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August 3, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam;

Attached please find a proposal by the Town of Warwick in association with the Town's interest in seeking a designation as an Appalachian Trail community.

Thank you in advance for the consideration by the Regional Partnership committee and the larger Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Please contact me directly if additional information is required.

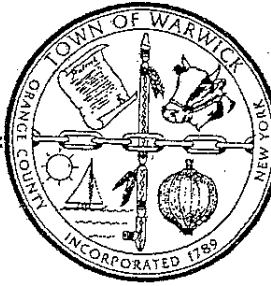
Sincerely,

Michael P. Sweeton
Supervisor

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TOWN OF WARWICK

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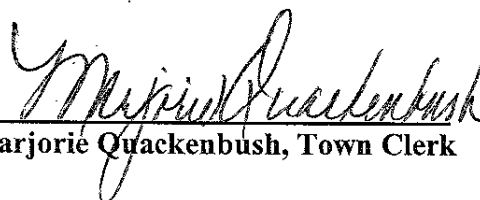


Carolyn Purta, Deputy Town Clerk
Melissa Stevens, Deputy Town Clerk

I, MARJORIE QUACKENBUSH, Town Clerk of the Town of Warwick, in the County of Orange, State of New York HEREBY CERTIFY that the following resolution #R2011-177 entitled APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DESIGNATION was adopted at the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick duly called and held on Thursday, JUNE 9, 2011 have been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in the Town Clerk's Office in the Minute Book of the Town Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Town of Warwick this 10th day of June, 2011.

SEAL


Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk

#R2011-177 APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Motion Supervisor Sweeton, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) traces its roots to the 1920's and was designated America's first national scenic trail in 1968; and

WHEREAS, today through the efforts of volunteers, clubs and agency partners, the Appalachian Trail extends more than 2,175 miles from Maine to Georgia within a protected 250,000 acre greenway; and

WHEREAS, towns, counties, and communities along the Trail's corridor are considered an asset by A.T. hikers and many of these towns act as good friends and neighbors to the Trail; and

WHEREAS, designations as an Appalachian Trail Community™ and participation in the program is designed to act as a catalyst for enhancing economic development, engaging community citizens as Trail visitors and stewards and helping local community members to see the Trail as an educational and environmental resource and asset; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick's application to seek this designation has support from the Warwick Valley Central School District, the Villages of Warwick, Greenwood Lake and Florida within the Town, the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce and the local Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Warwick does hereby resolve to support the efforts to be designated an Appalachian Trail Community and participate in this program for no less than five (5) years by serving as a member of the Advisory Committee formed to guide the community's activities in conjunction with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) Supervisor declared this resolution duly adopted.

1) Advisory committee:

Please list members and who they represent from the community. Briefly describe the committee's structure.

The advisory committee was formed after an informal discussion between Warwick resident and NYNJ Trail Conference volunteer Gene Giordano, Michael Sweeton, Warwick Town Supervisor and Michael Johndrow, Director Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce. A formal presentation was then made by Mr. Giordano to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Board which then voted to work towards obtaining the Appalachian Trail Community designation. Other interested parties were invited to participate and include local government, small business, non-profit organizations, education and private citizens. Committee membership is open to the public. The mission of the advisory committee is to work with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy representative and act as liaison between the Town, local school districts, local businesses, NYNJ Trail Conference and other organizations. The Committee uses a list-serve to discuss ideas and business, with meetings scheduled on an as-needed basis. Gene Giordano serves as the Committee Chair for putting together the committee's AT Community designation application and the first year if Warwick receives such designation. Henceforth the Committee Chair will be elected annually by the committee.

Current Advisory Committee Membership

Michael Sweeton- Supervisor Town of Warwick
Barbara Moore- Mayor Village of Greenwood Lake
Michael Newhard- Mayor Village of Warwick
Raymond Bryant- Superintendent Warwick Valley Central School District
Ann Lierow- Ass't Superintendent Business Greenwood Lake Union Free School District
Maria Wrobel - Ass't Superintendent Greenwood Lake Union Free School District
Michael Johndrow- Director Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce
Marlene Caraballo- Director Pine Island Chamber of Commerce
Ed Sattler - Environmental Science faculty Warwick Valley High School
Jason Touw - Environmental Science faculty Warwick Valley High School
Erick Johansen- Owner/Chef Iron Forge Inn
Fred DeBergh- Ramsey Outdoor Stores, Warwick resident
Emilie Cozzi- Director Greenwood Lake Association for the Arts and Theatre at the Lake
Jesse Dwyer- Trustee Village of Greenwood Lake, Director Village Youth Council
Les Ferguson- NY-NJ Trail Conference A.T. maintainer, Warwick resident
Gail Neffinger- NY-NJ Trail Conference Orange Rockland AT Committee Chair
Gene Giordano - Advisory Committee Chair, NY-NJ Trail Conference NJATMC Chair

2) Annual project or celebration:

Projects or events may include promoting or sponsoring a volunteer workshop/workday, assuring information about the Appalachian Trail and the ATC is available at ongoing community events, etc... Describe the event and list the lead volunteer liaison with contact information.

