

**New Jersey Sierra Club**  
**Resolution for Establishment of Essex-Hudson Greenway**

Whereas an 11 mile stretch of abandoned railroad property from Montclair (Essex County) to Jersey City (Hudson County) shows signs of neglect and decay evident by an accumulation of garbage, drug use, and other crimes;

Whereas Sierra Club supports transportation policy and systems that provide pedestrians and bicyclists with adequate access to jobs, shopping, services and recreation that a Greenway will provide for the benefit the seven towns along the route - Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Belleville, Newark, Kearny, and Jersey City; and

Whereas the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition and the Friends of the Ice and Rail Trail have attracted the East Coast Greenway Alliance to include the Essex-Hudson Greenway as part of a long distance urban shared-use trail linking cities from Maine to Florida and September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail Alliance that envisions a trail to honor the 9/11 victims; and

Resolved, that the New Jersey Sierra Club Chapter:

1. Urges the rehabilitation of the abandoned railroad property to create the” Essex-Hudson Greenway” - also referred to as the “Ice and Iron Trail”;
2. Recommends the seven towns along the route to fully integrate the Essex-Hudson Greenway to maximize access to destinations for jobs, shopping, services, and recreation; and
3. Encourages the incorporation of the Essex-Hudson Greenway with the East Coast Greenway and the September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail.