

**Lake Placid to Tupper Lake Recreational Trail Development
Initial Stakeholders Meeting Overview**

DEC Region 5 Headquarters Ray Brook

1 pm, September 1, 2016

- I. Goal: Develop a draft conceptual plan for the recreational trail for public review. The final conceptual plan will be used for an RFP to design and construct an ADA accessible recreation trail.

- II. Removal of Rails and Ties
 1. One RFP for removal of rails and ties north of Tupper Lake and upgrade of railway south of Tupper Lake
 2. Concern expressed that the two projects not be linked so that work on removal rails and ties is not delayed by upgrade of the railway.
 3. Suggested that municipalities and others may be able to assist in removing rails and ties.
 4. RFP should include installation of structures to ensure safety of users and prevent illegal ATV use of trail prior to the trail being constructed.

- III. Operation and Maintenance of Trail
 1. Partnership between DEC, an “umbrella” organization (friends group), and the municipalities
 2. What duties and responsibilities is each municipality able and willing to undertake?
 3. How will it be funded?
 - i. Sales tax return
 - ii. REDC
 - iii. EPF Stewardship Fund

- IV. Issues to Address at Future Meetings
 1. Surface Material
 2. Entry and exit points
 3. Road crossings
 4. Bridges and culverts
 5. Historic Preservation
 6. Trail Amenities
 7. Connections to business districts
 8. Connecting Fish Creek and Rollins Pond to trail
 9. Saranac Lake Depot
 10. Emergency Response

Municipality	County	Sum - Miles
Harrietstown	Franklin	9.11
North Elba	Essex	9.47
Santa Clara	Franklin	8.48
Tupper Lake	Franklin	6.86
		33.92

Village	Sum - Miles	
Lake Placid	0.67	
Saranac Lake	2.30	
Tupper Lake	0.95	
		3.92