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David Bourque
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Dear Mr. Bourque,

On behalf of Albany County, I want to offer my support for Historic Altamont's *Altamont Trails Master Plan.* As a volunteer nonprofit organization, Historic Altamont has worked diligently to preserve the specific historical and cultural legacy of the Village of Altamont, while developing a plan to enhance and steward its natural resources. The *Altamont Trails Master Plan* delivers a comprehensive guide for increasing access to the diversity of natural landscapes surrounding the Village of Altamont.

The *Altamont Trails Master Plan* builds off existing planning documents from other stakeholders, including the nearby Town of Guilderland, the Capital Regional Transportation Council, the Helderberg Escarpment Planning Committee, and New York State. By aligning with these other initiatives, Historic Altamont has ensured that projects developed from this master plan will be met with widespread support. Linking various communities and points of interest through new trails will create opportunities for recreation, economic development, and community partnership.

I applaud Historic Altamont on their strategic and thorough master plan, which includes an extension of the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail into the Village of Altamont. The plan also includes goals to link other popular parks and preserves such as Thacher State Park, Bozen Kill Preserve, Black Creek Marsh, Indian Ladder Conservancy, Keenholts Park, Vosburgh Trails and Tawasentha Park. These plans would preserve open space and offer exciting new ways to experience Albany County's natural resources.

I look forward to continuing to work with Historic Altamont on the recommendations and goals outlined in their *Altamont Trails Master Plan*.

Sincerely,



Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive