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Dear Mr. Bourque,

Upon behalf of the Town of Guilderland Town Board, I write this letter of support for the *Altamont Trails Master Plan* sponsored by Historic Altamont, a volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historical, cultural, and natural legacy of the Village of Altamont and surrounding areas. This visionary document plan was only possible with the active participation of residents and stakeholders, and is a testament to the volunteers who made it possible.

The *Altamont Trails Master Plan* is consistent with core recommendations in the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update (2025) that focuses on creating bicycle and pedestrian linkages among prime destinations, such as parks and local businesses, and residential neighborhoods. The Master Plan is featured in the Comprehensive Plan Update and it is attached in full in the appendix. Historic Altamont is also specifically named as one of the entities for implementing the goals and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

We are particularly encouraged that the Master Plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Update and other efforts by the Town to promote non-motorized linkages. The Comprehensive Plan Update's Recommendation E-20 states that the Town should endeavor to support the efforts of the Historic Altamont and the Village to implement the goals and recommendations of the *Altamont Trails Master Plan*.

We are very pleased that Historic Altamont recently achieved the Master Plan's key recommendation by extending the Long Path into the Village. Dedicated volunteers successfully installed switch backs and stone staircases in the Helderberg escarpment to bring the end of the 358-mile-long trail into the Village. Later this fall, the end point in the Village will celebrated with *Journey At Rest*, a life-sized bronze sculpture of a hiker resting at the conclusion of a short hike or long-haul journey.

The Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan Update also support extending Albany County's Helderberg Rail Trail, which presently ends in the Village of Voorheesville, by converting the Delanson-Voorheesville rail line into a multi-use path to the Village. Both plans also share the goal of creating linkages to popular natural resources such as Thacher State Park, Bozen Kill Preserve, Black Creek Marsh, Indian Ladder Conservancy, Keenholts Park, Vosburgh Trails and Tawasentha Park.

The Master Plan's recommendation to add sidewalks on Gun Club Road to reach the Village's Bozen Kill Park has been the goal of the Town, including adding this sidewalk to the Town's multiple funding applications to the State. This recommendation will be cited as support in the Town's future applications.

The Town looks forward to working with Historic Altamont on the recommendations outlined in the *Altamont Trails Master Plan*.

Sincerely,

s/ Peter G. Barber

Peter G. Barber
Town Supervisor