

# Ulster County Midtown Linear Park

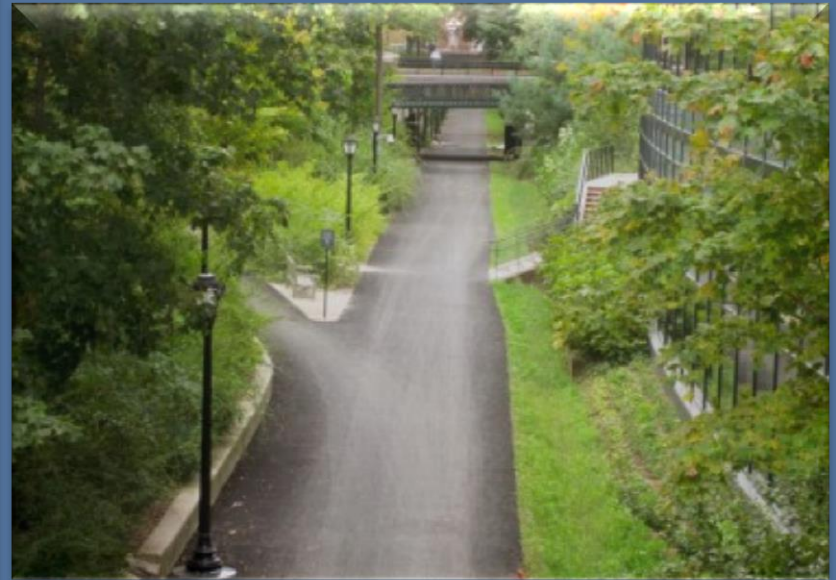


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*Are We Designing Our Communities to Serve the Needs of All Residents and Make Our Neighborhoods More Walkable and Livable?*



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KINGSTON PLAZA



CORNELL STREET

**Public Trail From Cornell Street to Kingston Plaza**

# Railroad Yard Area Today



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## RAILROAD YARD AREA:

- Fenced Off For Private Use Only
- Storage of Old Equipment and Accumulated Debris
- Fuel Tanks and Rusting Barrels
- Potential Hazardous Contamination
- Blighted and Unsightly Drain on Midtown Neighborhoods



# Railroad Corridor Today



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## RAILROAD CORRIDOR TO PLAZA:

- Overgrown and Strewn with Litter and Junk
- Conducive to Crime and Nuisance Activities
- Noise and Air Pollution from Diesel Train Operations
- Disruption to Neighborhoods and Shaking of House Foundations



# Convenience Store vs. Supermarket



*“Living closer to healthy food retail is associated with better eating habits and decreased risk for obesity and diet-related diseases.”*

- The Food Trust



# Railroad Yard Restored As Park



**Imagine What's Possible**

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# Railroad Corridor Converted to Trail



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**Connecting Midtown Kingston  
to Kingston Plaza and Uptown for  
Bicyclists and Walkers**

**Providing Improved Access to High  
Quality, Affordable Food and  
Other Shops/ Services**

**Creating Much-Needed Park Space  
for Children and Families in  
Midtown Kingston**

**Promoting Healthier Families and  
Stronger Communities / Improving  
Quality of Life**

# Ulster County STRIVE Project



**Expanding Community College Access to  
All Students and Investing in the  
Future of the City of Kingston**

# Ulster County Midtown Linear Park



Accessible to persons with disabilities and the elderly



Open to free public use four seasons / 365 days a year

Reconnecting neighborhoods to stores and services

Providing a safe, enjoyable trail for walking, bicycling, jogging, dog walking, and enjoying the outdoors

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**What You Can Do to Help**



## Thank You

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