How do I get started?
If you have a specific section of trail in mind, or a specific project, please let us know. We can put you in touch with others interested in the same section of trail.

Sections of Trail
• Simpson to Forest City
• Forest City to Stillwater
• Stillwater to Union Dale
• Union Dale to Herrick Center
• Herrick Center to Burnwood
• Burnwood to Ararat
• Ararat to Thompson
• Thompson to Starrucca
• Starrucca to Stevens Point
• Stevens Point to Lanesboro

These are just working suggestions, and volunteers can cover smaller sections or overlap sections.

Keep Informed
Visit www.nepa-rail-trails.org and read up on trail history and events, attend Rail-Trail meetings, talk with other trail tenders.

Are you ready to be a Trail Tender ??
For more information please call or visit

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What is the Trail Tender Program?
The ‘Trail Tenders’ program provides opportunities for hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and all trail enthusiasts to assist the non-profit Rail-Trail Council in monitoring, maintaining and enhancing the trail, the trailheads and the trail experience. You will be the “eyes, ears and voice” of the trail.

Who Can Participate?
Anyone with an interest in the trail and the outdoors is welcome to participate. School and youth groups, scout troops, church, community and service organizations, businesses, families, individuals or groups all are examples of volunteers who are helping to monitor the trail system and provide safe, enjoyable access to the outdoors.

What do volunteers do?
Trail Tenders can choose their level of involvement from a one-time task to a 4-times a year trail assessment to a weekly trail visit. Tenders will also choose the area of trail of interest.

Simple activities may include:
- keeping the trail clear of debris
- pruning small limbs from trail corridor
- cleaning out drainage structures
- litter pick-ups
- trailhead maintenance
- planting trees & shrubs
- provide directions, assistance to trail users
- report hazards, vandalism, illegal activities

Planned activities may include:
- organizing trail walks
- native plant & landscape enhancement
- historic structure rehab
- install signage or mile markers
- locate drainage structures
- plan & organize larger-scale projects
- recruit other volunteers
- conduct a trail user survey

Notify the Rail-Trail office:
- when work is completed
- to send in trail assessment forms (4x a year)
- to report any hazardous condition that needs immediate attention

Keep in touch with Trail Tenders:
A web networking site will be setup to communicate with other trail tenders and assist in planning group work.

Why should you participate?
Adopting a section of trail or taking part in a trail activity provides an opportunity for exercise and fresh air. Helping to maintain and enhance an existing trail improves the resource for all to enjoy. The effort brings trail and nature enthusiasts closer to the environment and their community.

Volunteers say they enjoy the time they spend outdoors and the personal satisfaction they gain through volunteering on the trail.

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