

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: BETA Trails Funding

Date: 12/23/2024

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Village Board

Bill # 195-2024

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/23/2024

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Bill 195-2024 Resolution authorizing the 50% funding match, not to exceed the amount of \$2,500, to Barkeater Trails Alliance (BETA) for upgraded bike trail design plans at Mount Pisgah

A copy of the bill is attached and made part of these minutes

Chair Mayor Williams called for a motion

Motion: White Second: Ryan

Roll Call: Brunette absent; Ryan yes; Scollin; yes; White yes; Williams yes.

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Additional public trail design projects that I have worked on include the Tannersville Bike Park, Elm Ridge Wild Forest and adjacent trails, the Keene Town Trails and realignments at Craigwood/Scott's Cobble.

My experience in the trail industry has been strengthened through collaboration with other companies including: bike park trails with Gravity Logic, UCI race courses in Windham and extensive work designing and building trails with both Tahawus Trails and Sinuosity Flowing Trails. These collaborations have brought new perspectives to my vision of trails.

Further foundational influence can be attributed to my education at Johnson State College, shaping the lens through which I design and build trails. A fundamental piece of the Outdoor Education program was our ability to influence an individual's experience in the outdoors. In my trail work, the desired experience of the trail user helps to inform decisions made during the design and build process, whether for gradual, beginner friendly climbing trails or rugged "Adirondack-style" single track.

Attached you will find a budget and timeline that outline a planning process that will meet the needs of your request.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Luke Peduzzi

Layout/ Design (April 14th- 28th)

All layout of trails will take into consideration: goals and feedback from stakeholders, industry standard for sustainable trail design and construction, desired user (rider) experience, and site-specific ecological factors.

- Flag (with surveyor's tape) and map realignments to existing trails
- Flag (with surveyor's tape) and map new trail segments

Draft of Final Report (April 28th)

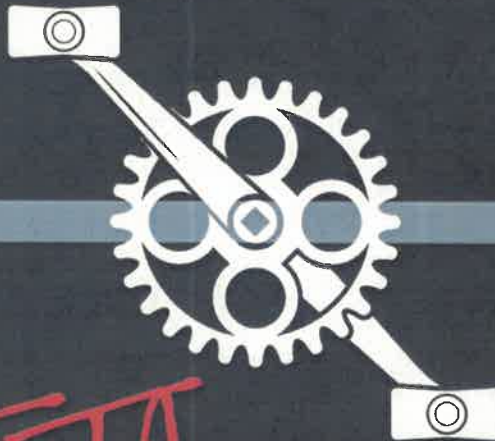
- On-site meeting with stakeholders to present proposed trails
- Draft of Final Report. Suggestions for revisions can be submitted until May 4th

Final Report (May 12th)

- Summary of Site Analysis and input from stakeholders based on this information
- Summary of Abandonment and Repurposing
- Detailed description of trails, narrative
- Trail specifications, spreadsheet
 - Intended use
 - Trail character
 - Difficulty
 - Recommended construction methods
 - Distance
 - Tread width
 - Tread quality
 - Average and maximum grades
- Recommended improvements/ changes to existing trails
- Map(s) of existing trail system and proposed improvements. A separate map of new/ improved trail system may be included for clarity
- Phased implementation
- Estimated cost of construction for trails, trail segments or phases as applicable
- Construction Guidelines

Mount Pisgah Trails Network

Ride. Review. Evolve.



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Pisgah's Mountain Bike Trails



Saranac Lake Innovative Cycling Kids



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Pisgah's current trail system

Region Details

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Region Status

✔ Open as of Jul 19, 2024

Local Trail Association



BETA

Stats

Avg Trail Rating: ★★★★★☆
Trails (view details): 10
Total Distance: 4 miles
Total Descent: 1,157 ft
Total Vertical: 333 ft
Highest Trailhead: 2,074 ft
Reports: 416
Photos: 41
Ridden Counter: 2,198

