

## Related Programs, Projects, Plans, Studies, & Reports

### Introduction

The following lists of programs, projects, plans, reports, studies support the future success of the Black River Trail Scenic Byway. Each entry has a specific relation to upholding the goals presented in this CMP. The responsible parties may become strategic players in project implementation and in seeking collaborative funding. Byway plan implementers should maintain close communications with the numerous community and regional leaders who are directing these related projects and programs.

### Other Scenic Byway Plans

*Maple Traditions Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan* (2009 Draft) – This plan is being prepared in conjunction with the *Black River Trail Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan*. Stakeholder input in this planning effort has consistently called for changing the current legislatively designated route for the Black River Trail Scenic Byway in order to create two separate byways from the one—each with a distinct theme. Justifications include local identity, more coherent marketing image, and avoidance of visitor confusion.

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*Olympic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan* (2004) – The Olympic Scenic Byway’s relation to the Black River Trail Scenic Byway is that the two byways overlap for 17.5 miles along NYS Route 3 from Watertown to Carthage.

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*Seaway Trail Corridor Management Plan* – The Black River Trail Scenic Byway’s proposed northern terminus is at its junction with the Seaway Trail (a National Scenic Byway) at the intersection of Routes 180 and 12F.

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## **Regional Plans & Reports**

***White – Still - & Wild: A Blueway Trail Development Plan for the Black River in Oneida, Lewis, and Jefferson Counties in New York State*** (2007) – This report provides recommendations for a coordinated approach to developing and promoting the entire length of the Black River. One of its key recommendations is to re-route the legislatively designated Black River Scenic Byway so that, from Lowville, the byway would continue to follow the Black River in a westerly direction rather than continue north along NYS Route 812 to Ogdensburg.

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***Black River Corridor Economic Adjustment Strategy*** (2001) – This study by the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College provided an initial assessment of various paddling and fishing market segments and recommended several strategies for capitalizing on the Black River as a source of tourism development. This study focused on the Jefferson County portion of the river, but contains information relevant to the overall corridor as well.

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***Black River Watershed Plan*** (Due for completion in December 2010) –The final report will include a thorough analysis of water quality throughout the entire Black River watershed, along with recommendations for grassroots tools and strategies to protect and improve its water quality wherever possible, and to insure that the resource continues to provide for the needs of those that depend on it for their livelihoods, well being, and recreational opportunities.. The watershed covers portions of five counties (Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Herkimer, and Hamilton) and includes 37 towns, several villages, and the City of Watertown.

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***Fort Drum Growth Management Plan*** (2009) – Behan Planning Associates, with EDAW, Inc., authored this report for the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization (FDRLO). After assessing recent land development patterns associated with the transformation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Drum, and projecting future growth scenarios, the report provides a series of recommendations to help Fort Drum and its border communities to better manage future growth for maximum economic benefit while minimizing the threat of development that might encroach upon the army’s training mission.

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***Navigational Hazards for Small Boats in the Black River Between Lyons Falls and Carthage, NY*** (2006) – This report by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides an assessment of navigational hazards on a 40-mile flatwater stretch of the Black River. It also provided a range of strategies for removing those hazards and their associated cost estimates.

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***Tug Hill ATV Impact Study*** (2006) – This study was prepared by Camoin Associates for the Cooperative Tug Hill Council. Utilizing a mail and intercept survey of ATV users, the consultants provided a profile of All Terrain Vehicle ridership in the Tug Hill region. They estimated the economic impact of ATV activity in terms of both revenue and cost to the region.

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***Adirondack North Country Bicycle Master Plan*** (1994) – This comprehensive Bicycling Master Plan for the entire 14-county ANCA region provides recommendations for promoting bicycling in the region and includes a county-by-county assessment of opportunities for developing and promoting cycling-oriented routes, trails, and amenities.

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## **County-level Plans and Reports**

***Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*** (2006) - This Jefferson County plan identifies a number of tourism and community development goals relevant to the Black River, the Black River Trail Scenic Byway, and its communities.

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***Lewis County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*** (2006) – This Lewis County Plan identifies a number of tourism and community development goals relevant to the Black River, the Black River Trail Scenic Byway, and its communities.

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***Lewis County Agricultural Enhancement Plan*** (2004) – Identifies a variety of strategies targeting the enhancement of local agriculture. It includes strategies for value-added processing, increasing agritourism, developing niche products & markets, business development, farmland preservation, and ag-economic development.

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***Herkimer-Oneida Counties Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*** (2002) – The Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study is currently in the process of updating this plan. It identifies current and potential bicycle and pedestrian routes and multi-use trail, including long-term recommendations for enhancing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

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***Herkimer-Oneida Counties 2007 Bicycling Atlas*** (2007) – The atlas provides maps of New York State bicycle routes and shared-use roadways, connecting routes, and multi-use trails. HOCTS is updating the atlas for 2009.

