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# Mendon Foundation Chugging Along with Improvements to the Lehigh Valley Trail

by Nancy Allinger

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Thanks to the able assistance of twelve Boy Scouts from Troop 45 of Rochester, the Mendon Foundation has completed decking two bridges on the Lehigh Valley Trail. The troop, under the direction of Scout Master Dick Rasmussen and Assistant Scout Masters Bill Wheatly and John Reeder, along with contractors Charlie Floeser and David Foss, repaired the 160 foot trestle bridge over Honeoye Creek just west of Plains Road and the 52 foot bridge spanning the Irondequoit Creek, just east of Route 64.

According to Foundation board member and Trail Director Dick Dehm, the success of the project was due to contributions from a variety of groups. The Monroe County Parks Department provided plans and materials for the repairs. David Vail and Frank Salamone, Parks Department carpenters and scout fathers Brian Griffith, Steve Witkowicz and Chuck Brugger also pitched in. In addition to Dehm, Foundation Board Members Carl Foss, Chad Engler and Loretta Engler helped out.

"The scouts were great," Dehm says. "They camped out two nights at the site and worked so quickly that we were able to deck two bridges in the time we allotted to fix one. We were also able to get railings up. Now that this work is done, both bridges are safe for pedestrian use."

The scouts, ranging in ages from 11 to 16, undertook the repair project to meet the requirements of First Class, Star and Life ranks. The group included Clayton Myers, Colin Orr, John Harper, Kellen Shirmuhly, Cormac Farrell, Nick Reeder, Eric Wheater, Alex Alfonso, Brian Griffith, Jedi Bodine, David Brugger and Ian Thompson.

The repair of the bridges is part of a larger Foundation project to deck three bridges on an eleven mile section of the trail from East River Road in the Town of Rush to Mile Square Road in the Town of Mendon. Last Fall, the 120 foot bridge over Honeoye Creek, between Routes 15 and 15A, was decked by Rush volunteers. Once railings are installed on the Rush bridge, planned for late Fall, the eleven mile section of the trail can be opened for use by hikers.



# Phase One Planting Completed

by Elaine Koral

We reported in our Spring/Summer newsletter that Phase 1 of the Improvement Project for the parking area adjacent to the Little League Baseball fields in the Hamlet of Mendon was underway. In connection with this project we needed donations of trees and shrubs that would be used to beautify the parking lot area. We are very grateful for the generous response to our request for plant material for Phase 1 of the project.

On October 28, the donated trees and shrubs were planted. The trees planted included six Austrian Pines, two Autumn Purple Ash, five Crabapples, one Crimson King Maple, one Sycamore and one Red Maple. Also planted were various shrubs including four Forsythia, one Purple Leaf Sandcherry, five Dwarf Burning bushes, one Shrub Rose and eleven Privit.

We wish to thank the following contributors:

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As these plantings grow and mature they will provide beauty to the area as well as habitat for the wildlife.

We need additional donations of trees and shrubs to be used in the Phase 2 planting scheduled for this spring. Please help us to continue our beautification efforts by making a contribution toward these materials. Shrubs are \$25 each and you can choose from Lilac, Spirea, Forsythia, Burning Bush and Dogwood. Arborvitae are \$40 each. Small trees are \$100 each and include assorted evergreens, crabapple, cherry and plum. 1-3/4" caliper shade trees are \$200 each and you can select Maple, Locust, Oak or Ash varieties. We need one large shade tree for the entrance to the parking lot area for \$500. (cont'd on page 3)



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### Volunteer Spirit on the Lehigh Valley Trail

A special thanks to Derek and Tim Hacker! by Chad and Loretta Engler

Two very community minded Mendon residents have been working to fix up and maintain the area of the Lehigh Valley Trail known as Rochester Junction.

No one asked Derek and Tim Hacker to help, they just grew up on Junction Road and remember Rochester Junction when it was an operating railroad yard. They feel an ownership of the area. This spring, they took up the task of renovating and maintaining the area themselves.

Their first task was to pick up and remove old scrap metal, tires and truckloads of other debris that had accumulated in the area over the last decade.

That accomplished, they set about maintaining the area using an older sturdy lawn tractor as well as push lawn mowers that can get into all the tight spots and rough ground. Since the spring they have kept the area tidy.

