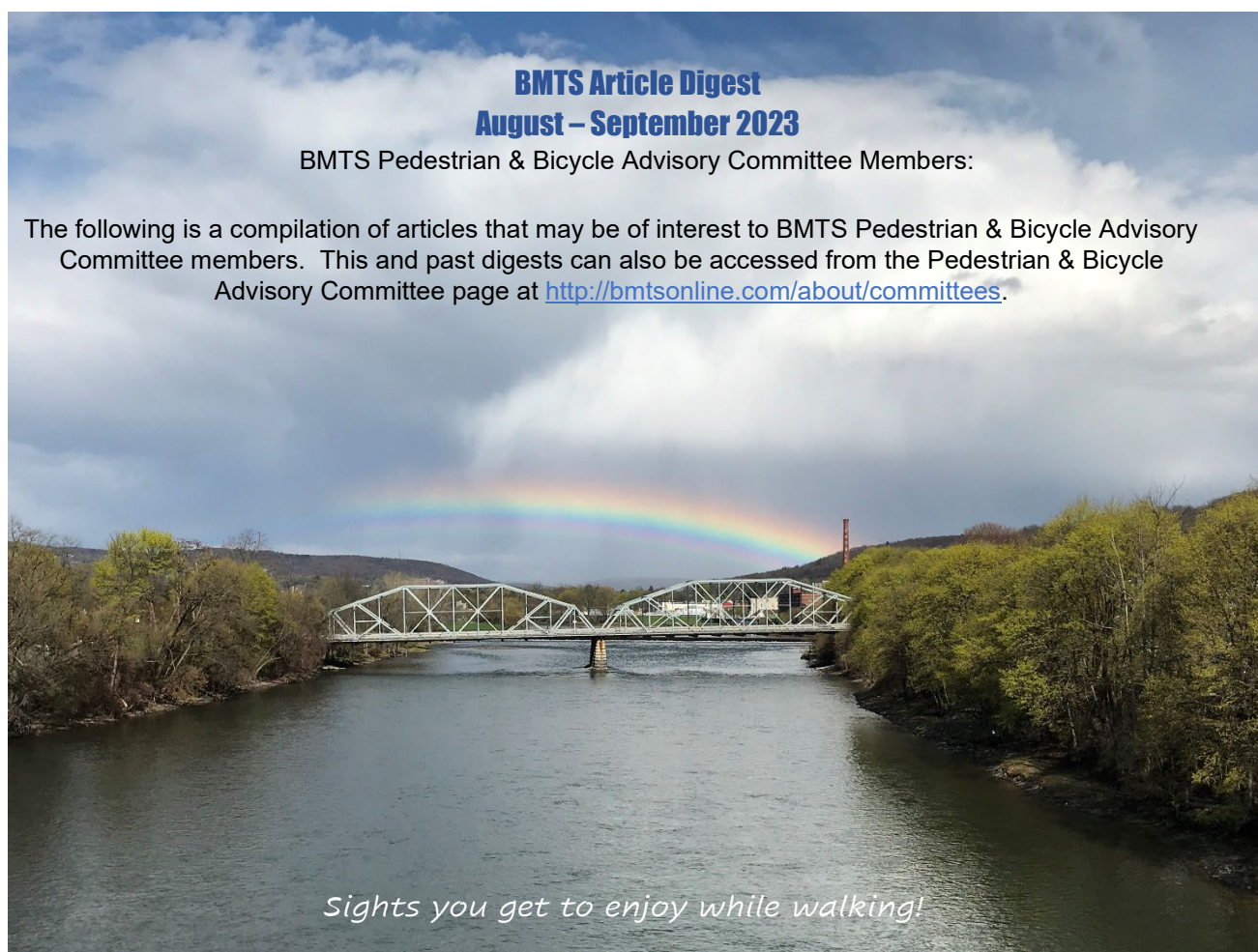


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Greenway Path officially opens after decades of planning

By [Shabeli Acevedo](#)

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BINGHAMTON (WBNG) -- The 2.5-mile bicycle and pedestrian Greenway is located along the south side of State Route 434 Vestal Parkway. It provides new opportunities for recreation and environmentally friendly transportation in the Town of Vestal, City of Binghamton and across the Southern Tier.

"Investment projects like this greenway show that we understand that transportation isn't just planting trains and automobiles, it's about providing opportunities for all users creating ways for people to live, work and explore their communities without even getting into a car.," said NYDOT's Public Information Specialist, Scott Cook.

The new path, which runs from Pennsylvania Avenue in Binghamton to Murray Hill Road in Vestal, adjacent to Binghamton University, links with an existing greenway at Pennsylvania Avenue to provide walkers, joggers and cyclists with easy access to downtown Binghamton, the city's South Side neighborhoods, Binghamton University's main campus and a host of businesses, stores, restaurants and recreational facilities in the area.

"We're really, really thrilled this was done for a lot of reasons. Obviously, a lot of people with bicycles, and a lot of walkers or just folks who want to go on an alternative way to get to downtown are looking forward for this," said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo.

It also ties into Binghamton's existing network of sidewalks, hiking trails and bike lanes, including a recently completed pedestrian/bicycle path along U.S. Route 11 that provides access to the north side of Binghamton, Otsiningo Park and an array of retailers and other businesses in the Town of Dickinson's popular commercial corridor.

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Bike from Vestal to Binghamton

A section of Route 434 Greenway project connecting Vestal to Binghamton officially opened this week.

The completed \$23.9 million project includes a 2.5-mile bicycle and pedestrian path along the south side of state Route 434 from Pennsylvania Avenue in Binghamton to Murray Hill Road in Vestal, adjacent to Binghamton University.

"This piece is an important connection to the existing sections and is part of a larger plan to provide a connected system of multi-use trails within the Binghamton metropolitan area," Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study executive director Jennifer Yonkoski said at a MacArthur Park press conference Tuesday.

What the project consists of

The project, which was announced by the Department of Transportation in February 2021, connects an existing greenway at Pennsylvania Avenue to downtown Binghamton, giving walkers, joggers and cyclists easy access to downtown, the city's South Side

neighborhoods, Binghamton University's main campus as well as dozens of businesses, stores, restaurants and recreational facilities.



The new path features modern lighting and landscaping and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It's also separated from the roadway by guide rails and concrete barriers.

Upgraded intersections along Route 434 with new signals and crosswalks to enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists were also included in the project.

How we got here

The first phase of the Greenway, completed in 2018, allows pedestrians to safely pass from Conklin Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue and the Vestal Parkway.

At just over \$4 million, the first section features enhanced crosswalk protection, with a flashing light and raised crosswalk at the end of the pedestrian bridge crossing Conklin Avenue.

The multiuse path stretches from Conklin Avenue to a trail across the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge and to Vestal Avenue.

For the newest section, three options were initially presented to the public for discussion, and in addition to the ultimately chosen favorite, the two other options included the Greenway to be built either largely along Vestal Avenue or using a portion of Vestal Avenue from Ivanhoe Road west.

Part of this section of the project was met with opposition along the way. In February 2020, residents near the planned Ivanhoe Road access point presented a petition to the state DOT calling on Greenway planners to abandon the connection to the walkway over concerns of potential disruption of the relatively quiet, residential nature of the neighborhood.
