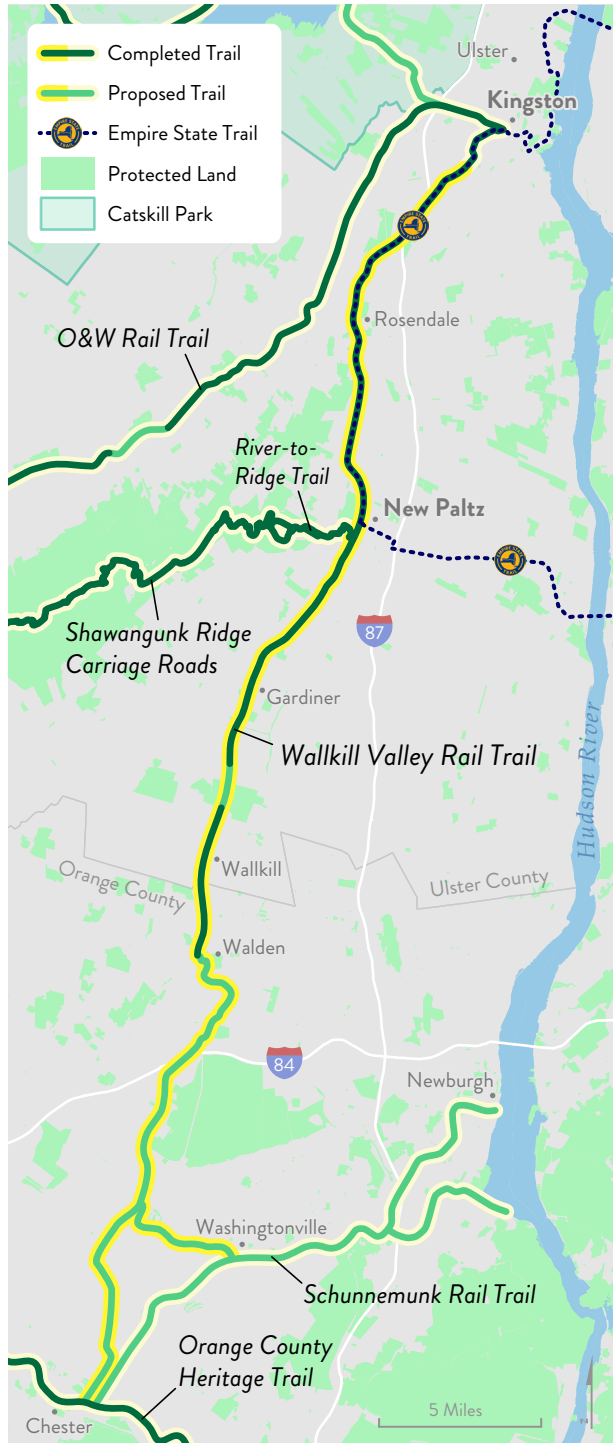


# Wallkill Valley Rail Trail



## Location

Ulster County and Orange County

## Trail Length Vision

38 Miles

## Communities to be Served

Kingston, Ulster, Rosendale, New Paltz, Newburgh, Gardiner, Wallkill, Walden, Washingtonville, and Chester.

## Trail Will Connect With

Catskill Mountain Rail Trail, Empire State Trail, River-to-Ridge Trail, Shawangunk Ridge Carriage Roads, Schunemunk Rail Trail, and the Orange County Heritage Trail.

## Immediate Funding Goals

- \$1.5 million for efforts to rehabilitate the trail from Gardiner to Wallkill.

The Wallkill Valley Rail Trail currently runs from the City of Kingston to Gardiner, and is envisioned to extend as far south as the Village of Chester. It runs through the scenic Binnewater Hills, the northern reaches of the Shawangunk Ridge, and scenic farmland, and includes a 940-foot-long trestle and pedestrian walkway over the Rondout Creek in Rosendale.



Rosendale Trestle

## OSI History

In 2010, OSI partnered with the Wallkill Valley Land Trust to acquire more than 11 miles of the northern Rosendale and Ulster sections of what is now the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail and, in 2013, the organizations raised nearly \$1.5 million to restore the Rosendale Trestle. Then, between 2018 and 2023, OSI raised another \$3 million to fully restore nearly 19 miles of the trail from the City of Kingston to Main Street in Gardiner.

## Impact

The Wallkill Valley Rail Trail functions as a major engine for tourism activity in the communities along its route. A section of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is part of New York's Empire State Trail.

## Current Projects

- Extending the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail further south into Orange County to connect with the Schunemunk Rail Trail and Orange County Heritage Trail.

## Trail Partners

Wallkill Valley Land Trust, New York State Parks, Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Hudson River Valley Greenway, Ulster County, Orange County, Village of New Paltz, and Towns of Ulster, Rosendale, New Paltz, Shawangunk, and Gardiner.

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