



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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To Involved and Interested Parties,

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP), as Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) review of the proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, is releasing for public review the Draft Scoping Document for a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. (Enclosed)

The proposed action is the adoption/approval and implementation of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Final Master Plan/Generic Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is an approximately 9-mile long non-motorized shared-use trail connecting the Village of Cold Spring (Putnam County, New York) with the City of Beacon (Dutchess County, New York) and partially running within or adjacent to Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. The project also proposes State Route 9D corridor improvements. The Preliminary Draft Master Plan for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is available at: <http://nysparks.com/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx> and <http://www.hudsonfjordtrail.org/>.

The Draft Scoping Document will be available for public review and comment through September 2016. A public meeting regarding the Scoping Document is tentatively scheduled for the second half of September.

Hard copies of the Draft Scoping Document are also available for review at the offices of the contacts noted below, the OPRHP Regional Taconic Office at 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580, and at the following public libraries: Julia L. Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring, NY 10516 and Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508.

The online version of the Draft Scoping Document is available at the following publically accessible web sites: <http://nysparks.com/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx> and <http://www.hudsonfjordtrail.org/>.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Kacala or myself at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

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