

The Schoharie Village Trail is Becoming a Reality

The Village of Schoharie has been awarded grant money to construct a multi-use trail along the Schoharie Creek for walking, biking, and access to the Creek and its stunning views. This has been a long-sought after amenity in the Village and it is finally going to be a reality. The trail, which will be located wholly within the Village, will consist of a gravel pathway, two trailheads with gravel parking lots, a canoe/kayak boat launch, and signage and amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and natural history interpretation. It will offer spectacular lookouts of the mountains surrounding the valley and allow visitors to experience the peaceful and pristine nature of the Schoharie Creek. The boat launch will allow for enhanced recreational use of the Creek and create a beautiful 2-mile 'blueway' trail from the Village north to the existing NYS DEC boat launch in Central Bridge and beyond. Best yet, the trail will link the most beautiful part of our village to our main street and to our parks and museums. It will embrace the best of the Village by providing walking and biking opportunities which in turn will enhance health, community and the economy.

The Village's funding for this effort includes a grant from NY's Department of State. The grant requires the Village to provide a match through cash or in-kind services in the amount of \$168,800. We are off to a very good start raising cash and have also secured commitments from the County and Village for in-kind services for administration of the project and construction of the trail. More work needs to be done however, and the Village Board along with the appointed local Trail Advisory Committee are currently working to raise additional funds to meet grant match requirements. This is where we ask for your help because this is a community project that will benefit all.

There are many ways to donate to this effort. You can donate funding by sending a check to the Village of Schoharie Trail Project, PO Box 295, Schoharie, NY 12157.

You can also contribute by providing in-kind volunteer services or donate materials or equipment. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please call the Schoharie Village office at 518-295-8500 and you will be placed on a list to be contacted.

THANK YOU! You are helping to make the trail a reality.