The Village of Greenwood Lake invites hikers to participate in our Fourth of July celebration including parade, fireworks, and bed race. Information will be posted on both the Village of Greenwood Lake website and the Town of Warwick website. We seek to get one of our churches to offer a pot-luck dinner celebration for hikers as well as having local restaurants, pubs, and businesses offer specials for hikers. This event coincides with the peak number of thru-hikers coming through Warwick.

Hikers are also invited to our many free concerts and events including events at the Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park in the Village of Greenwood Lake, the Music in the Courtyard and Railroad Green series' in the Village of Warwick, and other events throughout the town including Pine Island and neighboring Sugar Loaf. This information will be posted on A.T. dedicated pages being added to the Greenwood Lake and Town of Warwick websites. These pages are currently under design. Things so far to be included are a listing of businesses, services, and amenities of interest to the hiking community, links to local A.T. hikes on the NY-NJ Trail Conference website, a map of the area with A.T. access points and parking, and the above listing of events.

Lead Volunteer: Gene Giordano <trails@genegiordano.com>

The Advisory Committee will also continue to reach out to the community with an annual presence at the Warwick Valley Farmers Market where information on the Appalachian Trail, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference will be made available to the public along with an annual A.T. family hike.

Lead volunteer: Les Ferguson <ferg52@optimum.net>

3) A.T. educational or service learning project

Describe the event and list the lead volunteer liaison with contact information. Please list any activities Trail To Every Classroom alumni may be implementing.

The Warwick Valley Central School District and the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District both have representatives on the Advisory Committee. Both districts look forward to teacher participation in the Trails to Every Classroom program and look forward to working with members of the NY-NJ Trail Conference. Both districts are strongly committed to including Appalachian Trail related studies and service into the curriculum. As part of this application students from the Advanced Placement Environmental Studies class at Warwick Valley High School under the direction of teachers Jason Touw and Edward Sattler spent a day hiking the Appalachian Trail in Warwick on Bellvale Mountain. After completing the hike students discussed the experience and wrote essays as to why Warwick should be selected as an Appalachian Trail Community. A selection of these essays are included as Item 5 on this application. The advisory committee liaisons for local schools/education are:

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3) A.T. educational or service learning project (continued)

Describe the event and list the lead volunteer liaison with contact information. Please list any activities Trail To Every Classroom alumni may be implementing.

In addition to involving the local school districts in the application process and ongoing Appalachian Trail related curriculum, the advisory committee sought to reach out to the local community-at-large to present the Trail Community Designation proposal, offer information on the Appalachian Trail and solicit feedback from the community. Two community meetings were held in August 2011; one in the Village of Greenwood Lake at the Greenwood Lake Public Library and one in the Village of Warwick at the Albert Wisner Public Library. The meetings consisted of a Keynote presentation offering a tour of the Appalachian Trail and information on both the Trail Community and Trails to Every Classroom programs. The presentations were given by Gene Giordano, Advisory Committee Chair - NY-NJ Trail Conference NJAT Committee Chair along with Gail Neffinger, NY-NJ Trail Conference Orange-Rockland Chair. The presentations were well-attended and well-received by the community. From these meetings it was evident that many in the community though aware of the Appalachian Trail, seek more information on the trail such as parking availability and suggested hikes and difficulty of hikes. The advisory committee will make this information available to the community and also schedule regular Appalachian Trail hikes in conjunction with Orange Pathways, a local group that leads hikes.

The Advisory Committee will also sponsor a booth at our very popular Warwick Valley Farmers Market on October 16, 2011 where information on the Trail Community designation will be offered along with general Appalachian Trail hiking information. Advisory committee member Les Ferguson, a Warwick resident and the NY-NJ Trail Conference maintainer for the AT from Route 17A to Cascade Lake in Warwick will offer this presentation. We will continue to reach out to the community through a variety of means. The sponsorship of a booth at the Warwick Valley Farmer's Market and a family Appalachian Trail hike will be annual events.

4) Language for the protection of the A.T. is included in land-use plans, planning tools, ordinances or guidelines; or there is demonstrated support to amend, change or add such plans. Language for the protection of the A.T. is included in land-use plans, planning tools, ordinances or guidelines; or there is demonstrated support to amend, change or add such plans. Attach any necessary documents, state the support for these tools and list who is the lead contact for this initiative.