Popular Mount Pisgah Mountain Biking Trails

status	title	difficulty	rating
✔	The Cure (upper)	◆	★★★★★
✔	The Cure (lower)	◆	★★★★★
✔	Iron Lung	■	★★★★★
✔	Zonkers	■	★★★★☆
✔	Water Tower	▲	★★★★☆
✔	Natski II	■	★★★★☆
✔	Pisah Service Road	▲	☆☆☆☆☆
✔	IPW	■	★★★★☆
✔	T-Bar	■	★★★★★
✔	Senduro	⬮	★★★★★
✔	Upper Ski Run Connector	●	☆☆☆☆☆



Adirondack EXPLORER

Vital news and information for the Adirondacks



Town of Webb receives \$250,000 grant for mountain bike trail expansion; McCauley trail network has grown since 2018

By Jamie Organski

Mountain biking in Old Forge is getting a boost, thanks to a \$250,000 state grant for expanding the trail system at the McCauley Mountain Ski/Recreation Area in Old Forge.

The grant funds will be used to construct approximately seven machine-built and hand-built trails which will be a combination of climbing trails, downhill flow trails and single track.

Altogether, the plan is to build 7-9 miles of new trails, with a mixture of beginner, intermediate and expert terrain. Future expansion projects include adding another bike skills park as well as trails to connect into town, according to Chuck Schweitzer of the Adirondack Foothills Trails Alliance (AFTA).

SMART GROWTH GRANT GIVES EAST BRANCH COMMUNITY TRAILS A BOOST

5/14/2024

A transformational trail project in Keene is getting a boost from a \$125,000 Smart Growth grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The funding will allow the town, in partnership with BETA and the Keene Youth Commission, to move forward with planned expansion of the East Branch Community Trails this summer.

In a press release announcing this year's Smart Growth and other state grants, Governor Kathy Hochul said, "Smart Growth grants represent a vital investment in our communities, fostering sustainable development, economic prosperity, and enhanced quality of life."

The East Branch Community Trails plan is now in its third year of trail expansion, providing more opportunities to foster physical activity and recreation. The trails plan laid out by Luke Pedersen is now being implemented.



Harrietstown receives \$122K for Municipal Park project

Improvements to park's facilities can now move forward

By News Report
Apr 26, 2024 4:00 PM

Promote your business or event in lights on our NEW hi-reso LED billboard

TOWN OF HARRIETSTOWN BIKE PARK

PLEASE SIGN WAIVER

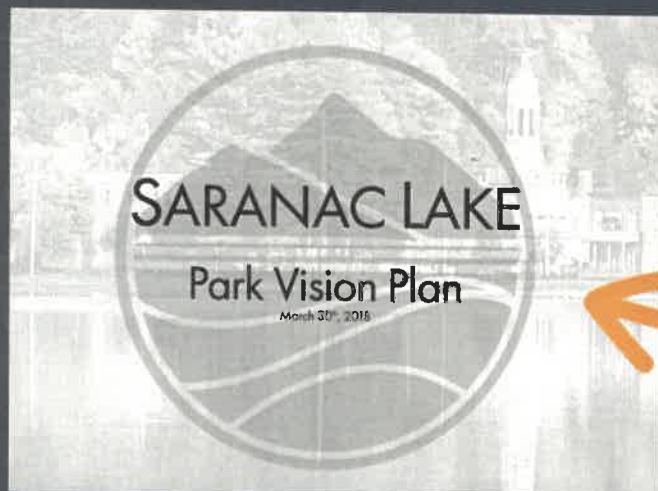
HOW TO RIDE A PUMP TRACK

The Pump Track and Skills Park

The map shows the layout of the Harrietstown Bike Park. It includes the Town of Harrietstown Property, the Saranac Lake Central School Property, and the Adirondack Red Barn. The bike park features a pump track, a skills park, and a mountain bike trail. A QR code is provided for waivers.



Why we're here...



