



Capital District Trails Plan Implementation 2020-21

Introduction

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is initiating a program to support a feasibility study(ies) to develop new multi-use trails in the Capital Region. This new program is designed to implement the *Capital District Trails Plan* which was released in 2019. This Plan outlines a vision for developing a 300-mile regional trail network. This network is part of the region's long range transportation plan, *New Visions 2040*. CDTC has set an ambitious goal of constructing 10 miles of trail per year in order to develop this seamless, connected network by 2040. CDTC will make up to \$75,000 in Federal Planning funds available to eligible project sponsors to conduct a consultant-led feasibility study for constructing a trail(s) connection recommended in the *Capital District Trails Plan*.

*The Capital District Trail System attracts about **1.7 million visits annually**. The implementation of the Trails Plan is projected to attract an **additional 1.1 million visits** and could remove 17,4900 peak-hour vehicle trips. A 300-mile network would have an impact of **\$48.9 million** per year in total economic activity in the region.*

Rate of Multi-Use Trail Construction		
	Current	Target
Miles of trails that need to be constructed annually	7.0	10.0
Number of years to full build out / implementation complete based on miles of trails constructed annually	28.5	20.0

Solicitation

CDTC recently released a solicitation with a project proposal deadline of **August 7, 2020**. Project sponsors are required to submit a letter of intent, detailed project descriptions, letters of support, an estimated budget, documentation of funding commitment (25% cash match requirement), and other supporting materials. Eligible activities, sponsors, evaluation criteria, and other requirements can be found in the solicitation materials. These can be found at <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/latest-news/443-capital-district-trails-feasibility-study-solicitation>. If you have any questions about project eligibility or required submission materials, contact Jen Ceponis at jceponis@cdtcmpo.org or (518)458-2161.