Warwick was the first town in New York to codify protection of the A.T. in the 1970's. Town of Warwick zoning code, chapter 164-22:

DESIGNATED PROTECTION AREA[Amended 9-11-2003 by L.L. No. 4-2003]

A. Areas within which the changing of land contours and/or the removal of the natural vegetative cover and/or the erection of structures is automatically subject to approval of plans and authorization by the Planning Board, according to § 164-46, upon the advice of the Town Environmental Conservation Board and the Town Architectural Review Board, for purposes of protecting ecologically sensitive areas and scenic assets of the community, except that the interior alteration and minor exterior alteration of structures shall not require authorization by the Planning Board. Such minor exterior or interior alterations shall require only the approval of the Building Inspector and issuance of a building permit. Those areas so designated, except those portions that border or lie within portions of the Agricultural (black dirt) District are as follows: [Amended 2-18-2010 by L.L. No. 1-2010]

1. (1) The Appalachian Trail.
2. (2) The Doublekill Stream from the Sussex County, New Jersey, line to its

junction with the Wawayanda Creek in the New Milford area.

(3) The Wawayanda Creek from its Wickham Lake outlet to the Sussex County, New Jersey, line.

(4) The Longhouse Creek from the Passaic County, New Jersey, line to its junction with the Wawayanda Creek in the Wisner Road area.

(5) The Pochuck Creek from the Sussex County, New Jersey, line to its junction with the Wallkill River.

(6) Trout Brook from its source [Warwick Quadrangle, United States Geological Survey Maps, longitude: seventy-four degrees fifteen minutes nineteen seconds (74° (degrees) 15' 19") west; latitude: forty-one degrees fifteen minutes thirteen seconds (41° 15' 13") north; elevation: 1,040 feet to the Chester Town line.

(7) Greenwood Lake, Glenmere Lake, Sterling Lake, Wickham Lake, Sterling Forest Lake, Little Cedar Pond, Ro-Lyn Lake, Cascade Lake, Sandy Beach Lake, Village of Warwick reservoirs and all streams feeding this reservoir system, and all other lakes and ponds, if any, over 10 acres in surface area.

(8) The 100 foot setback requirements identified in the Table of Bulk RequirementsEN as "designated protection areas" shall be interpreted to mean that measurement be made from the banks of streams or the mean high water mark of shorelines of lakes, and also from the center of the Appalachian Trail

5) Describe why your town should be selected as an Appalachian Trail Community. What can this program do for your community? What can your town do for the Appalachian Trail?

As part of this application students from the Advanced Placement Environmental Studies class at Warwick Valley High School under the direction of teachers Jason Touw and Edward Sattler spent a day hiking the Appalachian Trail in Warwick on Bellvale Mountain. After completing the hike students discussed the experience and wrote essays as to why Warwick should be selected as an Appalachian Trail Community.

Several of these essays are included on the following pages.

From: "Edward Sattler" <esattler@wvcsd.org>
Subject: [Warwick-AT] HS student input
Date: June 8, 2011 8:49:51 AM EDT
To: <warwick@lists.nynjtc.org>

Gene and AT Crew,

Jason Touw's students spent over 5 hours hiking from Mt. Peter to the NJ road that joins Brady Rd. We all had a great time in what was a new experience for many of our student hikers. We met through hikers, section hikers, and day hikers, got to hear some of their stories, and from one had a message relayed to us from the outside world!

Jason has structured an excellent writing assignment and provided time for students to be thoughtful in their response. They are due to him electronically today. He will forward them to Gene.

Gene-please give me a call when you can.

Thanks.

Ed

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To the Members of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy,

My name is Chris Graven and I live in Warwick, New York. Although I was born elsewhere, I moved to Warwick fifteen years ago and consider it my true hometown. Over the years Warwick has undergone various changes, many of them environmental, and I strongly hope that one more may come in the form of Warwick being named an Appalachian Trail Community.

As a kid of about eight years old, I had my first experience with the Appalachian Trail. I remember hiking the trail with my parents, talking, laughing, and enjoying the solace of nature, the undisturbed beauty engulfing the view. I was in complete disbelief that a place so beautiful, so natural could exist so close to the little town I had grown to love. It is an area like one would see in a magazine and nobody ever believes they can get to these places and see them with their own eyes. Well, I have one in my own backyard. Ten years later, I can sit and reflect about all the memories I have made on the trail. Whether it be the times a group of my friends and I hiked the trail to find a beautiful spot just to eat lunch for an hour away from everybody, walking the trail with my family to provide the time and place to just talk to each other and not be bogged down by technology, or simply the times I walked the trail by myself, just taking in my surroundings, watching the birds, snakes, deer and seeing the majestic views that this trail provides, I can honestly say that the section of the Appalachian Trail that runs Warwick will always be a part of the person I am. This being said, I would love to see it preserved and Warwick turned into an Appalachian Trail community to it may continue to provide the solace and escape from development and technology as well as just cherished memories to those who will live in my beloved hometown in the future.

