

## Greenway Identity Segments

The Greenway has been delineated into four basic segments that reflect the existing conditions and character of that segment of the proposed Greenway:

### 1 WOODLAND / WETLAND SEGMENT

This segment is characterized by a naturalistic greenway trail through an existing natural woodland area. Traveling along this portion of the Greenway will give the visitor a sense of what the Hoosic River looked like before the European settlement of the region. Initiatives proposed for this segment includes woodland and river edge restoration plantings to improve habitat and provide an educational resource for local schools. The educational component can be reinforced with interpretation - either via interpretive signs, identification of important features (geology), plant/tree labeling and the preparation of an educational unit with the local schools and teachers. This area also includes a meandering river edge side trail, an educational natural laboratory gathering area, and boardwalks and overlook deck for wildlife viewing, fishing, and river edge study.

Stormwater from the hillside area above the trail may need to be addressed with non-structural, low impact methods that allow the surface and groundwater to continue to migrate towards the river.

Trail Material/Surface: Gravel / Stone-dust

### 2 VILLAGE SEGMENT

The intent of this segment is to reconnect the urban downtown with the river edge, including increasing access and visibility to the greenway trail and providing a community park area for visitors and local residents to gather and recreate by the river's edge. Development of elements and amenities that serve the village population will be a focus here.

This zone is comprised of a kiosk / public restroom facility, natural playground area, picnic area, interpretive signs, and native river edge plantings. Opportunities exist for interpretation of historic resources (such as the former Walter Wood complex across the river, and the village itself). The interpretation can be accomplished via the use of signage, historic artifacts and guided or self-guided walking tours of the village core - highlighting its evolution as a manufacturing center and featuring historic architecture and sites. Inclusion of environmental or public art is also a consideration for this area and could enrich the greenway user's experience.

Trail Material/Surface: Asphalt

### 3 NEIGHBORHOOD / FLOOD CONTROL SEGMENT


This segment is characterized by the flood control structures and berms constructed and controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. There are extensive open grass areas and a distinct berm that runs for some distance in this segment, giving it a decidedly different feel than other segments of the trail. While not currently owned by the town/village or identified as a property of interest, once reclaimed, the brownfield parcel on Willow Street could serve as a secondary greenway access point and valuable neighborhood pocket park with playground structures and a community picnic area. While there will be some connectivity with the contiguous neighborhoods, there will also be a need for some separation and a buffer along portions of this route. Some fencing and clean up may be required. At the southern end of this segment a small turnaround area or node could be provided for roller bladers or skateboarders as the trail transitions back to gravel in the River Edge segment.

Trail Material/Surface: Asphalt

### 4 RIVER EDGE SEGMENT

This segment is characterized by a potentially extensive natural area. This area can have the affect of a unique river park and trail system connected to and integrating the existing ball fields to the east. This segment emphasizes exploration of the native river and wetland ecosystem, and offers overlook decks for wildlife viewing, fishing and river study; a picnic shelter; a natural play area; an interpretive trail system; river access side trails; and canoe access. Future greenway considerations for this segment include providing pedestrian bridge access to the western edge of the river.

Trail Material/Surface: Gravel / Stone-dust

 TYPICAL TRAIL SECTION- See detail sheet

## Key Buildings & Destinations

1. Cheney Library
2. Walter Wood Memorial Park
3. The Louis Miller Museum at the Hoosick Falls Historical Society
4. Hoosick Falls Country Club
5. Town Athletic Fields
6. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation
7. Hoosick Falls Public Works
8. Maple Grove Cemetery
9. Oak Mitsui
10. Former Walter A Wood Plant
11. St. Mary's Academy Elementary

