



New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition

Essex-Hudson Greenway Ice & Iron Greenway East Coast Greenway September 11th Memorial Trail



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- A project to transform the Old Boonton Line (Montclair to Hackensack River) into a Rail with Trail greenway
- Create the only off-road safe commuting route among the adjoining communities, Newark and Jersey City
- Create access to recreation by connecting parks to communities
- Revitalize commerce and provide economic opportunity along the line



Ice & Iron Greenway





Essex County Section



Before





After Improvement

















Crossover In Belleville





North Newark Crossing







Bridge over the Passaic River





Kearny



Through the Meadowlands





Hackensack River





Transportation

- Greenways provide a safe, affordable, alternative mode of transportation
- Greenways provide a mode of traveling for people who can not drive, or do not own an automobile, such as children or the elderly





Edgar Felix Bike Path, Manasquan, NJ







Economic



 Expansion of existing businesses (related to travel, equipment, clothes, food, souvenirs and maps)

Residential Development

- Increased housing values
- Increased demand for housing near trails





"Up and down the Katy Trail...developers are scrambling to tie their projects into the (trail)...Builders say having a project on the Katy Trail, which runs along an old railroad line, has become money in the bank. Some builders say there is a '25% premium for having their product back up again the Katy trail" (Dallas Morning News)







Health – Physical Activity

Greenways provide an opportunity for regular physical activity

People who reported using trails at least once a week were twice as likely to meet physical activity recommendations than people who reported never or rarely using trails.



Columbia Trail





Historic Preservation

Greenways spur the revitalization of historic structures, from stations to tunnels to bridges.











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