Beyond the aesthetic beauty, I strongly believe that Warwick has much to offer to the Appalachian Trail as well as the hikers, as the trail and hikers have much to offer community. First of all, Warwick is a very green community. Although we are a very small town, we do have public transportation to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions from drivers commuting to the city for work. Everywhere one looks, there are bikes, bike racks, and people walking. In addition, our school has been using solar panels for the last nine years or so and has been annually cutting down on their electricity consumption from environmentally polluting sources. A windmill project is even in the works and is looking to be completed within the next few years. A town so mindful of the environment and so willing to make necessary changes to protect it, would obviously be a good fit as an Appalachian Trail community. We have already proven ourselves good stewards of the environment and this would only expand to encompass the Appalachian Trail if we were given such an opportunity. While walking the trail my last time out, I stopped to talk with a couple hikers, a man and his girlfriend from Georgia. They were several minutes from the Warwick stop in the trail and asked me where The Creamery was. Two twenty year olds, from several thousand miles away in a totally different culture, had heard about our ice cream stand that is located along the trail and makes real, home-made ice cream. Not only is it famous in Warwick, but throughout the Appalachian Trail community. The trail community knows Warwick already and loves what they know. If we were named an Appalachian Trail community, these hikers would further explore Warwick, finding more to love and appreciate.

Even as the small town that we are, Warwick has several places for travelers to stay. Right along the main strip in town, we have several bed and breakfasts as well as two motels. They are family run, giving both the small town caring and love with a comfortable bed and smiling faces. They are not a large chain hotel where everybody is a customer and you just get a room, the travelers that stay here in Warwick are people, each with a story to tell.

The "problem" of who will maintain the trail and clean it is really no problem at all. Our community, being so green, would surely accept the responsibility, and if by some slight chance they don't, our environmental program here at Warwick Valley High School could surely do it. Annually, we have over 200 students participating in our environmental program, learning all year how to protect and serve the environment. Basically, each year Warwick creates 200 new environmentalists looking for a natural solace like this that they can call our own. The program has already adopted a road and maintains its cleanliness as well as being in charge of the lake out back of our school. All is handled more than sufficiently and has proven that great responsibilities can and will be handled by this program.

Again, Warwick is home to many small, family run businesses. Whether it is the plethora of restaurants located here, each serving different yet still delicious food, or the bike shop, or even the instrument store, there are a lot of great people with great businesses. The great people here are the reason I fell in love with

Warwick in the first place and consider it my true hometown. Warwick being named an Appalachian Trail community would help all of these great, loving, and friendly people by attracting more customers in to the town of Warwick and raising the awareness of our town in general. With more revenue coming in to these people and the town, we can continue to build and expand what we have started here with more environmental projects designed around teaching the preservation of the trail, new stores centered selling hiking boots, backpacks, and water bottles, and financing further projects such as our windmill and more solar panels. Either way you look at it, through the eyes of Warwick or through the eyes of the hikers, it is a win-win situation.

I truly believe Warwick, New York would make a great Appalachian Trail community. Thank you for your time in reading this letter and in your time deliberating designation.

Sincerely,
Chris Graven

To the Members of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy:

A small brown beetle makes his way to the tip of a leafy branch. A narrow stream trickles down around tree trunks. A black bird flies from his branch, sending old leaves spiraling down to the ground. There exists no place as peaceful and safe as this. Here, all creatures live in harmony, unified by the sights and sounds that make up the woods. By day, it offers a world of beauty and exploration ready to be discovered at any moment. By night, it provides a haven of relaxing isolation; dark and slightly unfamiliar, yet comforting and safe. It protects those who have decided to make their homes here. In return, however, it needs protection of its own. Protection from industry. Protection from development. Protection from asphalt, concrete, and steel. It is in our hands to honor and provide this protection.

My name is Liz Starks and I am 17 years old. I was born in Warwick, and my family plans to stay here for many future years. My interest in the outdoors developed at a young age during countless family camping vacations. We have ventured out west and hiked the Rockies. We have journeyed upstate to the Adirondacks, Mount Marcy being my favorite. It is right here in Warwick, however, that the most memories have been made. To have the beauty of the Appalachian Trail running right through my home town is a gift. Residents of Warwick will never take it for granted, but will always cherish this great fortune.

