

What is a public-private partnership and why does OPRHP do them?

A public-private park partnership is an arrangement between a public agency (federal, state, or local) and a private sector entity that focuses on managing parkland. Through a **contractual agreement**, the skills and assets of each partner are shared to create, maintain, and sustain a public park – in this case, a section of a state park preserve.

Benefits:

- Raise **private** funds to support **public** parks infrastructure and programming
- OPRHP can do more with same state resources – additional private (and privately funded) capacity to manage and operate parkland
- Support adjacent communities with infrastructure related to visitation
- Reach new audiences
- Mitigate risks and/or costs
- Save taxpayer dollars while improving public spaces
- Ensure accountable management during changing administrations & shifting budget priorities



NYS OPRHP & Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. Public-Private Park Partnership

Responsibilities:

OPRHP

Land owner of majority of linear park (pays property taxes to Putnam County, Philipstown, Nelsonville & Cold Spring, special districts, and Haldane & Garrison school districts)

Holder of trail easements on other involved lands

Collaboration in planning, design and construction of all linear park infrastructure

Lead agency on GEIS process

Ongoing oversight on natural resources protection and visitor safety within linear park

Construction of Breakneck bridge

HHFT

Fundraising for capital, operating budget, and maintenance of improvements

Planning, design, construction of all linear park infrastructure (except for Breakneck bridge construction)

Management of parking and shuttle systems

Staffing to operate and maintain all linear park assets

Day-to-day operations management

Programming and administration

