Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail

The project has changed in some distinct and important ways over the past eighteen years. The original Master Plan assumed this project would be the responsibility of New York State Parks.

There would have been no bathrooms, no privately funded staff to help manage and maintain the trail, and no shuttle to help make access by train more convenient and to expand parking options.

The new Master Plan has reimagined the project—conceived of and advanced locally for nearly 20 years—to focus on an accessible, context-sensitive, ecological design that includes restoration and resilience. The goal is to have the trail be as quiet and natural as possible so that visitors can enjoy the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

Chris Davis, a long-time community member and supporter of conservation in the region, joined the project to ensure this commitment to preserving the Hudson Highland's beauty and character through quality design could be achieved.

NY State Parks continues to be a great member of the coalition advancing the project, as they have been for over a decade. Given the amount of state and public land involved, the project is subject to many legally binding agreements.

There is no carte blanche being given to anyone or any aspect of the project. It is currently moving through rigorous environmental review and permitting processes just as any other project would.