



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 the initial design of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET). This email provides an update on recent activities and documents. Comprehensive information about the project is available on our website: www.AHETtrail.org

Review/Response to Public Comments

In August, 2017, the Hudson River Valley Greenway initiated the public input process for the AHET Trail. During the four-month period through December, 2017, the Greenway held 14 public informational meetings that were attended by more than 750 people, and received over 220 specific written comments submitted to the AHET Trail website and a call-in telephone number.

The AHET project team wants to thank the many local officials, community organizations, and interested members of the public that provided comments and concerns. [Appendix A](#) of the AHET Final Concept Plan provides a detailed summary and response to the most frequently heard comments, questions, and concerns. Additional public meetings will occur in the coming months, and throughout the design process.

Final Concept Plan Issued

In early January, the Hudson River Valley Greenway issued the AHET Trail Final Concept Plan, which can be viewed and downloaded from the "Documents" section of the project website www.AHETtrail.org. The Final Concept Plan identifies the most up-to-date Trail route and associated facilities along the 35-mile route from Hudson, NY to Rensselaer, NY. [Appendix B](#) provides a summary of route changes that have occurred since the draft AHET Concept Plan was issued in August.

Environmental Review

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](#) has gone through a 30 day public review that finished November 15, 2017. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be released for public review and comment this spring. A formal public hearing on the DEIS is scheduled for March 28, 2018 (snow day April 4, 2018) at Ichabod Crane High School. Details regarding the time and meeting format will be posted on the project website.

Engineering Design Begins

The project team has initiated development of preliminary engineering design drawings for the AHET Trail. Preliminary design plans will be shared with local governments and interested residents starting in late spring, 2018. The Hudson River Valley Greenway anticipates completing final design documents and bidding construction contracts in the fall of 2018. Construction will commence in early 2019, and 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 ongoing 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 at www.AHETtrail.org.



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