



Souhegan Valley Rail Trail

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An extraordinary opportunity for the entire region

Imagine a place where walkers, runners, bicyclists, wheelchair users, inline skaters, horseback riders, and more—of all ages and abilities—feel safe to move throughout the Souhegan Valley for transportation and recreation.

Whether investing in the local economy, increasing property values, improving health & fitness, or just enhancing our sense of community, alternative transportation infrastructure offers many demonstrable benefits to an area. Still, safe access to alternative transportation infrastructure isn't just a "want". To thousands in the Souhegan Valley, it's a vital need.

16+ miles of little-used railroad right through the heart of the Souhegan Valley are currently for sale creating a once-in-a-generation opportunity to incorporate a rail trail into the future of the rail corridor and provide a revolutionary connection for 6 towns.

The Souhegan Valley Rail Trail could serve a vital role as a regional backbone to an alternative transportation network, offering significant benefits to the region. This would provide essential transportation opportunities to residents and visitors of the area; significant economic growth prospects, especially for local commercial businesses; increased property values; regional health and wellness opportunities; and a greater sense of local community.

As of 2020 **115,000 people reside, and 63,400 jobs are situated within just two miles of the proposed route.** This includes a staggering 3,000 households that have no access to a personal motor vehicle.

The Friends of the Souhegan Valley Rail Trail is an organization working to raise awareness of, advocate for, and identify ways to help make this dream a reality.

