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Catskill Conservation Corps volunteers build trail at future site of Catskill Interpretive Center

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The Catskill Conservation Corps, a partnership between the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, **hosted volunteers at the Catskill Interpretive Center to help build what will become a new Interpretive Hiking Trail at the Center when it opens in 2015.** The work trip was led by experienced leaders of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, who together with the volunteers, were able to construct over 100 feet of new trail climbing the hillside between the site of the Center and a vista and picnic area that will be created at the crest of the hillside above.

The Trail Conference's Catskills Trail Crew will continue to build and develop this new interpretive hiking trail as part of the development of the Catskill Interpretive Center. Due to the location of the trail, much of the ongoing work will include side hilling and tread construction. Future work will also include crib wall construction, trail surfacing and the construction of a bridge near the start of the trail. The trail is expected to be complete in the summer of 2015.

This work trip was part of a series of workshops and work trips that will be held at the Catskill Interpretive Center in Mount Tremper. The workshops and work trips are being held to build an interpretive hiking trail on the property that will be open to the public for hiking and train volunteers in trail construction techniques.

The public is always welcome to join us on the site and you do not need to be a member of the Trail Conference to join the Trail Crew. No experience is necessary, and the Trail Conference will provide the tools and the training on site before they get started. To see the schedule of work trips at the Catskill Interpretive Center, visit the Trail Conference's Trail Crew calendar at www.nynjtc.org/view/trail-crew-outings.

The **Catskill Conservation Corps** (Catskill CC) is a partnership between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, whose volunteers maintain a network of more than 2,000 miles of trails, including more than 200 miles in the Catskills. The Catskill CC aims to increase and support volunteer contributions on projects that protect natural resources and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in the Catskill Mountains.

Keep up with news, events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities in the Catskills at www.CatskillConservationCorps.org and nynjtc.org/catskills.