disbursing Officer and Principal Officer may be the same individual.

**BOARD RESOLUTION OF THE SARANAC RIVER TRAIL GREENWAY, INC.
AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE AWARD
OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND MONIES**

WHEREAS, The Saranac River Trail Greenway (“SRTG”) is a conceptual vision of an interconnected 27-mile corridor of braided trails providing recreation and transportation amenities from downtown Plattsburgh to the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, AND

WHEREAS, the mission of the Saranac River Trial Greenway, Inc. Board of Directors (“Board”) is to establish and develop SRTG trails and infrastructure, AND

WHEREAS, the Board has identified an existing trail located on the property of Clinton County and M.A. Jerry and connecting to lands of Saranac Power Partners, better known as the Treadwell Mills Dam, for incorporation into the SRTG with minimal improvements, AND

WHEREAS, the SRTG in cooperation with the Town of Plattsburgh, submitted a Tobacco Settlement Funding Proposal Form to Clinton County requesting \$10,000.00 for these trail improvements, AND

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 381 of the Clinton County Legislature duly adopted on May 22, 2019, Clinton County awarded the amount of \$5,000 to the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc. (“Funds”), AND

WHEREAS, Clinton County requires the Board to sign an Agreement for the Award of Monies from the Tobacco Settlement Fund (“Agreement”), AND

WHEREAS, the SRTG has reviewed the terms of the Agreement and is amenable to its terms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the SRTG President to accept the Funds and to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is authorized to send a copy of this resolution and the signed Agreement to Clinton County, with a copy to be included in the official minutes of the Board.

DULY APPROVED on the 27th Day of June, 2019.

Jesse Feiler, President

YES =

NO =

ABSTAIN =

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

1. That I am the duly elected Secretary of the Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc. Board of Directors, and
2. That the foregoing constitutes a Resolution of the Board of said organization, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held on the 27th day of June, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name certifying passage of this resolution, this ____th day of _____, 2019.

Sean Dermody
Secretary
Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.

Treadwells Mill Connector Trail

Status: All legal components (easements, MOAs, permits, etc) complete

Project Cost Estimate: \$10,100.00

Funding: Tobacco Settlement Funds- \$5,000 Awarded

Potential other funding Sources: SRTG Could Solicit Corporate Sponsors (Schluter, Jefford's, Bombardier, Nova Bus, Norsk, Swarovski, etc.), Town of Plattsburgh, CCHD

Implementation Strategy:

1. Secure additional necessary funding
2. Contract for trail improvements east of I-87
3. Simultaneously coordinate with Enel/Green Power for remaining trail/safety improvements on Enel Corp Property
4. Open the Trail!

Questions:

1. Will the SRTG prioritize implementation and take an active role in fund raising? The Town cannot solicit from private corporations.
2. Has the SRTG established required signage and do they have a source and template for signs to be made?

Other:



SUNY Plattsburgh Administration and Finance <seanbriandermody@gmail.com>

FW: Saranac River Trail - Treadwell Mills Connector

2 messages

Malana Tamer <malanat@townofplattsburgh.org>

Fri, Jun 7, 2019 at 10:26 AM

To: James Bosley <james.bosley@clintoncountygov.com>, Philip Von Bargen <wxpvn@gmail.com>, Sara Rowden <srowden90@gmail.com>, OES - Nick Carter <supervisor@townofsaranac.com>, Paula Calkins Lacombe <lacombepa@yahoo.com>, Sean Brian Dermody <seanbriandermody@gmail.com>, "Jesse Feiler (jfeiler@champlainarts.com)" <jfeiler@champlainarts.com>
Cc: Trevor Cole <trevorc@townofplattsburgh.org>

Hello All,

Please see below and attached for a possible funding opportunity for SRTG trail implementation. This could be a great match for the Treadwells Mill Trail. As it is a fundraising/match opportunity, the SRTG would have to take lead. Please direct any questions to Karen at CCHD. Thanks and have a great weekend!

