

PTAB Annual Report 2016-2017



Dewey Kids at Mt. Pisgah

Parks Trails and Advisory Board

Saranac Lake, NY

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Lindy Ellis

Lindy bikes, cross country ski, and hikes. Lindy supports the PTAB because it helps everyone in Saranac Lake be more active, with recommendations on healthy infrastructure.



Andrea Audi

Andrea likes to hike the low peaks with her dogs and ski the flats. She is an avid gardener and the past Director of Common Ground Gardens in Saranac Lake. She maintains an active reading list on issues pertaining walkable cities, smart growth, public art, vibrant downtowns, and sustainable development.



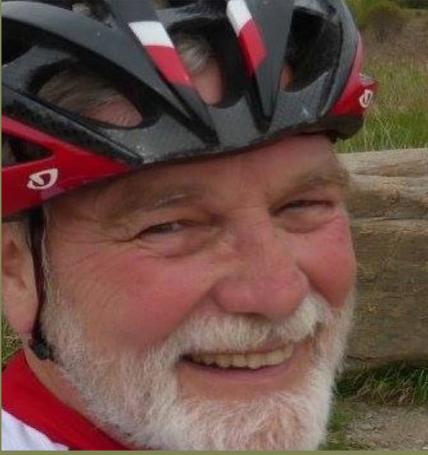
Maria Deangelo

Maria is a proud public school teacher at Saranac Lake Middle School. She grew up hiking and running on the trails and hills in and around the Potterkill Preserve in Rotterdam, NY. She loves to race the Saranac Lake Fun Run each week of the summer with the great families of SL, and live in a beautiful Village where walking, hiking, running, snowshoeing and skiing are steps from our doors.



Marijke Ormel

Marijke uses her bicycle year round for transportation to work and errands around town. She has led efforts to make Adirondack Health more bicycle friendly for staff and visitors and is on PTAB to help make Saranac Lake friendly for people of all ages on bikes.



Tom Boothe

Tom is a biker and all-around outdoor and Saranac Lake enthusiast. Making Saranac Lake Village nicer for human powered travel is a great thing to contribute to.



Jordanna Mallach

Jordanna lives in Saranac Lake near Ampersand Park and the civic center two places where she spends lots of time. She enjoys skiing at both Dewey Mountain and Mount Pisgah and walking and biking to school with her 10 year old daughter.

Parks Trail and Advisory Board was established in 2009. PTAB is a seven member advisory board created in 2009. PTAB's purpose is to make recommendations to the Saranac Lake Village Board on policy and implementation that support and promote healthy lifestyles through healthy infrastructure.

INFRASTRUCTURE



Trails-

1.31 miles of new trails added since last report



Added Distance of Bike Lanes-

Bloomingtondale to Amper-sand Ave-0.4 miles

Broadway to Pine St-0.3 miles

2.9 Total miles of bike lanes



Sidewalks-

480 lf of sidewalk replaced

PTAB PROJECTS

- Drafted bike & pedestrian network maps created
- Blank out lights at Main & River Street Intersection
- Crosswalk Improvements-Petrova Ave



Compass Rose & 6er Logo Painting



Thanks DAB!



Epoxy ladder bars installed at school & downtown





•Wayfinding Signage

Wayfinding signs installed four signs around Saranac Lake, including the Riverwalk entrance, Berkeley Green, Riverside Park, and the downtown Parking lot. The signs have two sides with maps of street, points of interest. They have been supported by numerous business, organization, and individual sponsors. There are 7 large map signs sponsored by businesses and organizations. There are 7 medium map sign sponsors, both business, organizations and individuals as well.



...3 more signs added in 2017

PRIORITY PROJECTS

1. Public input meetings were held at the following parks to discuss the Parks Master Plan:

William Morris Park

Ampersand Park

Riverside

Ward Plumador

Mt. Pisgah

Prescott & Riverfront Parks

Lake Colby Beach

Baldwin Park

Skatepark

Riverwalk

Berkeley Green

2. Survey analysis

3. Priority projects identified

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY & CHECKLIST

— 6 street projects have thus far been reviewed

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



43 acres were added to Dewey Mountain Recreation Center which will be used to expand the trail network. 1.31 miles of new trails were added to Dewey Mountain in 2017.

Thanks Dewey Mtn Friends
& Harrietstown BETA!

Saranac Lake SkatePark Completed

The Saranac Lake Skatepark is the best used park in Saranac Lake. Skateboarders used the park at very high levels, even in the “snowless” winter months. Skateboard use was seen at greater than 30 users a day, with 5 to 20 users at any given time during the spring, summer and fall months. Had 20 people contribute at the Public Input for the Park and Trails Public input session. Hosted two Skateboard Competitions at the Saranac Lake Skatepark in 2016, in conjunction with three community groups and businesses.

The Village of Saranac Lake Hosted Skate Clinics, where experienced skaters volunteered their time to coach younger skaters. Three experienced skateboarders (Ben Karkowski, Evan Davis, and Nick Orten) gave 32 skate board clinics to our local boys and girls this summer. Ives McCarty was instrumental in advertising and getting the park ready for these lessons.

Key Donors are recognized with a boulder and bronze plaque. The wild flower garden was expanded, providing a welcome place in the center of Saranac Lake.



Thanks Skatepark
Committee!

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



Saranac Lake Police Department in partnership with Traffic Safety provided education to 50 kids at the Saranac Lake Summer Youth Program.

Kiwanis Club gave out 65 helmets at the June Bike Rodeo in Saranac Lake. 90 kids attended the event.

Walk & Bike to School Month in May

Walker the SR2S chicken walked to school with 50 students during 2 events in Saranac Lake.

Signs with distances to the schools were posted in neighborhoods throughout Saranac Lake.

Stencils of the SR2S logo were painted on sidewalks along routes to school by students.



In 2017 over 70 kids from Petrova Elementary participated in the walk to school event

Results:

Increase in the number of kids that walk to school during special events with Walker in Saranac Lake.

Percentage of students walking/biking to or from school remained steady around 6%-8% at Petrova.

Thanks Heart Network &
Petrova!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2016

Community Bike Rides



2017



- 200 Cyclists from 33 different states and providences
- 70 % were first time visitors to the Adirondacks
- 20% stayed in local lodging

World Championship Snowshoe Races



Over 400 athletes participated on a 1.5-acre parcel that bordered Dewey Mountain and the adjacent state Armory. The cross country ski and snowshoe recreation center became the focal point of the first-ever world championships held in the United States, with the largest field in the event's history.



Fun Runs 2016 & 2017

2016

August 31 - 53 racers & spectators

25 45"

11 50"

04 77"

July 28 79"

21 90"

14 55"

07 41"



2017

September 01 - 102 racers + additional spectators

August 17 145"

10 97"

03 102"

July 27 57"

20 115"

13 96"

06 107"

June 29 27"

Average # of racers =79 racers and additional spectators(family groups, visitors to town) Counts for 17/20 races



2016 Turkey Trot

Over 200 participants in 2016



Over 300 participants in 2017

2016-2017 GRANT AWARDS

- Smart Growth Grant Program \$75,000.00
- Eastern Adirondack Health Care Network Built Environment Program

2018 PRIORITIES

- Continue wayfinding signage program
- Complete parks master plan
- Bike & Pedestrian network project summaries
- Continue implementation of Bike & Pedestrian plan
- Support & promote active lifestyle events