



December 5, 2023

Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees  
85 Main Street  
Cold Spring, NY 10516

Dear Mayor Foley and Village of Cold Spring Trustees,

I am writing to clarify some points about the proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail plan as it relates to Dockside Park and the Village of Cold Spring. I have been specifically authorized by the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT) Board of Directors to write this letter.

**As you know, we have stated in various public forums that, whatever the final routing of the Fjord Trail, HHFT will defer to the Village of Cold Spring in regard to what, if any, programming and events occur at Dockside Park.**

Should the final routing of the trail include Dockside, HHFT would build the actual trail, as well as public restrooms, and may also build and maintain a visitor information kiosk to help orient hikers and provide essentials, like maps and a water refilling station. The design for this phase of the plan is still in the conceptual stage. As part of HHFT's ongoing operations, Fjord Trail stewardship staff would then maintain the park, and manage trash and recycling collection and maintenance of the restroom facilities.

Some residents of Cold Spring have expressed concern that Fjord Trail revenue generating activities could occur at Dockside and adversely impact the Village—as one resident put it in a recent letter, "holiday stalls at Dockside to compete with local businesses." They have suggested that we formally confirm in writing the assurances previously made on this subject, which I am pleased to do.

**HHFT has no intention to plan or allow commercial activities or events (including by Fjord Trail concessionaires, sponsors, or donors) in Dockside Park.**

Additionally, there has been much public comment on a rumored traffic circle, or roundabout, at the intersection of Routes 9D and 301, being a part of the Fjord Trail proposal. **I'd like to clarify that HHFT has never proposed such an idea and has no intention of recommending or advocating for a traffic circle at the 9D intersection, nor do we have any jurisdiction to do so.** As you know, such a plan would be up to the NYS Department of Transportation in collaboration with you, the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees, and Putnam County.

As the Fjord Trail plan continues to be refined, we look forward to updating you on our progress, and hope that you and local residents will continue to share your input on the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Kacala', written in a cursive style.

Amy Kacala  
Executive Director