

## Press Release

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### Trail in Hyde Park Progresses

The Hyde Park Heritage Greenway Trail system is adding yet another new section. A new trail easement agreement between the Anderson Center for Autism and Winnakee Land Trust will be signed at a special ceremony to be held this Friday, November 2 at 2 p.m. at the Hyde Park school. The easement was donated by the Anderson Center.

The easement is part of a larger effort by the Town of Hyde Park, the National Park Service, Winnakee Land Trust, Dutchess County Planning, and Scenic Hudson, Inc., to establish a trail for public use along the Hudson River, linking the Vanderbilt National Historic Site to Norrie Point State Park., and will grant 2400 feet of new trail access through school property.

“The Anderson Center should be commended for their public spiritedness. This is a special gift to Hyde Park’s residents and visitors, who will soon be able to hike along the Hudson,” said Lucy Hayden, Executive Director of Winnakee Land Trust, a non-profit organization that protects open space in northern Dutchess County. “Of course, we will continue to work with our Hyde Park Trail partners on establishing further links in the trail system. The Hyde Park Trails Committee is a terrific team and sets great example of partners on the federal and local level working together.”

The Anderson Center’s Executive Director Neil Pollack and Business Director Maria Espie were early and enthusiastic supporters of the project and will join Hyde Park Town Supervisor Pompey Delafield, Hyde Park Recreation Director Kathleen Davis, Winnakee Land Trust President Sally Mazzerella, and members of the National Park Service and Dutchess County Planning at the easement signing.

*(Anderson Center please place quote from Mr. Pollack here)*

This trail will build on the Town of Hyde Park’s growing, 10-mile system of trails and walkways linking town parks, nature preserves and National Park sites with local neighborhoods and the Town's central business corridor.