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### **Community-level Plans and Reports**

***Village of Black River Community Visioning and Strategic Development Plan*** (2008) – This plan provides conceptual designs for public riverfront improvements and for commercial redevelopment in the central business district. It also includes a retail market analysis and recommended zoning revisions to support quality development in the village.

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***Destination Blueway: A Waterfront Plan for the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage*** (2008) – This waterfront master plan provides implementation strategies for specific waterfront improvements along the Black River: including parks, boat launches, a farmers market, trails, and tourism gateway facilities. The joint plan will help to coordinate river-related development and promotion activities between the villages of Carthage and West Carthage, towns of Champion and Wilna, and Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce.

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***Village of Dexter Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan*** (1986) - The revitalization plan will guide coordinated efforts by the village, State, and private interests to manage the Village of Dexter riverfront as an important resource in a manner that protects its environmental integrity and maximizes its contribution to the village's quality of life and economic vitality. The village is currently focused on developing the Fish Island Park and Recreation area—one of the key projects identified in its LWRP.

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***Village of Lowville Infill Development Plan*** (2005) – The study identified specific retail opportunities for the Village of Lowville within the context of existing businesses, local market demand, and the construction of a new Wal-Mart supercenter just outside the village limits. One of the recommendations was for the development of a retail outlet for local products.

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***Village of Lyons Falls Strategic Plan*** (Underway for 2009 Completion) – This project will develop plans and priorities for community revitalization to enhance its attractiveness as a place to do business and to enhance its appeal as a stop for tourists traveling along the Black River Trail Scenic Byway.

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***City of Rome Downtown-Canal Plan*** (2004) – As part of the city's Comprehensive Plan, this component addresses the Erie Canal and its role as an asset in the city's community and economic development efforts.

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***City of Watertown Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan*** (2007 Draft) - The revitalization plan will guide coordinated efforts by the City, State, and private interests to manage the Black River in Watertown as an important resource in a manner that protects its environmental integrity and maximizes its contribution to the City's quality of life and economic vitality. Components of the LWRP include a whitewater and trail feasibility study; economic and market conditions analysis; and an erosion management plan. The City had developed and continues to improve numerous waterfront parks, access sites, and trails along the river.

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***Economic and Market Condition Analysis and a Development Impacts and Benefits Study*** (2006) – This document by Camoin Associates was part of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the City of Watertown and included an Economic and Market Condition Analysis and a Development Impacts and Benefits Study. It focuses strictly on the City of Watertown but is relevant to the Black River corridor.

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***Downtown Watertown; Gateway to Commerce and Technology*** (2001) – This study, prepared by the Chesapeake Group, Inc., focused on business opportunities in the City of Watertown but included a section on the impact of the Black River and recommendations for its development.

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***The Black River Vision Plan*** (2003) – A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the City of Watertown’ – This study was prepared by students at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Center for Community Design Research.

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### **Complementary Projects**

***Black River Blueway Trail Marketing and Promotion*** (Complete by Nov. 2009) – With Black River Blueway Trail implementation funding, the Thousand Islands International Tourism Council is heading up a three-county effort to develop a brochure promoting the Black River and the tourism resources within the river corridor. The brochure will identify the Black River Trail Scenic Byway route. Blueway Trail implementation funding will also be used to develop a marketing “tool kit” of professional quality stock photography and professionally-written copy for use in magazine articles and other publications.

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***Black River Blueway Trail Signage Plan*** (Complete by November 2009) – Blueway Trail implementation funding will be used to develop a signage plan for the Black River corridor. A key focus of that plan will be on how to coordinate signage of the river corridor with the Black River Trail Scenic Byway, as the Byway will be a major vehicle for promoting resources within the river corridor. An RFP has not yet been released, but will likely address signage design as well as placement strategies.

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***Black River Navigation Improvements*** (Due for 2010 completion). The Town of Martinsburg (Lewis County) has received Blueway Trail implementation funding to remove river navigation hazards at four sites identified in the US Army Corp of Engineers report cited above under “Regional Plans and Reports”.

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***Black River Recreation Trail, Watertown to Great Bend*** – the Thousand Islands Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) has completed a paved, 3-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail along an abandoned railroad bed from Ridge Road in the City of Watertown to the NYS Route 3 at the Village of Black River. The long-term desire is to extend the trail in both directions. NYS OPRHP would also like to build a trail one mile downstream from Ridge Road further into the City of Watertown. From the Village of Black River, OPRHP and local stakeholders would like to extend the trail upriver to the Hamlet of Great Bend

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***Mohawk River Trail, Rome, NY*** – The City of Rome is in the project development stage for a 10-mile trail from Delta Lake State Park to the Erie Canal. The multi-use trail would follow the Mohawk River and run parallel to the Black River Trail Scenic Byway (NYS Route 46).

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