Warwick is a place of horse farms, cornfields, fruit orchards, and black dirt fields. Agriculture is the pulse of the town. Whether it be the infamous Applefest, the Farmer's Market, or other event, visitors frequently come from far and wide to get a taste of what Warwick has to offer. Environmental groups both inside and outside of the school district work to promote green living throughout the town; and the trend has definitely caught on. Klean Kanteens can be spotted everywhere, as well as canvas grocery bags, many of which are hand stenciled by a dedicated Warwick resident. There are several areas in the town that are set aside, not for conservation, but for preservation. These lands will never be touched by the modern world. They will exist just as they are now in years to come so that they can be admired and enjoyed for their natural bounty, not taken advantage of for human benefit. I can speak for all the residents of Warwick when I say that we would be honored to be selected as an Appalachian Trail community. We would value this privilege, and would forever be true to our job of protecting the trail as our own.

Sincerely, Liz Starks

To the members of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy,

My name is Nick Race and I have lived in different areas within Warwick township for 16 years. I have lived in the Village of Warwick, in between Warwick and Greenwood Lake, and in the hamlet of Pine Island. Over the course of my time living in Warwick I have hiked many different portions of the Appalachian Trail, including the area that the town wishes to adopt. I have hiked parts of the trail in New Jersey, New York, and even farther North. I have enjoyed the varying terrain of the trail and the many different views it provides. I am very appreciative of the fact that I have had the opportunity to hike on the Appalachian Trail without having to even leave my hometown. Because of this I am interested in helping the town of Warwick's relationship with the Appalachian Trail grow and become more involved. I think that Warwick is the perfect type of town to be a supporter of the Appalachian Trail. I feel that Warwick is a warm, inviting, active community that has the capacity to help this trail thrive. Our community is very active and utilizes areas such as the trail on a regular basis. There are also many businesses in Warwick that are conducive to people passing through the area on the trail. Within our town we have multiple inns and a motel where people can spend the night away from the elements. We also have many restaurants of varying styles to suit anyone's feeding needs. There are also two supermarkets that can be used to obtain all types of supplies for people moving along the trail. There is even a shoe store that carries hiking attire within 15 minutes of the center of our town. I feel like these businesses along with many other would serve the needs of people on the Appalachian Trail very well. I also feel that the people of Warwick would be very active in volunteering to take care of the trail in whatever capacity necessary. I have no doubt that people would clean and maintain the trail on a regular basis if they were given that responsibility. In return, I feel that the Appalachian Trail enhances and can further enhance the town of Warwick. The Appalachian Trail makes Warwick a destination bringing people into the town and showing them all that it has to offer. The trail also adds to the overall ascetic beauty of Warwick as a whole. The trail gives hikers an aerial view of the many natural beauties present in and around Warwick. This includes places like Greenwood Lake and Cascade Lake. Bringing more people into our town can only boost the economy and help the town flourish more. I believe that this town can also help the Appalachian Trail flourish while being maintained as a natural landmark of beauty and elegance.

Sincerely,

Nick Race

To the Members of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy,

My name is Brian Christopher Schnabl and I have hiked the Appalachian Trail various times in my life ever since I first moved to the picturesque Warwick Valley at the age of six. As a class last week, Mr. Jason Touw and Mr. Ed Satler took our AP Environmental classes to hike the part of the trail starting near Bellvale Creamery (which has amazing ice cream by the way) all the way into New Jersey on the outskirts of West Milford. In my experience I have learned so much about the trail itself, its living inhabitants, my own self, and why Warwick is the perfect town to be chosen as an Appalachian Trail Community.

As a community and school district I am confident that the people of Warwick will aid in preserving the trail, keeping it beautiful for future generations to see and appreciate as much as I appreciate it in my own backyard. Through simple tasks like picking up garbage (although there isn't much to pick up in this part), to teaching others about the miracles of life and biodiversity on the AT, Warwick has the capability of protecting and "sponsoring" this region. In turn, the trail would help our historic community as well. One of the most memorable experiences on the trail was meeting a few hikers that had been hiking the trail all the way from South Carolina. The thing that was so amazing was that the hikers had heard and were looking forward to their New York pit-stop at Bellvale Creamery. This helps the hikers and helps our own local business leaders.

From a young age in the Warwick School District and community we were always taught to keep every part of our home town beautiful, including specifically the trails that embody our area. The most beautiful trails in Warwick are definitely the parts of the Appalachian, with its rich history of hikers from Maine to Georgia to its biodiversity or its amazing rock features that make this part of the trail even more interesting. I can take the vow that I myself along with my fellow community members will succeed if we have the honor of becoming an AT community. Through Facebook, Twitter and Myspae (no one uses that anymore) we will publicize that we are proud of this accomplishment and pass on the message to help out the Trail in anyway possible. With great teachers and a great department all together, the Environmentalists of WVCSD will preserve the AT for years to come whether or not we are given this distinction.

