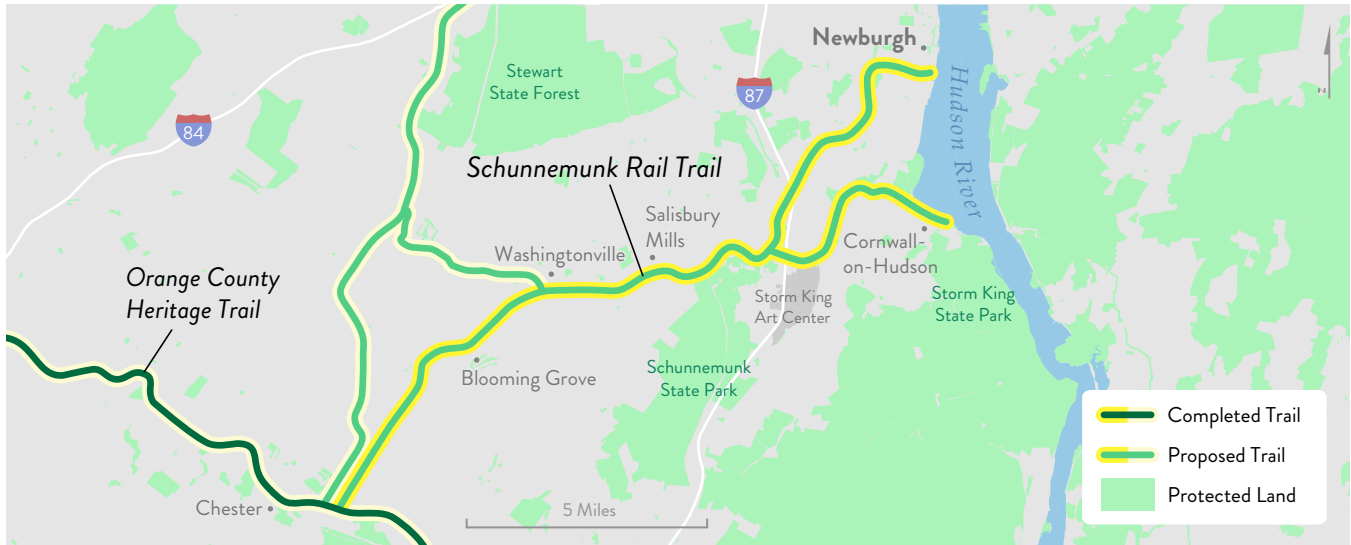




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Schunnemunk Rail Trail



The 10-mile long Schunnemunk Rail Trail runs from Chester to Salisbury Mills in Orange County, and crosses and re-crosses the Moodna Creek on six historic bridges. The scenic trail, which starts in the black dirt region of Orange County and connects villages to extensive parkland, is envisioned to extend easterly towards the Hudson River and the City of Newburgh.

Location

Orange County

Trail Length Vision

22 Miles

Communities to be Served

Chester, Washingtonville, Salisbury Mills, Blooming Grove, Cornwall, Cornwall-on-Hudson, and Newburgh.

Trail Will Connect With

Orange County Heritage Trail, Empire State Trail, and the Hudson River.

Immediate Funding Goal

- \$1.5 million for OSI to acquire critical gaps.



Greg Miller

Schunнемunk Rail Trail

OSI History

OSI purchased nearly 10 miles of the former Erie Railroad Line to leverage funding from Orange County for trail development, setting the stage for the future construction of the Schunнемunk Rail Trail. The property starts in the Town of Cornwall at the Moodna Trestle, traverses the towns of Blooming Grove and Chester, and ends at Orange County's Camp LaGuardia.

Impact

This trail will connect the Hudson River in Newburgh and Cornwall-on-Hudson to Schunнемunk State Park, Goosepond Mountain State Park, and the Orange County Heritage Trail, and link to both the Salisbury Mills-Cornwall and Harriman train stations of the MTA Port Jervis Line.

Current Projects

- Extending the Schunнемunk Rail Trail to Storm King Art Center and Salisbury Mills-Cornwall Train Station.

Trail Partners

Orange County, Orange County Land Trust, Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council, New York State Parks, and Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

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