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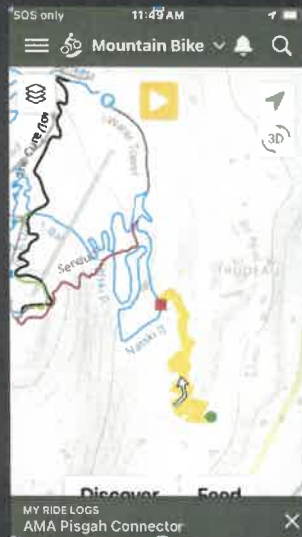
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Trail system upgrade benefits

Improves
accessibility and
park user experience



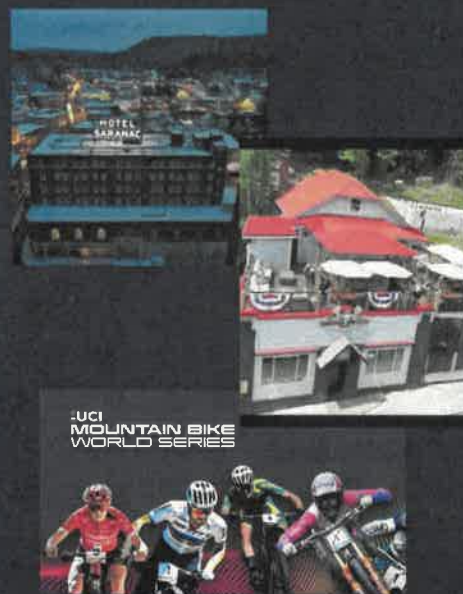
Environmental
sustainability
and stewardship

- Minimize trail impact
- Protect water resources
- Use sustainable materials
- Enhance the environment
- Encourage responsible use

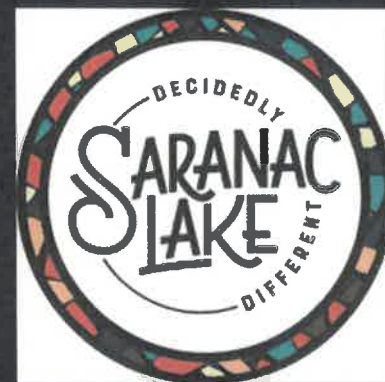


Improves health
and wellness

Increased tourism
strengthens the local
economy



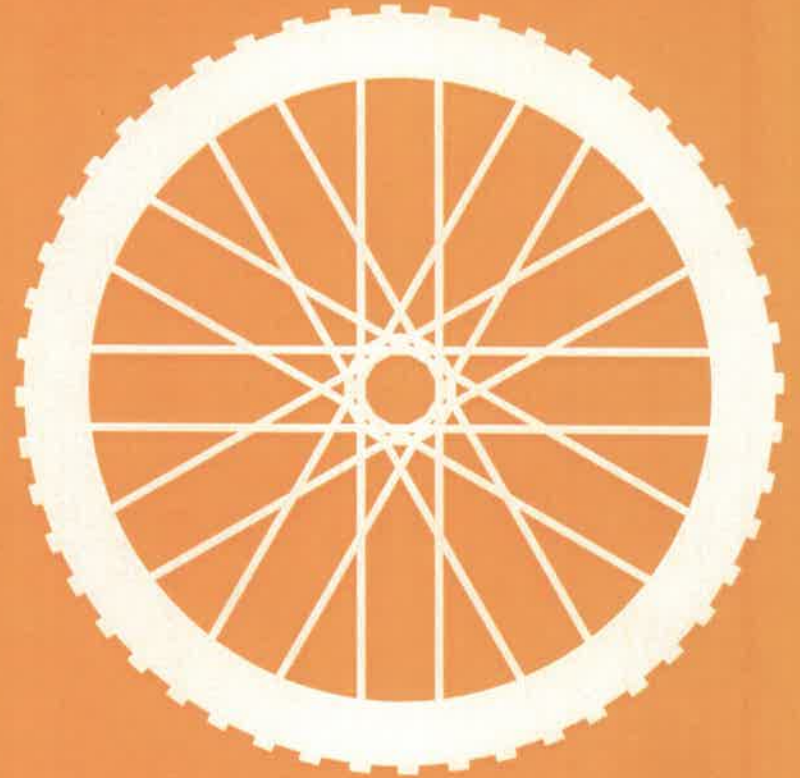
Enhances the park
and our community



Thank you!



Any questions?



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