Sincerely,

Brian Christopher Schnabl (Warwick Enviro Student)

6) Please attach any further letters of support and documentation to augment your application. A letter of support is required from the local A.T. Trail-maintaining club.

Letters of support are included on the following pages.



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June 22, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
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To whom it may concern:

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is writing in support for the Town of Warwick's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community. We are well aware of long-standing support for trails and the AT in particular by the Town's citizens and public leaders.

Warwick is a lively cultural center and has always been a regional leader in providing hiking and other access to their extensive public lands some of which border on the AT corridor. The Town has a wide variety of services which will serve the needs of the AT and other hikers once the opportunity to make them more available is developed.

We at the Trail Conference feel that any community's relationship to their region's recreational trails is a leading indicator of the quality of life that the citizens seek. Warwick is a fine example of how well that relationship can work. Forming this connection with the Conservancy will link the Town of Warwick with the Trail and benefit all involved.

Sincerely,

Edward Goodell - Executive Director



July 2, 2011

Karen Lutz
ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
4 East First Street
Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Dear Karen:

As Chair of the Orange/Rockland Appalachian Trail Management Committee, I am pleased and excited to endorse the Town of Warwick's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community. My committee has always enjoyed the interest in and support for local trails, particularly the AT, by Warwick's citizens and public officers. Several members of my committee are residents of the Town of Warwick

Warwick Town, Warwick Village and the 'Warwick Valley' together have a rich cultural, historical heritage. The region is known for its Victorian charm and distinctive bucolic character. The Village has a number of annual festivals, its own historical museum, farmers' market and local wineries. The Town boundaries encompass almost the entire Bellvale Ridgeline containing the NPS AT corridor. The Town/Village has a wide variety of services which can serve the needs of the AT and other hikers.

The ORATMC thinks that having Warwick designated as an Appalachian Trail Community will enhance our mutual relationship, and produce positive outcomes for both parties at both local and regional levels.

Sincerely,

G. Gail Neffinger
Chair
ORATMC



ANNIE RABBITT
Assemblywoman 97th District

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

RANKING MINORITY MEMBER
Committee on Labor

COMMITTEES
Consumer Affairs and Protection
Economic Development
Local Governments
Veterans' Affairs

April 11, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Town of Warwick to be official designated by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy as an Appalachian Trail Community. This designation will strengthen ongoing economic revitalization efforts while at the same time educate the Warwick Community about the National Park in its own backyard.

The Town of Warwick understands and appreciates the economic and quality of life advantages that open space preservation provides. Warwick would be a perfect addition to the Appalachian Trail Community given its historical significance and future endeavors.

Designation as an Appalachian Trail Community would have many positive effects on the Town as well as its residents. If designated as a part of the community it will provide Warwick with additional opportunities to bring attention to the historic, cultural and natural resources of the area attracting businesses and visitors.

I fully support the Town of Warwick in its application for designation as an Appalachian Trail Community and ask that their application is given every consideration possible.

Sincerely,

Annie Rabbitt
Assemblywoman 97th District

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June 9, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
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Dear Committee Members:

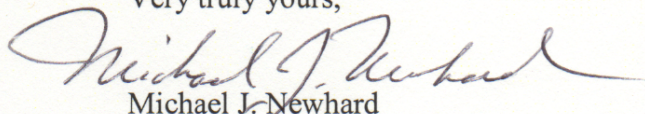
I am writing in support of the Town of Warwick's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community. We are very excited at the possibilities of Warwick's designation to the roster of other communities along this great historic treasure.

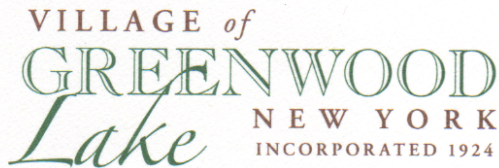
The Village of Warwick, which is an incorporated municipality within the Town of Warwick, is within a stone's throw of the trail and has been a stop off point for hikers seeking amenities. The Village is largely a designated Federal and State Historic District with a vibrant business center. Recently in 2010, the Village won the International Challenge from "Communities in Bloom", a win that defined the Village of Warwick as one of the most beautiful Villages in the world.

The Village embraces the Town's desire to become a Trail Community and feels it fits into our shared vision of vibrant Village centers surrounded and enhanced by agriculture and protected natural lands. The Town of Warwick remains a pioneer in the advancement of an effective Purchase of Development Program. To date, the Town has protected 2800 acres of agricultural lands – a total of 19 farms. Clearly, we have an understanding of the importance of shared responsibility that will insure the role of farming and open space as our legacy.

The Village of Warwick believes the Town's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community an important step in creating a stronger and more visible tie to what has already been a tremendous asset.

