



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michael H. Ranzenhofer

Ranzenhofer Secures \$250,000 For Ellicott Trail

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State Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer has announced \$250,000 in state funding to assist with the construction of the Ellicott Trail, the first pedestrian and bicycle trail within Genesee County.

The proposed 4.6 mile multi-modal pedestrian and bicyclist trail will provide a new route through the City and Town of Batavia, including off-road sections, to offer more efficient and safer options for travelers.

"I am pleased to have been able to secure funding for the Town and City of Batavia to construct the Ellicott Trail. The trail will connect major activity centers and commerce, while offering a new, safer way for residents to get around in the community," said Ranzenhofer.

New off-road trail sections will improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists as they will not need to compete with vehicular traffic. In addition, the on-road sections will be signed and striped for bicyclists to alert motorists; crosswalks at key intersections will also be signed and in some instances, enhanced, to emphasize pedestrian crossings along the route.

"I'm extremely pleased with the efforts of the City and Town collaborators with the Senator's office to help make this project a reality. This will be a first of its kind in Genesee

County, and just the beginning of what will hopefully be a County-wide trail," said Town Supervisor Greg Post.

"This has been a collaborative effort from the beginning, and we are extremely pleased to have an asset like the Ellicott Trail come through the center of our City. The Ellicott Trail, once constructed, will be a permanent fixture that will bring commerce and recreational users to our County for years to come," said City Council President Eugene Jankowski, Jr.

Ranzenhofer secured the funding through the State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program. Construction of the new trail is expected to start early next year and be completed by the end of 2017. The total cost of the project is \$1.36 million.

In 2014, the Town of Batavia, in partnership with the City, received \$1 million in federal funding, through the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP), to complete a 4.6 mile multi-modal pedestrian and bicyclist trail. The TEP program required a \$341,500 local match to complete the project. Senator Ranzenhofer's grant will be used to offset the local match.

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