Derek, 25, has studied meteorology, however he enjoys landscaping and is currently employed in this field. Tim 17, is a high school student and has a part time job mowing grass at Pinehurst.

We at the Mendon Foundation are proud to acknowledge and greatly appreciate these outstanding efforts! This is the kind of community effort and involvement that will help The Lehigh Valley Trail reach it's full potential as a community resource!

### Phase One Planting (cont'd from page 2)

Please make your check payable to the Mendon Foundation and return it using the Membership/Order Form on Page 8. Check the box that says "Parking Lot Improvement Project" and indicate what you would like us to buy with your donation. Or you can stop by Pittsford Tree and Landscape, select the tree or shrub you want to donate and give your check payable to the Mendon Foundation to the store clerk. You will benefit by making a tax deductible contribution and the community will benefit from a beautifully landscaped parking and picnicking area.



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The Mendon Foundation has a multi-year contract with Monroe County to develop and maintain the Lehigh Valley Trail which runs for 14 miles through Rush and Mendon. We are in the process of rehabilitating the trail so it will be easily usable by hikers, bicyclists, cross country skiers and horseback riders. We are handling and coordinating the major projects such as trail resurfacing, bridge reconstruction and drainage.

There are a number of locations where the Trail crosses roadways. At these intersections many people enter the Trail, pass by as they proceed along the Trail or even pass by in their cars as they drive down the road. In any case, these intersections will be highly visible. Each is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your work to many potential customers. We are looking for landscapers interested in adopting an intersection.

You will have a lot of control over the design and look of your work. The Foundation will provide a few guidelines concerning access and to make sure that your plans are appropriate to the overall concept of the Trail. We do not intend to micro mange these projects.

In exchange for your help we will help you by providing several ways for your business to advertise and receive public notice.

- You can install a sign at your intersection
- We will write about and show your project in our newsletter which is sent to every home owner in Mendon and many in Rush
- We will provide a free advertising space in our newsletter for one year
- We will issue a press release about your project, naming your company

The Lehigh Valley Trail is an important community resource. We need your help to keep improving it. The Adopt An Intersection program is a chance for you to gain very cost effective visibility with the community and to do a good deed.

Chad Engler will be happy to talk with you concerning this project. Please call him at 624-9370. ■

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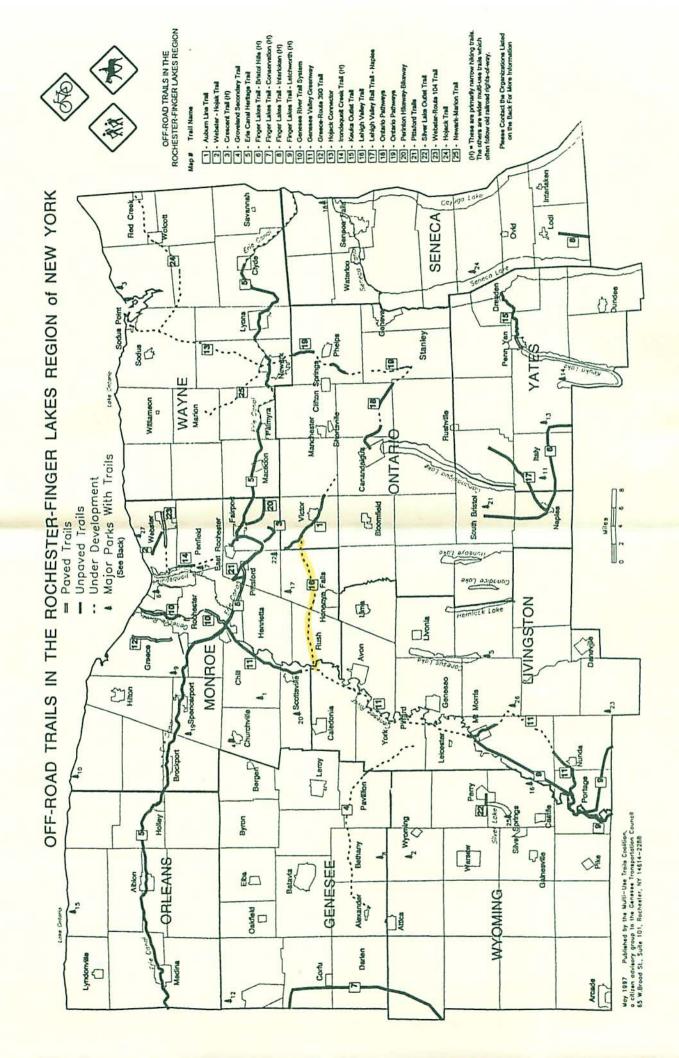
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Many of us enjoy taking a stroll for exercise, to enjoy the weather or to view wildlife. Often times we do this activity in our own

