



Final Report: New Lenape Ridge Segment and SRT Reroute

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Pilot Crew

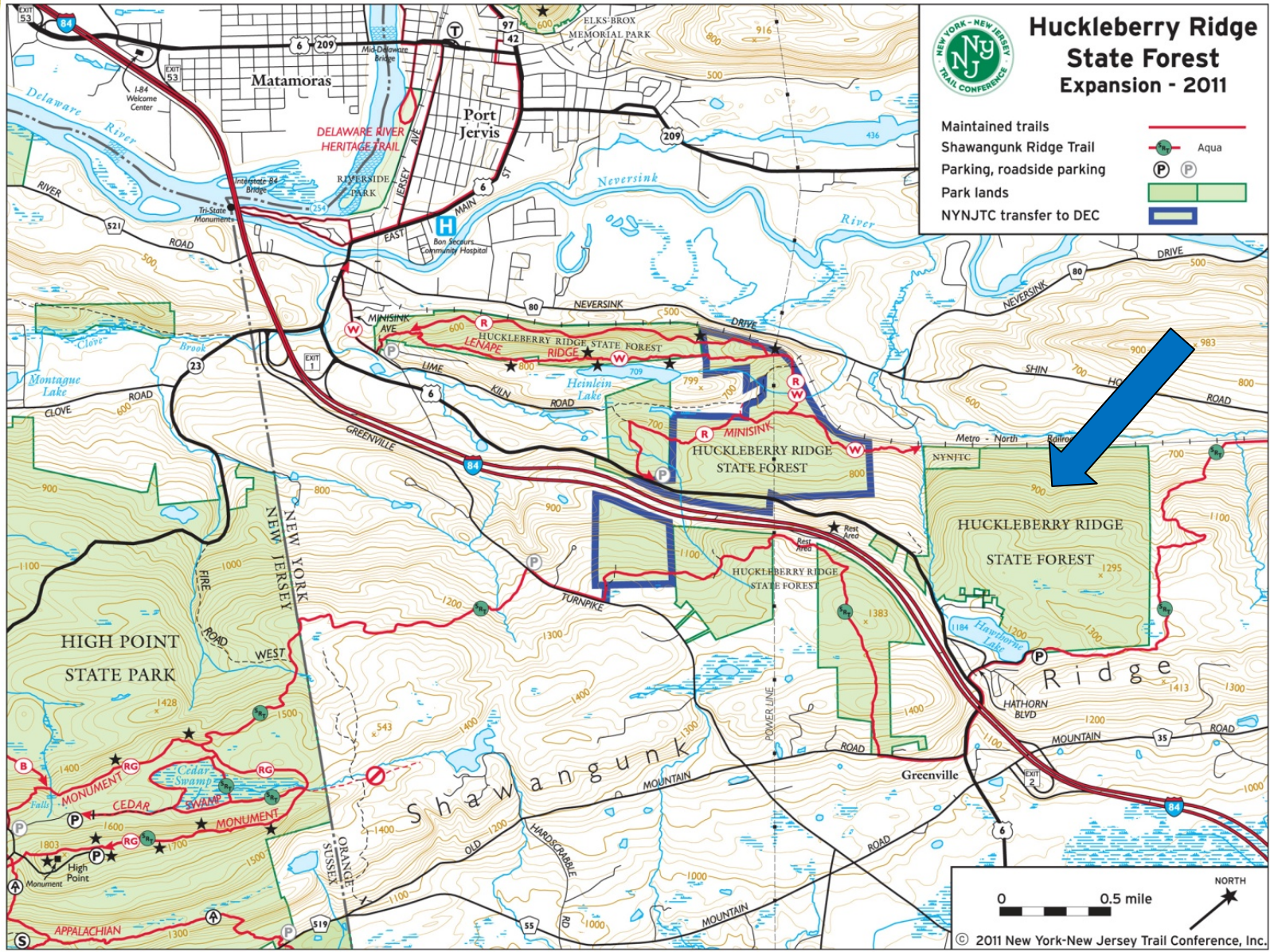
- This crew, funded through a generous grant from REI, was the Trail Conference's first Conservation Corps *Spike Crew*.
- Each week, a spike camp was set up in the woods and the crew would hike to the work site. The crew lived in tents, cooked under a kitchen tarp, used their food bucket as a seat and did a lot of manual labor.
- Members of the crew worked in all-weather including heat and extreme rain.



