



ADOPT A TRAIL AGREEMENT**

Region: _____
Stewardship No: _____
Trail Miles: _____

I (We), _____ agree to
adopt the section of the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail from:
_____ to _____ in the Town(s)
of _____ in
_____ County.

A. I (We) accept the following duties as a commitment to assist the Genesee Valley Greenway partners in achieving their goal of maintaining the trail to a high standard. I (We) understand that taking on the stewardship of a section of the Greenway is a privilege that carries with it the obligation to consistently maintain the adopted trail section as follows:

1. Perform all trail maintenance work in compliance with trail maintenance standards as described in the Genesee Valley Greenway Management Plan and Cooperative Agreement which include, in order of priority:
 - a) Mow and cut brush to maintain trail to its cleared width, minimum 12 feet wide and 12 feet height clearance
 - b) Remove blow downs where practical; report major blow downs to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair. Note restrictions for chainsaw use below.*
 - c) Trim vegetation surrounding gates and along roadside at trail heads to maintain sight distance.
 - d) Trim vegetation where the trail intersects with farm lanes and driveways to maintain sight distance.
 - e) Remove trash and litter.
 - f) Inspect signs, trail surface, and other capital improvements and report potential deficiencies to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair.
 - g) Inspect gates at trail heads and when needed sand and repaint with OSHA yellow paint supplied by the Greenway partners.
 - h) Where practical, undertake erection or repair of signage and other capital items or assist DEC or OPRHP crews with such tasks.
 - i) Inspect and, when necessary, clean out culverts and streams running under the trail.
 - j) Assist in procuring in-kind donations of materials, equipment or skilled labor for trail development or enhancement and maintenance activities.
 - k) As soon as possible, report to the FOGVG Trail Maintenance Chair any problems and incompatible or misuse observed while using or maintaining the trail.

*Chainsaws can be used only if the operator can provide proof that he/she has the following equipment and training: Boots that provide cut-resistant protection for the entire foot
Gloves, safety chaps and a hardhat with hearing protection and a protective face shield
First Aid, CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens training
Game of Logging Level 1 course or an approved chainsaw safety video with an approved instructor present

**The Adopt A Trail Program is part of the stewardship program authorized by Sec. 9-0113 of the Environmental Conservation Law and is recognized by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Genesee State Park Region.