neighborhood or we head for the nearest park. There is another place to walk that perhaps is less well known. There are numerous off road trails that crisscross and intersect with each other that are located in Monroe and adjacent counties.

If you like to walk, bicycle or horseback ride, you'll be interested in the map we have included as an insert to this newsletter. The map shows Off Road Trails in the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region of New York.

It includes the name of each trail, where its located, endpoints, length, surface condition and activities permitted on the trail. If you want more information about a particular trail, contacts are also listed.



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### Eagle Scout Takes on Maintenance of the Lehigh Valley Trail

by Chad and Loretta Engler

Trevor Jones, 16, a member of the Honeoye Falls' Scout Troop 10, took on quite a task!

As part of his Eagle Scout achievement award program, Trevor took on the responsibility for planning, organizing and carrying out the cleanup of a large section of the Lehigh Valley Trail. His section runs from the old Rochester Junction to Clover Street.

Trevor recruited and organized 20 volunteer scouts to clean up debris, overgrown trees and bushes. His goal was to widen the trail to 30 feet all along his section. This was a large task as the trail had been unused for a long time. Trevor was successful in completing this task by his target date of early October.

We at The Mendon Foundation wish to thank Trevor for his efforts and salute his volunteer spirit! ■

# Mendon Foundation Mission Statement

The Mendon Foundation is a non-profit corporation established to:

PRESERVE, protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational and structural resources in the Town of Mendon and directly adjacent properties,

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education on issues pertinent to the preservation of natural resources in the Town of Mendon,

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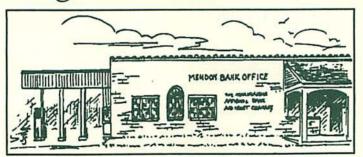
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### The Gleason Land Development Project

by Chad Engler

Recently, The Mendon Foundation announced that an agreement had been reached between The Foundation and Gleason. Under this agreement, The Foundation would purchase 268 acres of land on the corner of Route 15A and West Main Street.

In a separate but related agreement, The Foundation would sell development rights to 150 acres of the land to Corporate Holdings of America. This agreement would generate enough revenue for The Foundation to cover the purchase cost of the entire parcel.

As with most large projects, a number of good questions have arisen. We'd like to bring a bit more clarity to this situation.

#### Why would the Mendon Foundation be involved?

This land has been for sale for a while now, in fact, Gleason has already sold three parcels. At the time of our negotiations on these agreements there was another offer for the entire plot under consideration.

We believe that this land will be developed with or without the involvement of The Mendon Foundation. We just feel that the development can have a better result for the community with our involvement.



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- The Mendon Foundation will be responsible for the maintenance of this recreational land.
- We will help assure that the development plan keeps the environment as a high priority. In fact, Environmental Design and Research is doing the planning.

This seems to be happening very fast!

It is important to realize that this project is in its very early planning stages. In addition to The Foundation's, Gleason's and CHA's own planning, there are many more official approval steps to come. Concept approval, Preliminary approval and ultimately, Final approval by the Town's and Village's Planning Boards. All phases of this project and its planning will follow Mendon and Honeoye Falls' procedures and regulations which require this project to fit into their comprehensive plans.

The comprehensive plans guide Mendon and Honeoye Falls to assure that development stays within the Town's and Village's goals. We don't intend any development outside of these plans.

The Mendon Foundation believes that protecting these 118 acres and overseeing the development of the rest of the land fall well within our mission. We remain cautiously excited about this project as well as eager for residents to share their thoughts with us.

We have assembled a detailed information packet about this project and welcome you to request one, read it and contact us with any questions or comments you might have!

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