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Greenway Designates New Trail *Greenway Trails top 100!*

(Albany, NY) Mark Castiglione, Acting Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, is pleased to announce the designation of the Marbletown O&W Rail Trail in Ulster County as part of the Greenway Land Trail. The trail was designated at the Hudson River Valley Greenway Board Meeting on January 20, 2011. The Marbletown O&W Rail Trail is an 8.7 mile segment that connects to the Hurley Rail Trail, also a Greenway Trail. The Greenway Trail includes over 324 miles of designated riverfront trails and Connectors/Countryside Corridors through the Hudson Valley.

The Greenway Land Trail System now has over 100 individual designated trails, comprising a network of multi-use trails.

“The Greenway is pleased to add this trail segment to our trail system,” Castiglione stated. “Community trails are important for many reasons; they help to drive the economy, increase the quality of life, and connect natural and cultural resources throughout the Valley. Trails like this one provide alternative forms of transportation and help connect to communities together.”

Marbletown Supervisor Brooke Pickering-Cole said, “The Town of Marbletown is proud to have achieved Greenway Trail designation for our O&W Rail Trail! Marbletown’s Rail Trail is a beloved asset in the Town, allowing everyone the ability to enjoy walking, running, biking, skiing and horseback riding surrounded by the beauty of the woods and fields we all treasure. We continue to applaud the Greenway’s support for outdoor recreation and the positive role it plays in the health and well being of our residents, visitors, and business owners. It is indeed an honor to be part of this important trail network in the Hudson Valley.”

Designation by the Greenway is a formal recognition of the regional significance of the trail as a destination for experiencing the natural, scenic, cultural and historic resources of the Hudson River Valley. The Greenway places a priority in its Conservancy grant program for the development and enhancement of designated trails. Designation recognizes that the trail is an important link in the Greenway Trail System, which will run along both sides of the Hudson River from the Capital Region to Manhattan.

The Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley is a public benefit corporation established by the Greenway Act of 1991 to continue New York State’s commitment to the preservation, enhancement and development of the world-renowned scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources of the Hudson River Valley, while continuing to emphasize appropriate economic development activities and remaining consistent with the tradition of municipal home rule. One of the Conservancy’s primary objectives is to establish a Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System that links cultural and historic sites, parks, open spaces and community centers, and provides public access to the Hudson River.

Visit www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov for more information about the Greenway and its programs.

For Greenway Trails: www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/Trailsandscenicbyways/LandTrail.aspx

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