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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We hope that you and your family are managing well during this public health crisis.

In January, 2018, following a tragic bicycle accident in Kirkland, community members joined together to form a new organization, Kirkland Trails, and began working to transform the historic railroad and canal corridors in our town into a network of safe, multi-use trails. Our plans include connecting trails in Kirkland to those in surrounding towns and ultimately connecting to the Erie Canal Trail. We invite you to help turn these plans into reality.

A network of trails in Kirkland will benefit our town in many ways. The trails will provide safe, off-road routes around the community; bring cyclists, walkers, and others into our town and to our businesses; and give us all the opportunity to enjoy healthy, outdoor activity and learn more about our local history and natural environment. In partnership with the Town of Kirkland, and with the support of Hamilton College and other donors, we have begun developing Phase 1, the first trail section, along the historic Ontario & Western Railroad bed. This three-mile section begins at the intersection of Rts. 12B and 233, crosses Dugway Rd., and connects at Rt. 315 in Deansboro to the three-mile Town of Marshall trail. We hope to complete Phase 1 in summer, 2020. Planning has begun for Phase 2, to be developed on the railroad and canal corridors on the north side of Clinton.

Here is how you can help. The ***Kirkland Trails 2020 Founder Campaign***, our initial fundraising effort, will provide a much needed fiscal foundation. We seek a total of \$100,000 to complete Phase 1 and to launch Phase 2. Your gift will help provide

- Materials for trail infrastructure, including culverts, crushed stone, and solid fill
- Amenities such as informational signage and kiosks
- Engineering studies and easement research for Phase 2

The ***Kirkland Trails*** project will create a tremendous, permanent resource for our community, benefiting residents and attracting visitors. Please support this campaign with a generous contribution. See the enclosed response card for more information about how you can contribute.

The Kirkland Trails Board, our volunteers, and the entire community thank you for your support of this community effort. We wish you and your family well during this trying period.

Sincerely,
Sharon Williams
President

Our most recent financial report is available from the Charities Bureau Registry on the New York Attorney General's website (www.charitiesnys.com) or you may contact us at P.O. Box 86, Clinton, New York 13323. Information on charitable organizations may be obtained from the NYS Office of the Attorney General at (www.charitiesnys.com) or (212) 416-8816.