

The logo features a stylized, dark green 'ft' monogram. The 'f' is tall and thin, with a curved top and a vertical stem. The 't' is shorter, with a horizontal top bar and a vertical stem that curves slightly to the right at the bottom. To the right of the monogram, the words 'Hudson Highlands' are stacked above 'Fjord Trail' in a dark green, serif font.

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail

The HHFT Steering Committee has evolved over time as the collection of parties working to advance the project as it's progressed from an idea to a draft master plan. In the project's early days, this included Hudson Highlands Land Trust, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and the Philipstown Greenway Trails Committee. These entities worked to gather resources to advance early studies such as the 9D Scenic Byway Corridor Study (2006), the Fjord Trail Hike/Bike Trail Feasibility Study (2007), and the 2015 Master Plan. By 2013, the coalition had grown to approximately 18 entities, including Scenic Hudson, Open Space Institute, the four municipalities the trail goes through (Beacon, Fishkill, Philipstown and Cold Spring), other local non-profits, Metro-North, and several state agencies. Throughout the 2015 Master Plan process and the 2020 plan update processes, the group met every 1-2 months to review design progress and guide the development of the plan. The group is a collaborative, advisory committee that provides input and guidance. There are no formal votes. The group is also representative in nature, meaning, the representatives are chosen by the entities they represent and are expected and encouraged to go back to their respective entities to share content and gather ideas to bring back to the larger Steering Committee for discussion. It is a voluntary committee; over time the composition has changed and some entities have been more involved than others. On the whole, engagement has been sustained in terms of overall participation by the committee since its formation. Now that we are in the design development stage, which moves a bit slower and in distinct phases, the group meets two times a year to review design development progress and hear other relevant updates on the project. As the project moves from design to construction to operations, the role of the committee will continue to evolve.