

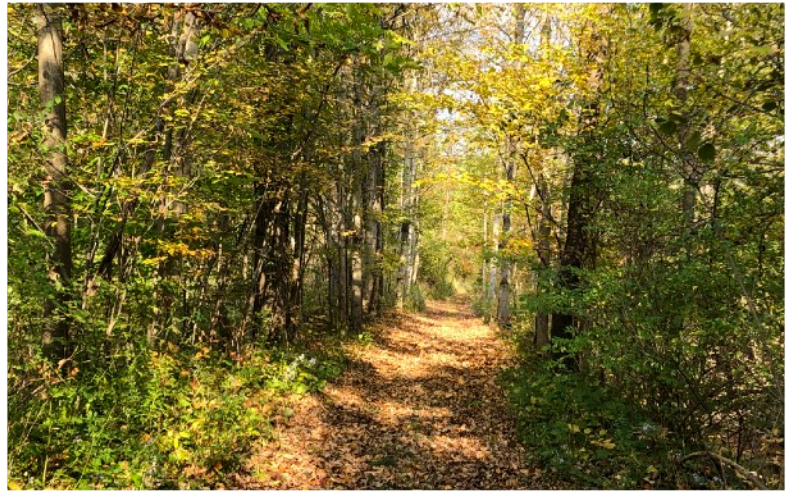
KIRKLAND TRAILS NEWSLETTER

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New Board for 2021

After a successful Annual Membership Meeting, we introduce the 2021 Kirkland Trails Board of Directors:

- Jim Bramley, President;
- Sharon Williams, Vice President;
- Tom Grenier, Treasurer;
- Chip Bassett, Secretary;
- Kathy Collett;
- Joe Gale;
- Gerry Gogel;
- Nicholas Heintz;
- Ann Silversmith



Kirkland Trails President's letter

Kirkland Trails is alive and well despite the health, economic and political crises of the last year. In fact we made progress in 2020, described elsewhere in this letter, although it was slowed by the pandemic. We have seen extensive use of the South Trail as local residents have sought a place to exercise outdoors, connect with nature

and escape the stresses of current daily life.

As the newly elected president of Kirkland Trails I would like to recognize four of our board members whom I regard as the "Founding Mothers" of our organization – Sharon Williams, Sandy Scofield, Kathy Collett and Gerry

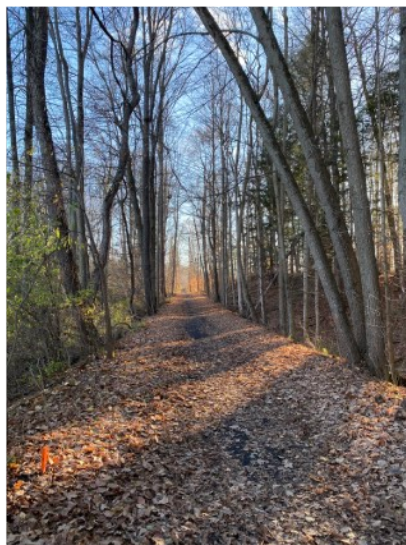




Grey Dogwood in autumn



Wood Duck Pond, along the proposed northern route



Kirkland Trails South Section in autumn

Gogel. It was in large part their vision, talents and perseverance that successfully launched Kirkland Trails in 2018. They have remained deeply involved and indispensable. Sharon, our first president, will now be vice president. Sandy has stepped down from the board, but will certainly remain engaged in our project. Ann Silversmith will assume Sandy's seat on the board and is sure to be a valuable addition. Kathy will continue as chair of Communications and Gerry as chair of Membership.

We thank all of you for your support of recreational trails, a growing asset for our entire community. We trust that 2021 will be a better year for everyone and look forward to seeing you on the trail!

Jim Bramley, President

Progress Report

The abandoned Ontario and Western (O&W) Railroad line that follows the Chenango Canal corridor provides an excellent resource for trail development. It is relatively level, dry, and just wide enough for a good multi-use trail. This we have envisioned as the Chenango Canal Trail. It could conceivably run the length of the Town of Kirkland from Deansboro in the south all the way up to New Hartford and possibly Clark Mills in the north.

The recently improved Kirkland Trails South Section, which starts at Route 315 in Deansboro and proceeds north three miles across Dugway Road to Route 12B at the intersection of Harding Road (Route 233), is a delightful trail but needs further improvements:

- the northern portion, between Dugway Road and Route 12B, needs to be surveyed, widened and re-surfaced;
- the trailhead at Route 12B needs a designated parking area and safer access;
- the most southerly portion near Deansboro needs further surface grading and drainage; and
- we want to add along the trail some amenities, such as benches, kiosks and signage.

Hopefully, this work will be completed within the next year or two.

This South Section is owned by New York State and leased by the Town of Kirkland. Our next proposed trail follows the O&W Railroad corridor that runs north from McBride

Progress Report, continued

Avenue in Clinton, crosses Robinson Road, and eventually leads into a beautiful 150-acre area with ponds, wetlands and woodlands that is owned by the Town of Kirkland. Because this section of the railroad corridor is mostly privately owned, we will need to secure, through easements, the legal right to use it. We hired a landscape architectural firm, which completed a feasibility study, and we now are in the process of hiring a surveyor to verify the boundaries along this route. Once we have the landowners' needed permission, we will work with the state, the town and the village to develop the trail.

Chip Bassett

2020 Founders Campaign Committee Report

The Kirkland Trails 2020 Founders Campaign Committee is happy to report that as of December 31st, 2020, we have reached our goal!

On June 1st 2020, we kicked off the Kirkland Trails Founders 2020 Campaign to help raise funds needed to complete Phase 1 and to launch Phase 2 of the trails.

We are thrilled to announce that because of your tremendous support to this community, we have raised over \$100,000. Starting with a grant of \$15,000 from Hamilton College's Town-Gown Fund in 2019, we were also able to raise over \$20,000 from the Kirkland Trails Board Members, core volunteers as well as 2 anonymous donors. The rest of the donations came from 205 generous community donors.

We are so grateful to this community and its support of the Kirkland Trails. However, please note that even though the KT 2020 Founders Campaign is over, your continued support each year is necessary for further development of the trails.

We all love this community and enjoy the beautiful amenities it has to offer and now through your support we are able to offer one more: the Kirkland Trails.

On behalf of the entire board and core volunteers, a sincere thank you to all of you who support the Kirkland Trails.

Paula Balch, Corrine Gates, & Cindy Wirene



Fairy houses gathered up to be saved over the winter



KIRKLAND TRAILS FOUNDERS CAMPAIGN 2020 HONOR ROLL



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*** In Memory of Sam Pellman**