Very truly yours,


Michael J. Newhard
Mayor



Post Office Box 7
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June 5, 2011

ATC Med-Atlantic Regional Office
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Greetings from the Village of Greenwood Lake!

Our Village was incorporated by the people of our community in 1924. The two and one half square mile lake community is one of three villages in the Town of Warwick.

Greenwood Lake is proud to have our own Vista Trail that leads many hikers to and from the national treasure, The Appalachian Trail. The Vista Trail has given many hikers the ability to enjoy our Village from its beautiful panoramic views on the AT... to a great place to pick up their important packages at our Post Office, have a meal at one of our restaurants, sleep on a comfortable mattress at one of our hotels or B & B's our just to take a swim in the lake.

We are most happy to give support to have our "parent" the Town of Warwick named as an AT Trail Community.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Moore".

Barbara J. Moore
Mayor

Enclosure; Event/Concert Schedule

Warwick

WARWICK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent: **Raymond Bryant, Ph.D.**

June 30th, 2009

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
4 East First Street
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Dear Defenders and Supporters of the Appalachian Trail,

I am the Superintendent of Schools for the Warwick Valley Central School District. We are so very fortunate to live in a beautiful valley with a rich agricultural history. We are also blessed to have the Appalachian Trail come through our Town.

Our students walk the trail, our students in our Advanced Placement Environmental Course have studied various impacts on trail management, and our local scouts have been involved with maintaining the trail. We are involved and would love to build on what we are currently doing.

We look forward to incorporating many aspects of the Appalachian Trail into our curriculum, and to participate in the Trails to Every Classroom program.

As a part of our service curriculum and our Environmental Studies (we will be the first school district in NY to have a 150 KW Wind Turbine erected on our school property to help reduce our carbon footprint) we would be interested in arranging trips to the trail to help with maintenance and research in conjunction with the NYNJ Trail Conference. You will also find that our students have written essays for the application as to why Warwick would make a great AT Trail Community.

The Trail fits so well into our community, our belief in promoting green alternatives and in being good stewards of our land and our community.

We are excited about how we can be of support and help the trail and our students grow.

Sincerely,



Raymond W. Bryant, PhD
Superintendent of Schools
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Ann Lierow

Assistant Superintendent for Business

July 21, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
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Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Dear Sir/Madam:

On July 6th the Board of Education, of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District, voted unanimously in support of the Town of Warwick's application to obtain the "Appalachian Trail Community" designation by passing the following resolution:

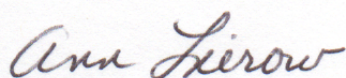
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is an enthusiastic supporter of the Town of Warwick including the Village of Greenwood Lake's efforts to obtain the designation as an "Appalachian Trail Community".

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District is eager to participate in "A Trail to Every Classroom" Program sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Assistant Superintendent, Maria Wrobel and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Ann Lierow to the Appalachian Trail Advisory Committee.

If you should require additional information, please give me a call at 782-8678 extension 51104 or contact me via e-mail at alierow@gwlufsd.org.

Sincerely,



Ann Lierow



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Edward A. Diana
County Executive

Richard L. Rose, Jr.
Commissioner

Michael F. Amodio
Deputy Commissioner

April 18, 2011

RE: AT Designation—Warwick

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing today to convey my support for the efforts of the Town of Warwick to seek designation as an Appalachian Trail Community.

This designation will provide users of the trail exposure to the unique characteristics that make Warwick both a historic and culturally rich community. In addition, trail users will learn of many trail linkages that exist within the community, including within our own County Park in Warwick.

This designation will also serve as an educational tool to the residents of Warwick and Orange County to enjoy this unique recreational resource that is in their backyard. Thank you for your consideration of these comments and your anticipated approval of this worthy request.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Rose, Jr.
Commissioner

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June 2, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
4 East First Street
Boiling Springs, PA 17007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Citizens Foundation to express support of the Town of Warwick's application to have Warwick designated as an Appalachian Trail Community.

Designating Warwick as an Appalachian Trail Community will strengthen the ongoing efforts of municipal officials, residents, and the business community to keep Warwick a thriving community. The designation will also encourage more use and support of the Appalachian Trail, by residents and visitors alike.

The Orange County Citizens Foundation is a public policy and advocacy organization that creates the environment to improve quality of life for residents. Creating strong communities that are places where people want to live and work is an important goal for our committees and Board. Walkability and recreational opportunities are vital components to strong places and we are confident that designating Warwick as an Appalachian Trail community will foster the type of growth that our communities need.

We applaud the Town of Warwick for its application and we strongly encourage you to designate Warwick as an Appalachian Trail community.

