



BEACON-HOPEWELL RAIL TRAIL STUDY

Study Overview

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is evaluating the feasibility of constructing a 13-mile rail trail along a portion of the MTA's inactive Beacon line between the Hudson River in the City of Beacon and the hamlet of Hopewell Junction in the Town of East Fishkill. The study will document the challenges and opportunities of constructing a rail trail, and present several design concepts to stakeholders and the public for review and feedback. The study will ultimately produce a recommended trail concept with cost estimates.

WHAT IS A RAIL TRAIL?

A rail trail is a multi-use path built within or adjacent to a rail corridor. Rail trails are typically flat or gently graded, making them accessible to people of various fitness levels and abilities.

Rail trails are great for walking, bicycling, running, and other activities. In some cases, the rail corridor's functionality can be maintained with the space next to the railroad tracks used as a path (i.e., Rail-with-Trail).

Key Tasks

- Inventory & assess existing conditions (including natural resources, road crossings, and structures)
- Prepare & evaluate preliminary design concepts
- Prepare a final concept plan with cost estimates

Get Involved

This study will include several phases of public input with multiple methods of collecting your feedback. We anticipate public meetings in the spring/summer of 2024.

We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts on a potential rail trail along the Beacon Line by completing a brief survey. You can also suggest locations of potential improvements on an interactive map.

Scan the QR code for our online map and survey. Visit the website for more information:
www.beaconhopewellrailtrail.com

