



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

George Amedore

## SENATOR AMEDORE SECURES FUNDS FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY BIKE TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECT

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Senator George Amedore today announced he has designated Montgomery County to receive a capital grant in the amount of \$225,000 to restore and pave the surface of the Erie Canalway Trail from Fort Hunter to the Village of Fultonville.

The Erie Canalway Trail is an important recreational asset throughout all of Upstate, and especially in Montgomery County. Thousands of residents and visitors use the trailway each

year for biking, running, walking and other seasonal trail activities.

“Montgomery County is fortunate to have this tremendous natural resource, and the Canalway trail provides great recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors,” said Senator George Amedore. “The current state of the path in some parts make it expensive to maintain, and can pose a safety hazard. I was glad to be able to secure these funds that will make the upkeep easier and less expensive for the County, and help ensure greater safety for those who are enjoying activities on the paths.”

“I want to thank Senator Amedore for making this project a priority and for understanding the importance of the Erie Canalway Trail, as an incredibly significant outdoor recreational asset in Montgomery County,” County Executive Ossenfort said. “To upgrade the trail by resurfacing and repaving it will make for a more enjoyable experience for residents and will better showcase the tremendous outdoor opportunities that we have to offer in this area.”

The trail system was completed in Montgomery County. It was planned and developed by the NYS Parks and Recreation department, but it maintained by the County. Over the past 15 years some sections have been paved, but many sections are still topped with stone dust, which is expensive to maintain and can pose a hazard to runners and bikers. The funds secured by Senator Amedore will allow for the unpaved sections to be covered with asphalt in order to create a cohesive trail to connect with the parts that have already been paved.

The railway in Montgomery County is part of a bigger trail system that includes over 300 miles of trails throughout the State, from Albany to Buffalo.

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