

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
City of Plattsburgh and Town of Plattsburgh
January 9, 2020**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is made and entered between the City of Plattsburgh and the Town of Plattsburgh hereinafter referred to as "City" and "Town", respectively.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOA is to establish a framework of cooperation upon which the City & Town may work collaboratively to connect the existing Terry Gordon Recreation Path to the proposed Battlefields Memorial Gateway waterfront area and multi-use path (See Exhibits I & II). Further it is the intention of both City & Town to promote the extension of the Empire State Trail from the terminus of the City path, through the Town property, returning to NYS RT. 9.

Introduction

In January 2017, Governor Cuomo announced the Empire State Trail, a new initiative placing New York State at the forefront of national efforts to enhance outdoor recreation, community vitality, and tourism development. When completed by the end of 2020, the Empire State Trail will be a continuous 750-mile route spanning the state from New York City to Canada and Buffalo to Albany, creating the longest multi-use state trail in the nation. Approximately 400 miles of the Trail already exists in discrete, disconnected segments, among them, the Terry Gordon Recreation Path.

The Terry Gordon path is scheduled for upgrades in 2020 which coincides with the Town of Plattsburgh's plans to develop the Battlefields Memorial Gateway (BMG), located at the terminus of the Terry Gordon path. The BMG plan includes a multi-use path which will connect to the Terry Gordon path and will provide an opportunity for further extension of the Empire State Trail and offer additional amenities along an already picturesque path. This collaboration will provide recreational and cultural benefits to City & Town residents along with multitudes of visitors.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

The City of Plattsburgh will:

- Own & Maintain respective portions of the City's trail system in accordance with existing provisions.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the Town to ensure the beneficial connection of the trail system by informing the Town about associated construction plans, timelines, and opportunities to share services.
- Promote and encourage future trail connections and collaboration where feasible.
- Explore the development of the City-owned 40 acre beachfront property running from the Town's Battlefields memorial Gateway site to Sailor's Point Park to create a cohesive

infrastructure from which all can explore Plattsburgh's rich history.

- Work to provide access to the public along a loop that includes the Terry Gordon Bike Path, through the Town's Battlefields Memorial Gateway site, along the beach to Sailor's Park, and returning through the Historic Old Base to the Terry Gordon Bike Path. This path will circumscribe the Museum Complex, the Historic Old Base and Oval, the site of the Plattsburgers' training Ground, and the Historic Plattsburgh Barracks Post Cemetery, with its first-in-the-nation Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Town of Plattsburgh will:

- Own & maintain respective portions of the Town's trail system in accordance with existing provisions.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the City to ensure the beneficial connection of the trail systems by informing the City about associated construction plans, timelines, and opportunities to share services.
- Collaborate with the City of Plattsburgh to create a cohesive infrastructure from which all can explore Plattsburgh's rich history.
- Promote and encourage future trail connections and collaboration where feasible.

It is mutually agreed and understood by and between the said parties that:

This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties of this MOU will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties.

This MOU in no way assumes either party liable for risks or injuries incurred on any part of the property identified in this document.

This MOU may be modified or amended upon written consent of both parties or may be terminated with 30-day written notice of either party. Unless terminated, this MOU will remain in force and-effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

Date: *January 21, 2020*

City of Plattsburgh

By: 

Title: Mayor

Date:

Town of Plattsburgh

By: _____

Title: Town Supervisor