



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **ATTENTION: WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL TEMPORARY CLOSURE INFORMATION**

Due to an improvement project on a 3.5-mile section of the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail in New Paltz, there will be a temporary closure of the Rail Trail from November 15 to December 15. A small bridge, which is located between Springtown Road and Huguenot Street, needs repair. Due to its location, and the equipment and materials needed, this section of the Rail Trail will be completely closed for the 4-week time period. Users of the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail are asked to plan their visits accordingly and detour around this section.

Funding for this improvement project is provided by the Hudson River Valley Greenway, in partnership with the Open Space Institute and the Town and Village of New Paltz. The 3.5-mile section of the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail is a key link in the Empire State Trail in Ulster County. The section undergoing rehabilitation runs from Cragwood Road in the Town of New Paltz, south through the Village to the Empire State Trail trailhead at Sojourner Truth Park.

Throughout this improvement project, steps have been taken to reduce trail closures as much as possible, but the November 15 to December 15 closure is unavoidable for the safety of Walkkill Valley Rail Trail users. The entire project is set to be completed by the end of the year. For updates, visit our website: <https://walkkillvalleylt.org/construction/>

#### ***Detour Information:***

*Detour from the WVRT/EST in New Paltz, North to Rosendale. If your trip plan is to head to Rosendale, then you will need to detour starting in New Paltz from the intersection of the WVRT and Main Street (at Water Street Market). Head west on Main Street and cross the red bridge over the Walkkill River. Continue to the first intersection and make a right on Springtown Road. Stay on Springtown Road for 2.3 Miles until the intersection with the WVRT. If you see the Coppersea Distillery on your left you have gone too far. When you get to the WVRT, turn Left to continue north to Rosendale and Kingston.*

*Please note that the WVRT is open in the village of New Paltz north to Huguenot Street, but users will have to follow the detour outlined above in order to travel further north towards Rosendale and Kingston. See detour map on page 2.*

