

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Agreement Date: month/day/2020

Subject:

Develop and maintain a multi-use trail for the purpose of recreation, education, economic development and alternative transportation, to be known as the Northern Extension of the Lackawanna Rail Trail to connect Eldridge Park (City of Elmira) to Memorial Park (Village of Elmira Heights). The property is owned by the County of Chemung (tax parcel 79.14-1-22), being part of the former Lehigh Valley Railroad, and the Old Chemung Canal.

Municipalities and Agencies Involved:

County of Chemung

City of Elmira

Town of Elmira

Town of Horseheads

Village of Elmira Heights

Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation
District

Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council

The following municipalities, namely County of Chemung, City of Elmira, Town of Elmira, Town of Horseheads and Village of Elmira Heights, desire to cost share the expenses incurred to develop a multi-use trail and agree to the following:

1. Develop a multi-use trail utilizing Certificate of Deposit funds (not to exceed \$50,000) contributed by the above-referenced municipalities. Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District administers the funds, which the municipalities have set aside for maintenance of the Old Chemung Canal. The proposed trail project includes in-kind contributions combined with the CD funds (not to exceed \$50,000.00) to finance the development and construction of the above-referenced trail extension.
2. Become an equal partner to assist in maintaining the trail extension, the Old Chemung Canal and Halderman Hollow Detention Basin as described above.
3. Beginning in 2023, municipalities mentioned above to allocate \$2,500.00 each for a total of \$12,500 annually to accomplish maintenance and administration for the 1) Lackawanna Rail Trail Extension, 2) Old Chemung Canal from Lenox Avenue south to Diven Creek then east in the direction of Newtown Creek, 3) to include Halderman Hollow Detention Basin behind the Hardinge, Inc. manufacturing facility located in the Town of Horseheads.
4. The municipalities shall provide all respective contributions to the CCSWCD, which will continue to manage the funds. Each municipality shall provide their entire annual contribution to CCSWCD no later than [tbd] date each year.
5. Provide input on maintaining the trail extension, the Old Chemung Canal and Halderman Hollow Detention Basin annually.
6. Provide support to answer the concerns of residents along the trail regarding this project and maintenance of the canal system.

**Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation District
County of Chemung and City of Elmira Department of Public Works**

1. Administering Agency to bill, collect and maintain account for maintenance of the Lackawanna Rail Trail Extension, the Old Chemung Canal, and Halderman Hollow Detention Basin.
2. Coordinate work for the trail extension, Old Chemung Canal, and Halderman Hollow Detention Basin.
3. Conduct site visits to determine what maintenance has been and will be accomplished annually by the above named municipalities.
4. Provide each municipality with an annual report and budget on accomplishment, and how much was spent on each of the named facilities.
5. Maintenance of facilities.

Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council

1. Seek funding and donations (grants, private and business contributions) resources to support long-term maintenance and necessary upgrades of the named facilities.
2. Coordinate efforts to establish a trail stewards program, education and interpretation programs, and activities with support from the Lackawanna Rail Trail Committee, Southern Tier Bicycle League, Bicycle Advisory Committee/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, local schools and the public.
3. Build and maintain local support for the trail and its trail-related economic development and marketing opportunities that will promote long-term sustainability.

Trail Development Cost Estimates

Cost of materials (trail pavement, concrete for bridge footers, misc.)	\$50,000
Cost of gravel for base	In-kind from Town of Elmira
Cost of staff for trail construction	In-kind by DPW
Permitting	In-kind by DPW/CCSWCD/ECTC
Cost of culvert	No cost – from CCSWCD
Cost of bridge panels	No cost – from DPW
Cost of engineering	In-kind by DPW/CCSWCD