

Trail Project Connecting the Schapiro Reserve to College Street in Hamilton

Fall 2023 Plan, 2024-25 completion

A group of three Colgate students elected to plan a trail connection between the Schapiro Reserve and College Street for their senior environmental studies seminar. Regan interviewed Harvey Kliman and Greg Owens to help them define the location and project objectives. The students prepared a



presentation for their course and for showing to the Hamilton Village Board of Trustees. The subject was well received by the Board and Jocelyn Gavitt, Director of the Partnership for Community Development. Jocelyn hopes to find funding through a NY State Transportation Alternatives Grant program.

The trail connection crosses Village of Hamilton land from the end of the O&W RR Trail on the Schapiro Reserve to College Street a short distance from the southern terminus of the Village O&W Trail. The route passes close to the wastewater treatment plant, past the dog park, and along the access road to College Street. This project will require Village approval and likely will need grant funding to complete. The path from the Schapiro Reserve may have to cross some seasonally wet land and require a boardwalk for a portion of the trail.