

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes

August 18, 2026

Meeting: President Eric Norberg called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Town Hall.

Board Members Present: Chrissy, Debbie, Erik, Marie, Pattie, Rafael, Susan **And remotely:** Ray Costantino.

Board Members Absent: Loretta

Member/Guest: Alan Van De Bogart, Paul Malarcher

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion by Chrissy and seconded by Marie.

Treasures Report: Chrissy presented the treasurers report which was accepted without corrections.

Correspondence: Nothing to report. Are to be fixed.

New York State Parks: Dutchess and Ulster Tourism study , i.e., reviewed Economic impact, Growth enhancement, Revenue impact, Clean Air impact, etc, See attached report. Masterplan for Signage replacement: seeking grants to upgrade and replace signs(WOTH Friends) and to partner with HVRTA for same. EBike Committee being formed to include NYS Parks, WOTH, HVRTA, DOT, Empire State.

Membership: Chrissy reported there are 111members. Eric reported that Debbie is the HVRTA's new Membership Chair and will begin making monthly reports at our next meeting, making membership fee reminders, etc.

Trail Maintenance Status:

• Little Lib^{ary} will coordinate with Richie Roza regarding acrylic has been received. Repairs to be made next week

Linwood Bridge Bench Eagle Scout Project: New owner of the Antiques Village id mowing and will add a split-rail fence. Eric to include weed whacking.

HVRT Mowing: is being caught up. Is probably the last mowing of the year.

The missing rail at the bridge on Linwood has been replaced.

Fencing under 9W and along 299 still need to be fixed.

Pattie reported that the pavilion heaters are still not working and asks if replacements have been ordered yet.

Paul M, guest asked who maintains the bike repair stations, indicated the station closest to WOTH pump need repair. Eric to handle this.

Ongoing Projects:

Haviland Caboose – It's looking great, Large desk needs to be removed and small desk returned per Rafael. Posters need to be refurbished and remounted. Stoves need to be moved.

Ford Bridge –Richie Klotz is to do the concrete work. And will be restoring the decking. Fencing is needed for safety compliance, Hopefully this will be completed next year.

Murals –

The artist is $\frac{3}{4}$ done with the TOL Hotel mural and will be starting the final mural, featuring horses and buggies soon.

Dennis Bragg has ordered 4 LED lights. Richie Klotz will dig the trench to access the electricity source. Richie Roza has a lift. Ray will coordinate this work which is to be completed by the end of September.

Pattie reported that we will celebrate the completion of the Centerville Murals and the renovations of the Haviland Caboose on the 11th of October. She provided the event flyer created by Janet, the HVRTA's student volunteer. The local News has been invited,

Participants at the Mural area: Pattie, Jen Kelstos Eagle Scouts.

Pattie has approached the TOLHPS for participation as well.

Tables , each with 2 chairs, will be needed at either side of the mural location.

Tent, Table with cloth, 2 chairs and sales items to be located at the Haviland Caboose area,

Volunteers needed – Loretta.

Transportation for handicapped-or golf carts – per Erik H, another golf cart may be available to us.

\$100 or Gift Certificate to The Ridge for the artist, Jen Keltos- Marie

Signage Committee: No update.

Events:

Project Purple	150-200 attendees	October 11 th
ALZ	800 attendees	October 17 th
ALS	700 attendees	October 18 th

Old Business:

Highland Landing Park (HLP) Discussion: Alan V asked if the HVRTA Board wanted to merge with the HLP or had any questions. He indicated the TOL would benefit from an organization of this type.

New Business: Deferred until next meeting

Affirm HVRTA Officers slate.

Affirm New member chair

Meeting Adjourned on motion by Erik H, seconded by Chrissy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Van De Bogart for
Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

October Events

Celebration of the "History of Centerville"

*-Visit our murals depicting
the history of Centerville-*

Watch the history presentation beginning at 1:00pm

*-Meet our artist-
Jennifer Keltos*

October 11th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

-Location-

*On the Rail Trail! Highland, NY
(2nd underpass going west from Tony Williams parking lot)*

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Celebration for Caboose

*Join us in celebrating our newly renovated Caboose on the
Hudson Valley Rail Trail*

