

**Planning &
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2013**

**Smart Growth
Award Category:**
Create Walkable
Communities

Recipient:
Village of
Chittenango
Creek Walk &
Neighborhood
Trail
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Congratulations to the Village of Chittenango Creek Walk Committee for being selected for a Smart Growth Award. This Committee was selected for its ongoing efforts to implement the vision of a multimodal trail system that links the Village's neighborhoods, downtown, and parks.



Lessons Learned

- The Village of Chittenango Creek Walk & Neighborhood Trail Committee is a sub-committee to the Village's Parks Commission
- In 2010 the first section of the Chittenango Creek Walk was opened (approximately 1.5 miles with sidewalk sections)
- The trail connects the Village's downtown with neighborhoods, parks, Chittenango Creek, and eventually the Old Erie Canal Towpath and Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum
- Numerous grants have been secured such as from the CNY Community Foundation and the NYS Environmental Protection Fund and numerous partnerships have been with private property owners, businesses, and community groups
- It was mentioned that Parks & Trails NY has been a wonderful resource that has provided much guidance along the way
- Phase 2 of the trail system (along Dyke Road) is now underway and will include a botanical garden

For a trail map click [here](#); for more information on the project visit www.chittenango.org/