Malana Tamer, *Planning Technician*

Town of Plattsburgh Planning & Community Development Department

151 Banker Road - Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Phone: 518.562.6852

E-Mail: malanat@townofplattsburgh.org

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From: Derusha, Karen [mailto:Karen.Derusha@clintoncountygov.com]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 8:35 AM
To: Trevor Cole <trevorc@townofplattsburgh.org>; Malana Tamer <malanat@townofplattsburgh.org>
Cc: Fleming, Ciara <Ciara.Fleming@clintoncountygov.com>; Snay, Mandy <Mandy.Snay@clintoncountygov.com>
Subject: FW: Saranac River Trail - Treadwell Mills Connector

Hi Trevor,

I have attached the flyer for the *iboby Healthy Neighborhood Challenge* matching funds opportunity for 2019. *iboby* is a crowdfunding platform. Through the challenge, each dollar you raise is matched up to \$10,000. And, you get the match even if you don't meet your goal.

You can get started almost immediately. Some groups do a soft start as soon as their project is approved and then roll out a campaign. The folks at *iboby* will help. If you go this route, you may want to consider expanding your project to include other items associated with the SRT that need to be funded to take advantage of more match dollars.

There is a webinar on June 11th but you don't need to wait for that. Check out their website and let me know if you need any other information.

Karen Derusha, Supervising Public Health Educator

Health Planning and Promotion (HPP) Division, Tele (518) 565-4993, Fax (518) 565-4472



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133 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York 12901
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From: Snay, Mandy <Mandy.Snay@clintoncountygov.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Trevor Cole <trevorc@townofplattsburgh.org>
Cc: Malana Tamer <malanat@townofplattsburgh.org>; Derusha, Karen <Karen.Derusha@clintoncountygov.com>
Subject: RE: Saranac River Trail - Treadwell Mills Connector

Hi Trevor- Karen and Ciara are starting to promote another ioby campaign. That may be an option. Karen is going to be in touch to provide more info.

Mandy Snay, MPH, RD, CDN

Director of Health Planning & Promotion

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From: Trevor Cole [<mailto:trevorc@townofplattsburgh.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 10:54 AM
To: Snay, Mandy
Cc: Malana Tamer
Subject: Saranac River Trail - Treadwell Mills Connector

Hi Mandy,

I hope all is well in Downtown at the Health Department. Ever busy, I am certain! I wanted to let you know that the section of trail (connecting Treadwell mills to the International Airport) that we presented to AFH a few months back is one step closer to reality. Our estimated cost to open the almost 2 mile section of trail was about \$10,000. On behalf of the SRTG, we applied for Tobacco Settlement funds and were awarded \$5000. We are only \$5000 short to pull it off and I was wondering if there are any small grant opportunities that you are aware of that we might connect with. This is certainly a community health benefit and in line with the CHIP. Anything out there?

Thanks for any information you might have-

All the best,

Trevor Cole, AICP

Senior Planner, Department Head

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Sean Dermody <seanbriandermody@gmail.com>

Sat, Jun 8, 2019 at 10:22 AM

To: Malana Tamer <malanat@townofplattsburgh.org>

Cc: James Bosley <james.bosley@clintoncountygov.com>, Philip Von Bargaen <wxpvon@gmail.com>, Sara Rowden <srowden90@gmail.com>, OES - Nick Carter <supervisor@townofsaranac.com>, Paula Calkins Lacombe <lacombepa@yahoo.com>, "Jesse Feiler (jfeiler@champlainarts.com)" <jfeiler@champlainarts.com>, Trevor Cole <trevorc@townofplattsburgh.org>

Malana,

Thanks for sharing. This sounds like a great opportunity. I'd definitely be interested in the webinar if anyone else is interested in sitting in on it together.

- Sean

6/24/2019

Gmail - FW: Saranac River Trail - Treadwell Mills Connector

[Quoted text hidden]



FUNDING FOR YOUR HEALTH- BASED PROJECT IS AVAILABLE NOW!