October 11th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

*Watch the history presentation
throughout the event!*

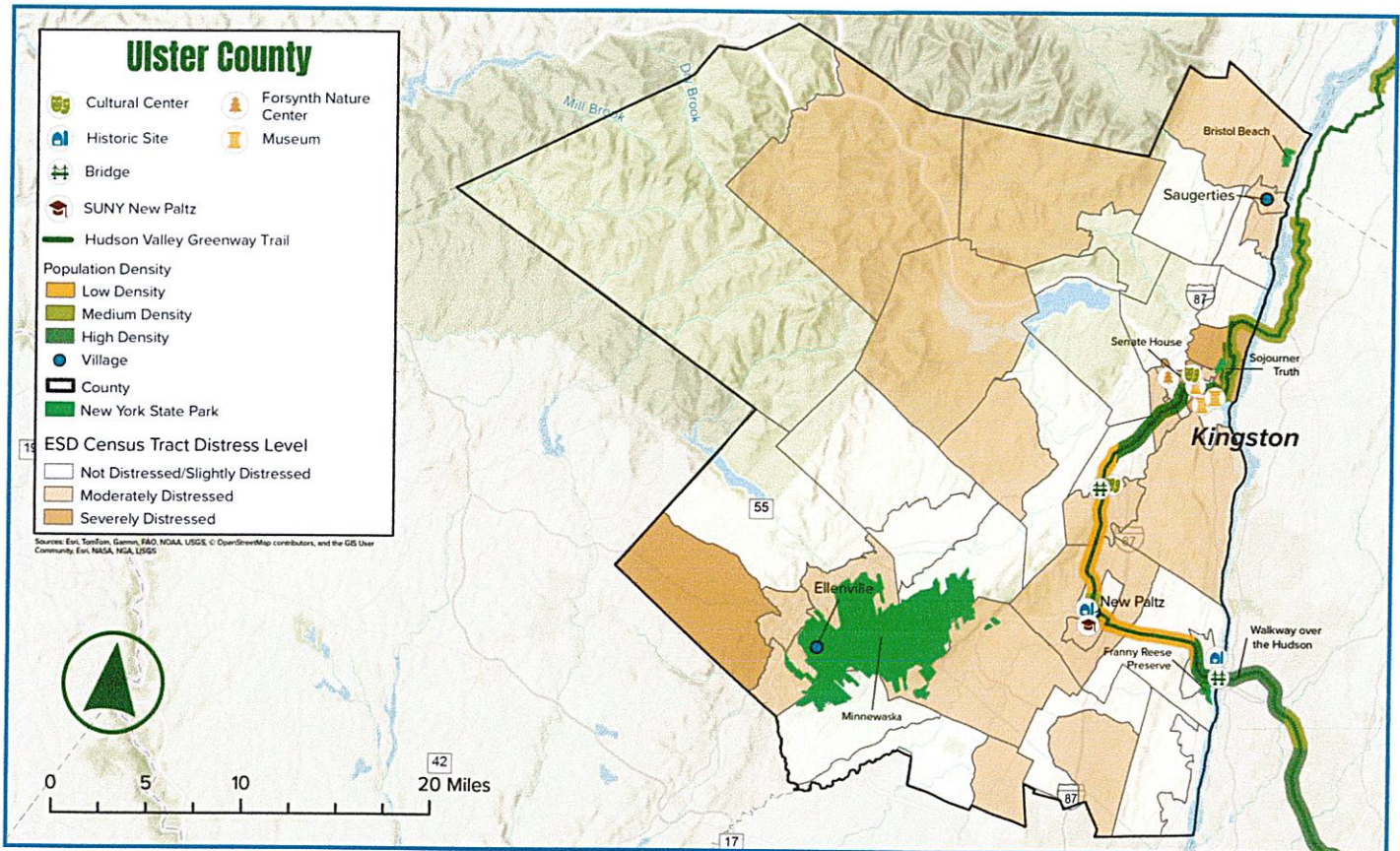
100th year!

-Location-

Haviland Rd parking lot, Highland, NY

*Transportation will be provided
for seniors and people with disabilities*

HOW THE EMPIRE STATE TRAIL MOVES US: ULSTER COUNTY



Ulster County is located in the Mid-Hudson Region on the west bank of the Hudson River, bordered by the Catskill Mountains. The major city in the county is Kingston. The trail acts as a vital connector between the city and smaller communities like New Paltz and Saugerties.

Ulster County is home to 181,851 New Yorkers. The median household income is \$87,847, which is 2% higher than the statewide median income. The trail runs 31.8 miles through the county, including 16.2 miles through distressed communities. The trail is primarily off-road, consisting of 22.9 miles of off-road pathways.

In the county, the trail attracts 398,180 visitors per year, who spend an average of \$19.61 per visit. Spending is determined by population density along trail segments. The Trail provides \$3,194,000 in health benefits to residents. The trail has also eliminated 3,929,000 in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and saved \$467,000 in emissions.

Learn more about the economic impact of the Empire State Trail in PTNY's 2026 Economic Impact Study: www.ptny.org



