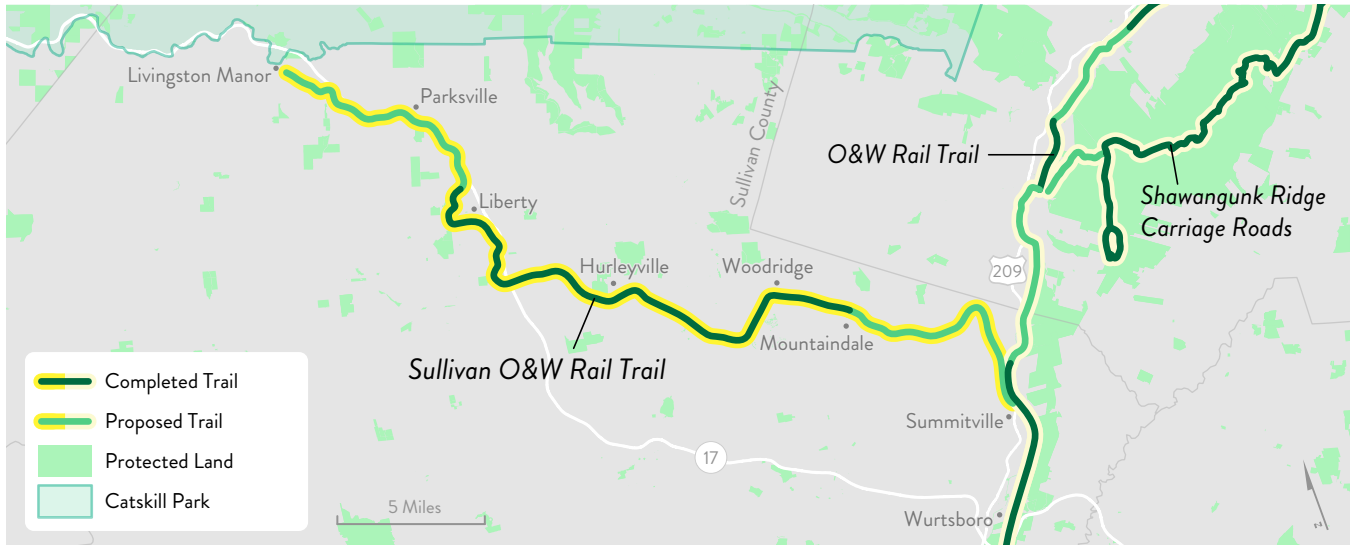




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Sullivan O&W Rail Trail



The main line of the former Ontario & Western railroad runs 50 miles across the breadth of Sullivan County, connecting hamlets, towns, villages, parks, preserves and scenic farmland. Numerous segments have been developed as multi-use trails, and the long-term plan is to unify these segments into a nearly continuous trail running from the Village of Wurtsboro to Livingston Manor.

Location

Sullivan County

Trail Length Vision

50 Miles

Communities to be Served

Wurtsboro, Summitville, Mountaindale, Woodridge, Mamakating, Rockland, Fallsburg, Hurleyville, Liberty, Parksville, and Livingston Manor.

Trail Will Connect With

The O&W Rail Trail corridor into Sullivan, Ulster, and Orange counties.

Immediate Funding Goal

- \$400,000 for OSI's efforts to complete targeted acquisition of parcels essential to connectivity.



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Hurleyville Rail Trail

OSI History

In 2014, OSI acquired nine miles of railbed to develop a trail starting near Route 17 near the village of Liberty and running east to Main Street in South Fallsburg. It is now a fully renovated rail trail known as the Hurleyville Rail Trail. OSI also acquired four miles of railbed in Wurtsboro and conveyed it to the Town of Mamakating.

Impact

The rail trail passes through farms, woods, and wetlands, and will eventually connect to the main O&W Rail Trail and D&H Canal near Summitville. The trail has the potential to rejuvenate remote communities and serve as an engine for tourism activity in the locales along its route.

Current Projects

- OSI and local partners are working to protect the rail trail near Livingston Manor and Summitville.

Trail Partners

Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Center for Discovery, Sullivan County, and Towns of Fallsburg, Rockland, and Mamakating.

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