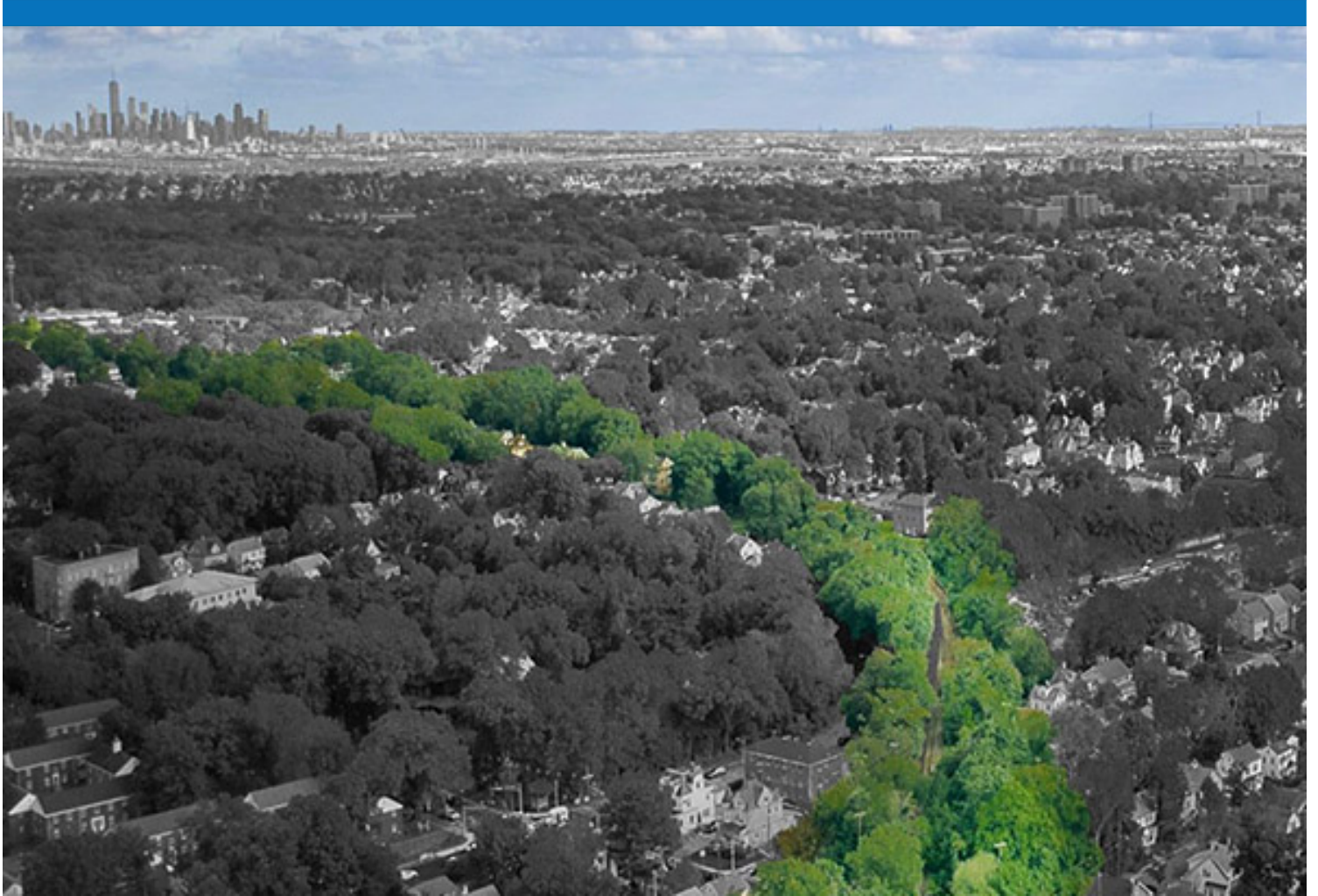




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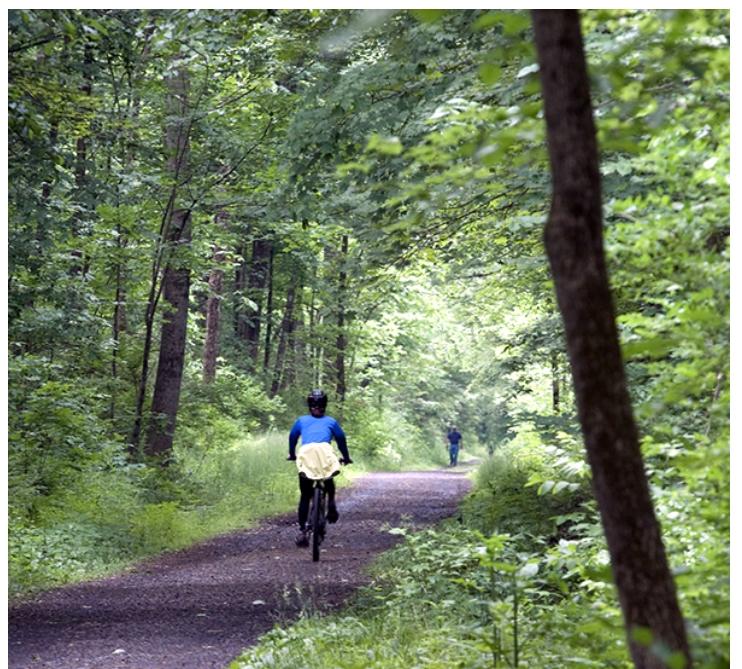
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## OSI LEADS THE WAY FOR NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREENWAY

A transformational project improving access to greenspace in one of the most congested regions in the nation is one step closer to reality. After two years of hard-fought negotiation, the Open Space Institute reached a preliminary purchase and sale agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for property in Northern New Jersey; setting the stage for the creation of a nearly nine-mile linear park that will provide new recreation opportunities for walkers, bikers, birders, and other nature lovers, while improving local transportation options.

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## LWCF NEARS VICTORY

Following five decades of hard-fought battles led by the OSI's Outdoor America Campaign, legislation guaranteeing federal funding for land and water conservation has passed the House and Senate. Under the measure, \$900 million will be allocated each year for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

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## \$1 MILLION FOR IMPROVING WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

OSI, in partnership with Wallkill Valley Land Trust have embarked on a \$1 million plan to improve a 9.5-mile stretch of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail in New York's Ulster County. The plan will improve public access and safety measures for the popular trail and reinforce the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail's inclusion as part of the Empire State Trail.

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## SUPPORTING A GARDEN OASIS IN NEW YORK CITY

The Isham Park Recreation Program has been caring for Bruce's Garden as a way to build community in northern Manhattan. OSI's Citizen Action Program is helping the Isham Park group build for the future, providing the group with mentorship and fiscal sponsorship.

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## OSI GRANT FOR NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAIN TOP

A scenic mountain summit in northwestern North Carolina has been permanently protected thanks in part to a grant from OSI. Located in an area facing considerable development pressures, the project will enhance water quality in the New River and secure key habitat that will continue to provide a haven for sensitive wildlife.

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