JOIN THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS CHALLENGE

Do you dream of bringing healthy foods to your community by hosting a farmers market? Want to channel your passion for exercise into a walking group for your neighbors? Or are you aiming to educate youth on growing and preparing fresh produce? If you have an idea to make your neighborhood safer, greener, or healthier, **you may be eligible to receive one-on-one fundraising coaching and up to \$10,000 in matching funds!**

Learn more at ioby.org/healthy

Have questions? No problem!

Join us for a webinar June 11th, 10-11am, to learn everything you need to know about the Healthy Neighborhoods Challenge and how to leverage crowdfunding as a fundraising tool for your project.

Sign up to join us, or start a project anytime, at ioby.org/healthy

Or contact Partnerships Manager Ethany Uttech at Ethany@ioby.org to learn more.

ioby.org/healthy

NOTES AND NEXT STEPS: TRAIL EXTENSION TO RUGAR WOODS

- NOTES

- Several members of the SRTG met on 5/22/2019 to walk the trail from its terminus at George Angell Drive through the property of Plattsburgh City School District, private property on Adirondack Lane, and on to SUNY property in Rugar Woods. Those present included: Jesse, Sean, Paula, Sara, Phil.
- Several routes for crossing Plattsburgh City School property were discussed. It was noted that going down by the football field (near the Webb Island) provided a better experience. There were several options from there for getting up to the field behind the new track. One pathway following close to the river another followed what appeared to be an access pathway used by vehicles.
- It was noted that the City School District recently had a capital plan improved that will include the upgrade to several athletic facilities. These may impact possible routes.
- The pathway from the School District across Adirondack Lane was discussed. Most of the property is owned by Terry Meron and the pathway down to the lake and near the city pumping station offers some opportunities for education about the history (industry / mills) via interpretative signs. It was agreed this pathway was picturesque. It also connects to SUNY property near the dam and the Frisbee golf course, adding an interesting amenity to the experience.
- The group walked back by Bowman Avenue and then retracted its pathway across the field. The group discussed the pros and cons of the pathway – do we go with the expeditious route across existing property (knowing this may not be the best experience) and then add a spur later, or strive for something now that may take longer but provides a better experience?

- It was agreed that we should reach out to the School District and see if we can schedule a meeting. But, it is critical that we know what we want when we do so. The group discussed pulling together some talking points.

- Talking Points

- The Board is laying the groundwork to apply for the next phase of grants to extend the SRTG from its terminus at George Angell Drive. Our goal is to extend trail through PCSD property to connect to College property in Rugar Woods.
- There's many benefits to doing so. It links the existing trail to the large system of trails existing in Rugar Woods, it facilitates people getting around, it improves opportunities for emergency services to access locations, and it improves the quality of life to our community.
- PCSD has been a strong partner in the past, most recently when MJ Design came to do a preliminary review of possible trail alignment. MJ had identified a few possible routes from George Angell Drive to Rugar Woods.
- The SRTG PCSD recently had a capital plan approved by the voters. This may impact possible trail alignment, but it also improves opportunities to connect these facilities with the trail for use by our community. There may be possible win-win opportunities here.
- We have identified several possible pathways but we recognize that any potential pathway needs to serve the needs of all parties.
- With the recent approval of your capital plan, now seems like an idea time to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

- Next Steps

- Action Step 1: Confirm talking points
- Action Step 2: Contact District Officials
- Action Step 3: Hold Meeting
- Action Step 4: Report back to Board

wayfinding sign.png

6/13/19, 12:10 PM

Rugar Woods Nature Trail

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PLATTSBURGH

In the heart of the City of Plattsburgh and adjacent to the meandering Saranac River lies Rugar Woods, a forested tract that provides educational and recreational engagement opportunities.

Rugar Woods Nature Trail will guide you along an approximately 1 mile interactive loop that offers opportunities for learning about the ecology of local flora and fauna.

All interpretive signs contain a QR code, that when scanned on a mobile device, will provide you with supplemental information on the ecological concept or species depicted.



The Rugar Woods Nature Trail is a spur trail of the Saranac River Trail. The Saranac River Trail aims to connect communities along the Saranac River in recreational, cultural, and ecologically meaningful ways.

