Notice of Public Hearing & Public Comment Period

Statewide Greenway Trails Plan Public Hearing, Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Who: New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

What: Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period

When: Public Hearing Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Public comment will be accepted through January 19, 2021.

Where: Online hearing (see registration information below)

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) Planning today announced the release of the Draft Statewide Greenway Trails Plan/Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) for review and public comment. The Draft Plan/Draft GEIS and associated trail inventory is available for review at: https://parks.ny.gov/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx A non-digital copy of the document may be requested by contacting the agency via email at StatewideTrailsPlan@parks.ny.gov or phone at 518-474-0235.

State Parks will hold an online public comment hearing to receive comments on the Draft Plan/Draft GEIS. The hearing will be held Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) via electronic webinar as follows:

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Access: To join and register through the internet, visit www.webex.com and click “Join.”

Event Number: 173 355 1709

Event Password: Jan06-6PM

To join by phone only, dial: 1-518-549-0500

Access Code: 173 355 1709

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Draft Plan/Draft GEIS will have the opportunity to make a statement at the public comment hearing webinar. Any person wishing to provide a public statement must register in advance of the hearing no later than 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Any person may listen to the hearing by phone without pre-registration.

To register electronically: Persons who will login to the hearing electronically must register. To register, visit http://www.webex.com, click “Join,” input the event number listed above, click “Register,” and fill in the requested information. You will be asked whether you wish to make a public statement or not. After registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation by email with information about how to join the hearing.
To register by telephone: Any person who is not able to login electronically may participate by telephone. Call-in participants must register to speak in advance by calling the DEC Office of Hearings and Mediation Services at 518-402-9003 no later than 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Please provide your first and last name, address, email address if any, and telephone number and reference the Statewide Greenway Trails Plan public comment hearing.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The ALJ will call each person who has requested to provide a statement to speak. The ALJ will continue the hearing until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all participants an opportunity to be heard. We also recommend that lengthy comments be summarized for oral presentation and submitted in writing as noted below. The hearing will be recorded for inclusion in the record.

This hearing is accessible to people with language differences and/or disabilities. Any person who needs an interpretive or disability-related accommodation or modification to participate must make a written request no later than December 23, 2020. The written request must be addressed to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds, NYS DEC Office of Hearings and Mediation Services, 625 Broadway, 1st Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1550, or email to Chief ALJ McClymonds at ohms@dec.ny.gov.

Written comments on the Draft Plan / Draft GEIS will be accepted until January 19, 2021. Comments may be submitted to StatewideTrailsPlan@parks.ny.gov or mailed to:

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Following the public comment period, OPRHP will prepare and post a Final Statewide Greenway Trails Plan/FGEIS incorporating substantive comments.