Minnewaska State Park Preserve and the Mohonk Preserve contain a historic and highly scenic network of shale Victorian-era carriage roads which are ideal for walking, hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. These carriage roads total more than 80 miles in length, and span a variety of landscapes on the Shawangunk Ridge as they run from New Paltz to Ellenville.

**Location**
Ulster County

**Trail Length Vision**
80 miles

**Communities to be Served**
Gateway communities of New Paltz and Ellenville as well as all communities adjacent to the Shawangunk Ridge.

**Trail Will Connect With**
Empire State Trail, Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Sam’s Point, Mohonk Preserve, O&W Rail Trail and D&H Canal, Long Path, and Shawangunk Ridge Trail.

**Immediate Funding Goals**
- $50,000 for engineering and design analysis of Smiley Carriage Road to Ellenville.
- $1.25 million for rehabilitation of the Lake Awosting Carriage Road.
OSI History
OSI has protected more than 36,000 acres of land on and around the Shawangunk Ridge - including more than doubling the size of Minnewaska State Park Preserve. Since 2014, OSI has invested more than $4 million to rebuild more than 15 miles of Minnewaska’s carriage roads and raised more than $3 million to create the Minnewaska Visitor Center, which opened in 2020. In total, OSI has spent north of $100 million on land acquisition, trails, and visitors center improvements along the Shawangunk Ridge.

River-to-Ridge Trail: On the eastern side of the Shawangunk Ridge, OSI spent $5 million to protect, construct and now manage the River-to-Ridge Trail, a six-mile loop trail that offers hikers, cyclists, and cross-country skiers a safe connection between the Village of New Paltz and the Shawangunk Ridge.

Impact
Minnewaska State Park Preserve is visited by more than half a million adventurers each year, while OSI’s River-to-Ridge Trail welcomes 200,000 visitors per year. Both sites are well-known for wide, multi-use gravel paths, which make them accessible to the widest range of visitors.

Current Projects
• OSI is restoring 2.4 miles of Minnewaska’s High Point Carriage Road.
• OSI has begun active planning and design of two additional sections of Minnewaska’s carriage roads, including the western three-mile section of the Smiley Carriage Road connecting to the Village of Ellenville, and the remaining two miles of the Lake Awosting Carriage Road.

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