



The trail is not new, nor is it a “Disneyesque development.”

It is a 20-years-in-the-making project. The original group to conceive of the Fjord Trail concept was made up of all Philipstown residents, many of whom have stayed involved with the project throughout its nearly 20-year history. Over the years, many locals have been involved in shaping the plan in myriad ways to ensure it meets its goals and serves as a resource for our local communities. Residents have participated in public forums, small group and one-on-one meetings, focus groups, open houses, surveys—to name a few methods of involvement—to share their input on the plan, and changes have been made in response to community members’ ideas.

It is a trail, not an amusement park.

The trail and its accompanying improvements are being planned to help ease both the congestion in Cold Spring and the chronic traffic and parking issues on Route 9D, and to provide a new walking and biking trail to connect Cold Spring and Beacon. With the Fjord Trail, the existing burden of visitation to the Village of Cold Spring will be relieved by increased public parking, an improved Breakneck Ridge train station, a Visitor Center at Dutchess Manor, and new trailhead entries – all north of the Village. These will strategically draw hikers away from Cold Spring.

Members of the Steering Committee and of HHFT’s Staff and Board are local residents who care deeply about the welfare of the local community. The trail is being planned with the utmost consideration for the character and well-being of the place many of us call home.