

Saranac River Trail Greenway (SRTG) 2025 Annual Highlights



Let's build another mile or two ...

Mission

To create quality recreational and economic opportunities along the lower Saranac River corridor, in the City of Plattsburgh, the Town of Plattsburgh, the Town of Schuyler Falls, and the Town of Saranac, by establishing public multi-use greenway trails and infrastructure that engage and link residents, visitors, business and communities with healthy recreational, environmental, historical and transportation resources.

Meet Our Board, Partners & Friends

President	Mike Coon	Member at Large
Vice President	Brendan Owens	City of Plattsburgh
Secretary	Kathleen Howard	Member at Large
Treasurer	Kristina Bennett	Member at Large
	Paula Calkins Lacombe	Clinton County
	Barbara Napper	Town of Saranac
	Michelle Marasch Ouellette	Member at Large
	Garrett Monette	Clinton County
	Trevor Cole	Town of Plattsburgh

- Adirondack Bank
- Central River Power now Patriot Hydro
- Champlain Area Trails
- City of Plattsburgh
- Clinton County
- Clinton County Health Department
- Friends of the Saranac River Trail
- Hoffman Eells Group CPAs, P.C.
- North Country Chamber Commerce
- Northern Forest Canoe Trail
- NYS Department of State
- Plattsburgh City School District
- Plattsburgh Rotary Club
- Stafford, Owens Law Offices
- SUNY Plattsburgh
- Town of Plattsburgh
- Town of Saranac
- Town of Schuyler Falls
- Trout Unlimited

Annual Earth Day Clean Up on Treadwell Mills Connector Trail



One bag at a time ...



Quite the collection



The collection under the I-87 overpass



Taking a break to admire the scenery ...

BECOMING A REALITY

SARANAC RIVER TRAIL GREENWAY, INC.

The **Saranac River Trail Greenway, Inc.** (SRTG) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization incorporated in 2012 and registered in the State of New York. Representatives include partner municipalities (Clinton County, City of Plattsburgh, Towns of Plattsburgh, Saranac, and Schuyler Falls) and members-at-large.

Let's Extend the Trail

In 2011, the City of Plattsburgh opened the Saranac River Trail. With this trail a reality, the question was asked, **why not extend the trail all along the lower Saranac River Valley** traversing multiple municipalities and connecting people to this beautiful natural asset.

The Feasibility Study

In 2016, Clinton County completed a **feasibility study** that identified the possible routes for a **27-mile "greenway"** starting in the City of Plattsburgh and extending through the Towns of Plattsburgh, Schuyler Falls and ending in the Town of Saranac at the High Falls Dam. This **Saranac River Trail Greenway** will combine shared-use paths, low-volume roadways, natural surface trails, wetland boardwalks, and other connections.

Key Activities

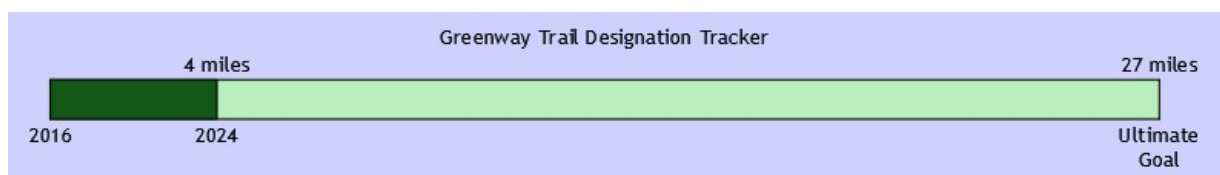
- **Identifying and engaging** potential municipal and community partners
- **Providing guidance** in designing and constructing segments of the Greenway
- **Assisting community partners** in securing funding through grant writing and fundraising
- **Negotiating rights of way** with business and private landowners
- **Establishing guidelines** for consistent signage and maintenance
- **Bringing awareness** to the history, natural ecology, and wildlife in the surrounding areas
- **Promoting the Greenway** through social and other media and providing informative displays in various venues

Trail Walks and Talks or Drives and Talks

The *Trail Walks & Talks* or *Drives & Talks* provide opportunities for the Board and friends to explore future SRT Greenway routes and introduce them to others. Participants describe them as "relaxing, fun, good exercise, a great way to visualize what the greenway can look like." These outings keep all of us excited about building the Greenway one mile at a time!



In May, Board members and friends walked along the Saranac River on the Blue Trails in SUNY Plattsburgh Rugar Woods.



HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

Board and Community Activities

- **April 19, 2025** - SRTG participated in the City of Plattsburgh's *Earth Day Community Clean Up* targeting the Treadwell Mills Connector and the Thelma Douglas Trails.
- **May 18, 2025** - Board and family members identified a desired route through Rugar Woods as a part of the SUNY Blue Trail System and future Saranac River Trail Greenway.
- **June and July** – New board members, Garrett Monette and Trevor Cole, joined the SRTG Board as Clinton County and Town of Plattsburgh representatives adding to the ongoing efforts to maintain municipality representation.
- **May** – Met with city officials to discuss westward expansion.

Marketing, Outreach, & More

- Updated the SRTG logo and designed and printed a new banner to be used at outreach events.



- Continued the SRTG webpage and Facebook and Instagram accounts. Facebook followers were 586 as of December 2025. The year anniversary of the Thelma E. Douglas Trail opening was a top performing post along with views that were shared on the *Plattsburgh Is Beautiful* Facebook Page.
- Updated the SRTG PowerPoint presentation for outreach purposes.
- The board held nine meetings in addition to maintaining three committees, Governance, Marketing, and Trails.

Natural Beauty along the Saranac River

The Saranac River offers scenic vistas all along the corridor along with recreational activities such as fishing. Feel free to explore ... and gain the peace and tranquility that it readily offers.



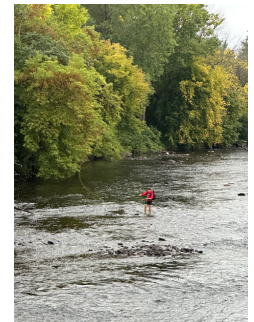
Imperial Mill Dam in Plattsburgh during the peak of the summer drought



High Falls Dam in Saranac



Fishing the Saranac River



Making Connections

The board strives to make connections whether through *Trail Walk & Talks* or *Drive & Talks*, participating in events, making presentations, or one-on-one conversations. It's these connections that will ensure the Saranac River Trail Greenway is built one mile at a time!

We'd love to hear from you; please feel free to join us in our efforts.

Saranac River Trail Greenway
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