



Hudson River Valley Greenway



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The Hudson River Valley Greenway and our consultants – GPI/Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. and Alta Planning + Design – continue to make good progress in planning the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET). This email provides an update on recent activities. Comprehensive information about the project is available on our website: www.AHETtrail.org

Thank you to those that have submitted questions, concerns, and support regarding the AHET Trail. We have heard a variety of voices and ideas from local residents, community leaders, town and village staff, and elected and appointed officials over the last two months. The team continues to be committed to a transparent process and working to address local concerns.

Since the AHET outreach meetings began in August 2017, the project team has been recording and reviewing public comments through the website, and more recently, through a call-in number at [\(518\) 898-9595](tel:5188989595). We have collected more than 200 comments through email, website and phone line. The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the AHET website have been updated to add responses to some common questions or concerns.



Our planning team has been completing on-site meetings with adjacent landowners to hear questions and concerns and share information on the trail design process. The project team has also attended public meetings hosted by town and village boards and stakeholder groups in order to hear and address questions and concerns from elected officials and residents about the project.

So far, the team has conducted or attended 12 meetings and have visited nearly 50 individual properties. Additional public meetings will occur in the coming months. In October, a mailing was sent to all property owners adjacent to the proposed AHET route.

An aerial survey has been conducted and ground teams are collecting other existing data such as survey control, wetlands, and cultural resources. [The Empire State Trail Design Guide](#) has been published and is available on both the Greenway and AHET project website. Preliminary design work will commence in early December 2017 once survey is complete.



The Hudson River Valley Greenway has initiated environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). [The Hudson River Valley Greenway's draft SEQRA scoping document](#) is available on the project website and is presently going through a 30 day public review that started October 20, 2017. Please comment on the document through the AHET website listed above. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be released for public review and comment this spring.

The Greenway's schedule calls for final engineering designs to be completed in October 2018, and construction will commence in early 2019. The AHET Trail is slated to be completed by the end of 2020.

Are you interested in knowing what comes next? Community outreach will be outgoing throughout the project, and we appreciate your comments. The website will be updated regularly with new meeting times and locations and project documents when available. www.ahettrail.org.



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