

# Empire State Trail:

# Open House Project Information

8EST.04: Wallkill Valley Rail Trail to Kingston Point Rail Trail

8EST.05: Kingston Point Rail Trail to NYS Route 32

## Project Description

The proposed pedestrian and bicycle trail will connect the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail to the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, and will be part of a larger, more comprehensive network of trails across New York State called the Empire State Trail. The Empire State Trail is projected to be the largest multi-use trail in the nation. This network of trails will contain 750-miles of pathways for walking/hiking and bicycling along scenic vistas and through New York's historic communities and their corresponding local businesses. The proposed projects will connect to existing bicycling and hiking trails as well as proposed trails not yet constructed.

Due to the high demand for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, the purpose of the Empire State Trail project is to connect existing facilities and fill in the gaps between them to make one system that enables users to experience scenic views as well as historic properties in town centers. This proposed Empire State Trail project segment will connect Ulster County, the City of Kingston, and the Town of Ulster to the greater trail network with an accessible route for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The goals of this project are to:

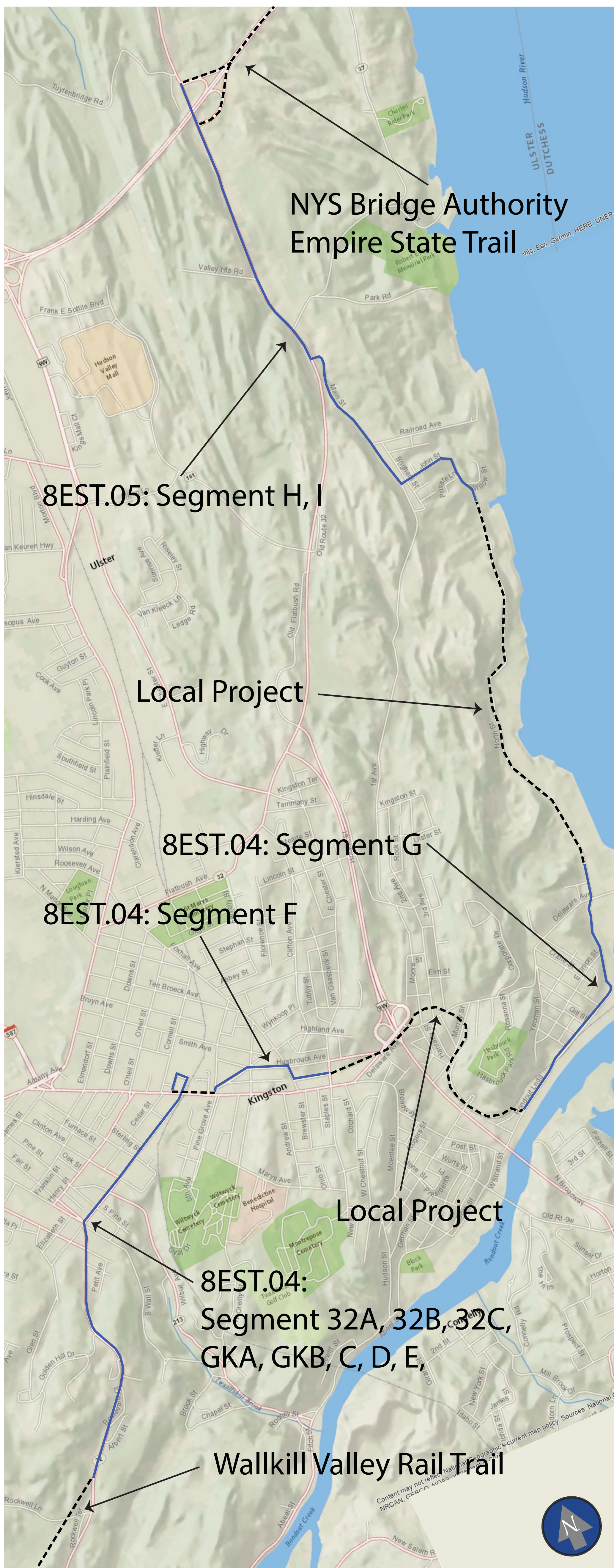
- Ensure pedestrian and bicyclist safety by providing proper signage and pavement markings.
- Improve safety for both pedestrians and bicyclists along existing roadways.
- Create a continuous, easily accessible trail system that appeals to a wide range of users. Increase access to natural, historic and cultural recourses.
- Link trail users with local businesses to promote economic development.

## Tentative Project Schedule

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Design Approval:	March 18, 2019
Start of Construction:	November 15, 2019
Substantial Completion:	October, 2020
Final Construction Completion:	December, 2020



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