



Confluence Park and Chenango River Promenade, City of Binghamton, NY

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$550,000 (FY 2001-2004)

Breathing Life into the City

Three LWCF-assisted projects—identified as state and city priorities—are significantly enhancing economic development, increasing recreational opportunities, and improving the quality of living in Binghamton. The Confluence Park and Chenango River Promenade Trail projects are development, rehabilitation, and improvement projects to enhance existing park lands, provide safe access to the river, and encourage higher levels of recreational use along the Chenango River and throughout the City of Binghamton's downtown district. Once completed, the combined projects will offer new walking, biking and skating paths; improve access to the rivers for fishing, boating and bird watching; and revitalize the Promenade, providing a setting for public events.



"I am grateful to our congressional leaders for their support of the LWCF program, which means better facilities and amenities for local parks and programs such as the Chenango River Trail. Through this funding, New Yorkers and visitors will continue to experience and enjoy the countless wonders of our magnificent state far into the future."

Bernadette Castro
Commissioner, NY State Parks

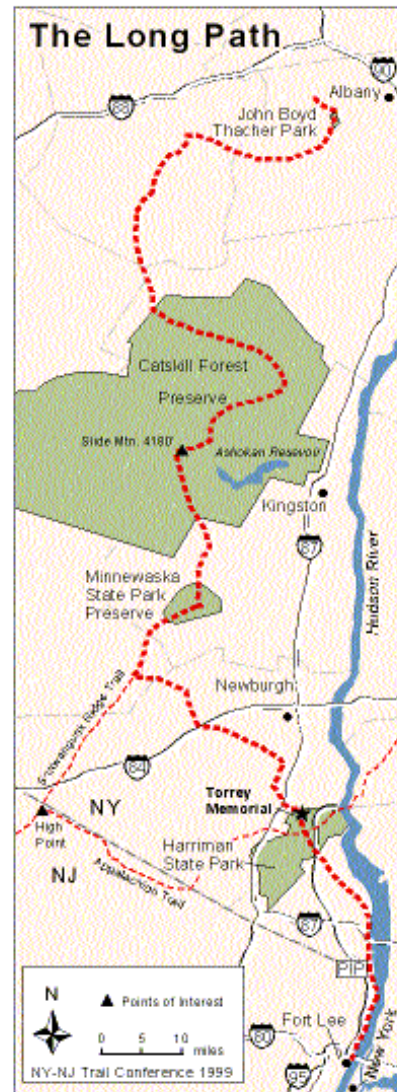




Project The Long Path Trail Corridor Acquisition, New York

LWCF Funding Assistance **\$185,850**

A long-distance trail of statewide significance, the 375-mile Long Path begins at the George Washington Bridge and ends near Altamont. Acquisition of the Ginseng Mountain corridor in Greene County was the first step in the Long Path's extension north from the Catskills into Mohawk River Valley and the Adirondacks. The first segment of the Huntersfield Ridge-Ginseng Mountain Long Path corridor, this 400-acre acquisition offers spectacular ridge-top hiking.



"Expanding opportunities for the public to enjoy New York State's magnificent lands and forests is critical to our long-term environmental strategy. These acquisitions allow outdoor enthusiasts to explore new parts of the Catskills, and deepen their awareness of the importance of conserving our natural resources."

~ Governor George Pataki

