

## **Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee**

**DATE & TIME:** July 25, 2024 at 4:30PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Collins  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Collins, Kovacs, Litts, McCollough, Nolan, Sperry  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Steve Rice, Patty Goodwin, Meg Carey, Bryan A. Blas, Russ Bonk, Marcia Rousa, David Hilliard, Haey Jameson, Nick Mercurio, Ernie Hunt, Howard Cohen, Kevin Smith, Dorie Goldberg, Irwin Rosenthal, Susan Auchincloss, Stuart Auchincloss

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Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

Chair Collins presented aerial satellite views of the parcels through which the Ulster & Delaware Corridor runs through. Three parcels are owned by Ulster County, two are owned by FAI LLC, one in the Town of Kingston, one in the Town of Woodstock.

The Committee discussed the easement on the corridor and all properties. They discussed the change in the easement with the County and DEC on the further West portions of the trail to modify the language to include rail road or rail trail as part of the construction of the Ashokan Rail Trail and the possibility of needing to modify this language for its designation. Legislator Nolan indicated that this portion of the Corridor was not designated through the County Rail Banking process and drew comparison with the process of creating the Kingston linear park.

The Committee agreed that walking the corridor would be helpful in visualizing and understanding the measurements of the corridor. All agreed, and asked Clerk Tierney to speak with DPW about clearing the brush from the trail before walking prior to the next meeting.

Legislator Nolan stated it might be helpful to think of three main options: Rail with Trail, Rail Only, and Trail Only, or subdividing the section where a both option is feasible. Legislator Nolan suggested hearing from both the Trail interests and Rail interests present their vision to the Committee.

Chair Collins agreed and asked Catskill Mountain Rail Road to present to the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan  
**TIME:** 5:32 PM  
**Respectfully Submitted By:** Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist  
**Minutes Approved:** August 22, 2024