



ADOPT A TRAIL AGREEMENT

Region: _____

Trail Miles: _____

I (We), _____ agree to
adopt the section of the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail from: _____
to _____ in the Town(s) of _____
in _____ County.

A. I (We) accept the following duties as a commitment to assist the Genesee Valley Greenway partners in achieving their goal of maintaining the trail to a high standard. I (We) understand that taking on the stewardship of a section of the Greenway is a privilege that carries with it the obligation to consistently maintain the adopted trail section as follows:

1. Perform all trail maintenance work in compliance with trail maintenance standards as described in the Genesee Valley Greenway Management Plan that includes, in order of priority:
 - a) Mow and cut brush to maintain trail to its cleared width, minimum 12 feet wide (14 feet on sharp curves or steep slopes) and 12 feet height clearance.
 - b) Remove blow downs where practical; report major blow downs to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair. Note restrictions for chainsaw use below.*
 - c) Trim vegetation surrounding gates and along roadside at trail heads to maintain sight distance.
 - d) Trim vegetation where the trail intersects with farm lanes and driveways to maintain sight distance.
 - e) Remove trash and litter.
 - f) Inspect signs, trail surface, and other capital improvements and report potential deficiencies to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair.
 - g) Inspect gates at trail heads and when needed sand and repaint with OSHA yellow paint supplied by the Greenway partners.
 - h) Where practical, undertake in kind replacement/maintenance on signage or other capital items, or assist OPRHP crews with such tasks.
 - i) Inspect and, when necessary, clean out culverts and streams running under the trail.
 - j) Assist in procuring in-kind donations of materials, equipment or skilled labor for trail development or enhancement and maintenance activities.
 - k) As soon as possible, report to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair any problems and incompatible or misuse observed while using or maintaining the trail.

*Chainsaws can be used only if the operator can provide proof that he/she has the following equipment and training: Boots that provide cut-resistant protection for the entire foot
Gloves, safety chaps and a hardhat with hearing protection and a protective face shield
First Aid and CPR courses
Game of Logging Level 1 course or an approved chainsaw safety video with an approved instructor present

2. Perform a minimum of four (4) work sessions annually or more as needed, which will include an initial late spring work session before summer trail usage begins. Ideally, a minimum of two mowings should occur during the growing season; one by the first week in June and another in early August. While OPRHP plans to mow on this schedule, additional mowing may be required. Submit a completed work report, including total hours spent, to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair as soon as possible following each work session.
3. Put safety first. By signing this Agreement I/We acknowledge having read and received written safety procedures and will adhere to those procedures.
4. Require that any volunteer who will be using OPRHP or FOGVG equipment to mow the Greenway receive proper training on that equipment.
5. Ensure that each volunteer sign a Volunteer Service Form before beginning any trail work and that these forms be submitted in January of each year or at the time a new volunteer begins trail work. These forms are to be submitted to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair. To comply with the Child Labor Law, as it pertains to under-aged volunteers: require parental signature for volunteers under the age of 18 and allow volunteers under 16 to only participate in yard/household type work activities (no machinery) as a part of an organization/family adopter.
6. Conduct maintenance activities in a manner that respects and preserves the environment, natural and historic resources, and recreational experience and respects the rights of adjacent landowners.
7. (For Snowmobile Clubs) Additional Activities permitted by the Adopter on this section of Trail are:
 - a) Sign trail with signs to the standard found in "Snowmobile Trail Signing" published by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Signs on trees will be affixed with aluminum nails. The adopter will not change trail names or colors without written permission from OPRHP
 - b) Trail may be groomed.
 - c) Care will be taken to prevent erosion and siltation, and to stabilize erosion where it occurs using standard practices approved by the Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District.
 - d) Work shall be confined to existing trail. No new trail construction, rerouting of existing trail or developing connector trails into or over the Greenway is permitted.

B. Work that requires the use of heavy machinery, construction activities of any kind, and the cutting of standing trees larger than six inches in diameter is beyond the scope of this agreement and requires prior approval of OPRHP.

C. The Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway, Inc. and OPRHP agree to:

1. Erect a sign at either end of the adopter's section which recognizes the organization or individual adopter.
2. Authorize use of legally registered and insured motor vehicles on the trail to assist with performance of maintenance activities only.

D. OPRHP agrees, during the period of service, to provide volunteers who have signed a Volunteer Service Form and are working within the scope of this Agreement with Worker's Compensation coverage to the extent provided by law. Any injury shall be promptly reported to OPRHP who shall process a claim under the Worker's Compensation Law.

E. This agreement will extend for five years from date of signature at which time it can be renewed. It may be terminated at any time by any of the three parties with 30 days prior written notice.

F. Exceptions to this Agreement as noted:

Signature of Adopter/Contact Person Date

Street City State ZIP

Phone E-Mail

Signature of FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair Date

Contact Information: Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Or FOGVG Office: Phone: (585) - 658 - 2569 [E-Mail: fogvg@frontiernet.net](mailto:fogvg@frontiernet.net)

Signature of OPRHP Assistant Regional Director Date

OPRHP Contact Person: Roland Beck

OPRHP Contact Person: Phone: 585-493-3604

[E-Mail: Roland.Beck@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Roland.Beck@parks.ny.gov)

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