Sincerely,

Nancy Proyect
President

A non-profit, non-official citizens group on the county level for the public interest

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June 2, 2011

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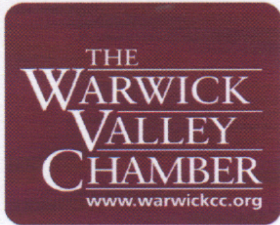
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Orange Pathways in support of the Town of Warwick's application to have Warwick designated as an Appalachian Trail Community.

The mission of Orange Pathways is to promote the construction and use of trails throughout Orange County. As we have seen in other communities, designation of Warwick as an Appalachian Trail Community will surely increase use of, and an appreciation for, the Appalachian Trail by residents and visitors to our region. There is strong support on all levels of government and in the local community for this initiative and we are confident that support will only grow for the Trail and passive recreation in general should the designation be realized.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernenwein
Chairman



WARWICK VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

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June 1, 2011

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Warwick's efforts to obtain a designation as an Appalachian Trail Community.

With this designation, the many hikers along the Trail will learn that the Warwick Valley has a great deal to offer. Our community has worked tirelessly over the last several years in new directions of sustainability, preservation and revitalization. We are proud that the Valley has a rich heritage and unique cultures to share.

Warwick Valley consists of separate and diverse areas, each spotlighting their own personal contribution to the Valley. Greenwood Lake is home to one of the largest lakes in New York State and a long time vacation destination. Sugar Loaf has long been noted for its artist community, craft fairs and theater performances. Pine Island is an historic farming community, rich with black dirt created by the melting of glaciers. Finally, the Village of Warwick has been recently designated as "The Most Beautiful Small Village" in the world after winning the International Community in Bloom Competition in 2010.

Our lovely Valley offers numerous outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, swimming, boating, skiing and sightseeing. We offer important amenities for our outdoor enthusiasts such as bike and ski shops, a wide variety of accommodations that range from Bed & Breakfasts to Resorts, and a variety of restaurants sure to please everyone. Warwick Valley's designation as an Appalachian Trail Community will further affirm that the Valley is a great place from which to begin and end your outdoor adventures.

Our very active and progressive Chamber of Commerce urges you to award the community of Warwick this valuable designation. We would consider it an honor.

Sincerely,

*Michael A. Johndrow
Executive Director*

Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce



Pine Island Chamber of Commerce

June 10, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
4 East First Street
Boiling Springs, PA 17007

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express the support of the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce for the Town of Warwick's application for designation as an Appalachian Trail Community.

Pine Island is a hamlet of the the Town of Warwick and located in the heart of the bountiful black dirt agricultural region. As a chamber of commerce, we are committed to the mission of promoting prosperity in our business community and enriching the lives of our residents through beautification, community spirit and cooperation. Although primarily comprised of produce and sod farms, our hamlet is home to a variety of restaurants, bed and breakfasts, eateries, stores, performing arts schools, orchards, farm markets, and specialty shops and businesses. We also have a beautiful town park and golf course within our hamlet. From special events to attractions, to the beauty of the black dirt, there is much for visitors to enjoy.

The Pochuck Valley AT access point and family-friendly boardwalk portion are less than five minutes from Pine Island. Approving the Town of Warwick as an AT Community provides hiking enthusiasts an inviting place for food, lodging, and shopping along their way. Many local residents enjoy the local trail access as well, especially for day hikes.

I believe the AT Community designation for the Town of Warwick, and thereby the hamlet of Pine Island, is a natural and mutually beneficial connection which will further enhance the AT experience for hikers and enhance the awareness and appreciation for the nearby Appalachian Trail with residents.

Sincerely,

Marlene Caraballo
Marlene Caraballo
President

April 19, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office

4 East First Street

Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to lend my support to the efforts of the Town of Warwick, NY for designation as an Appalachian Trail Community.

As a firm with a location in Orange County, NY, we are very familiar with the Town of Warwick and the fact that in terms of smart growth, outdoor recreation and farmland preservation; they are regional leaders.

I am confident that such a designation will serve to encourage more Town residents to use and support the Trail.

Sincerely,



Glenn Gidaly, AICP

Associate



July 19, 2011

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
4 East First Street
Boiling Springs, Pa 17001

Dear Committee Members

I am writing in support of the Town of Warwick's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community. The Warwick community is very fortunate to have many locals who love the outdoors. Warwick residents who are members of the New York New Jersey Trail Conference maintain various trails in the area.

Ramsey Outdoor, which whom I work as a buyer, is a family owned outdoor specialty store in Northern New Jersey with a vibrant internet business. Ramsey Outdoor is very fortunate to have a large customer base of Warwick residents because of their interest in the Outdoors. I personally have been a "trail angel" many times offering rides into town or leaving five gallon jugs of water at the various trailheads that cross our town and village roads.

Warwick and The ATC would make a great alliance

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred De Bergh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F" and "B".

Fred De Bergh
Warwick resident