Location of Worksite



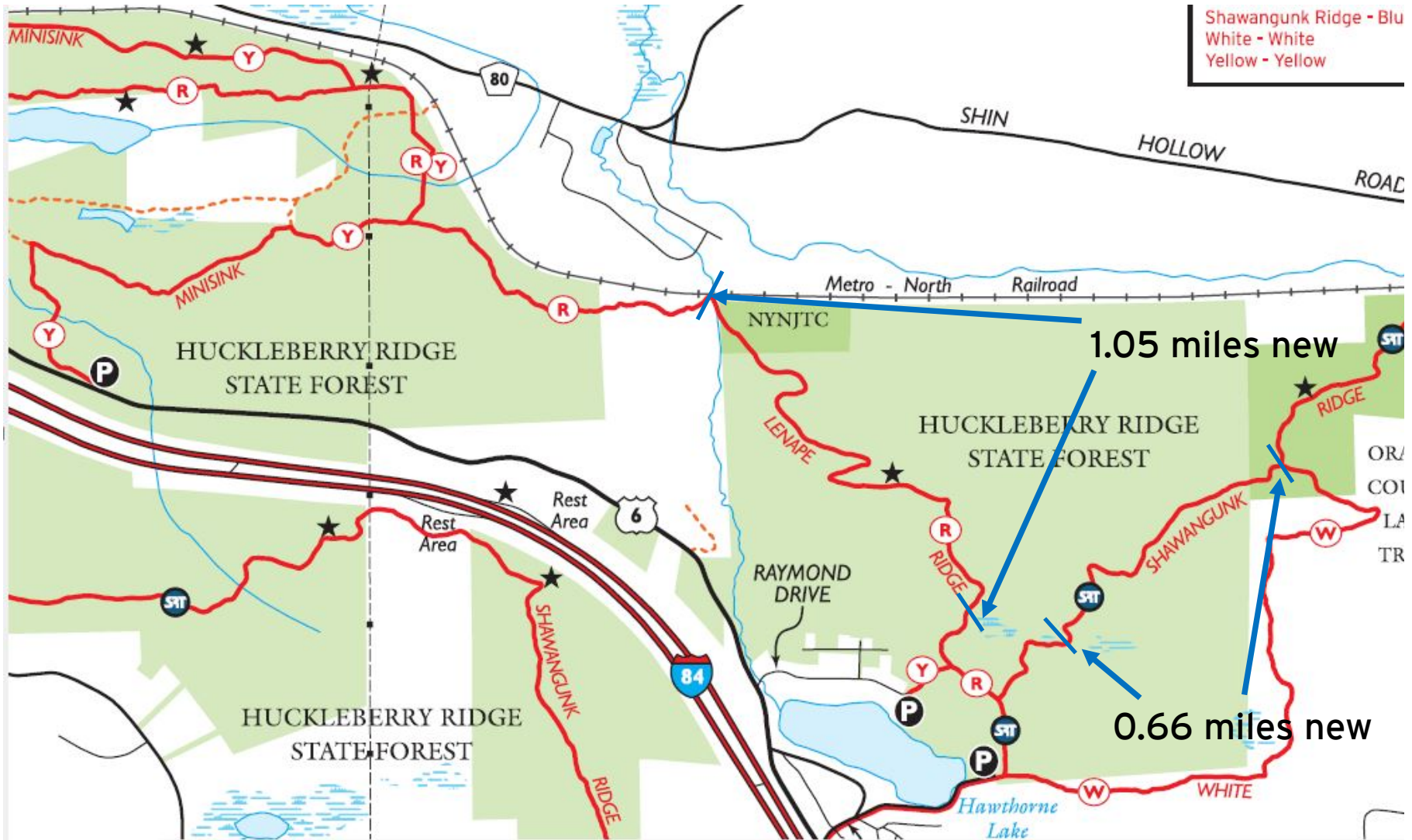
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Location of Worksite (Focused View)



Project Summary

The primary goals of these trail connections were to 1. Give locals, visitors, and hikers arriving at the Port Jervis train station access to the southernmost part of the Shawangunk Ridge Trail (SRT) and the Long Path, and 2. Move the SRT off private property and provide a loop near Hawthorne Lake.

Through extensive corridor clearing, side-hilling, and stone work, hikers can now enjoy a woodland walk that overlooks the local rural area surrounding Port Jervis.

The trail itself is a moderate- to strenuous-level trail. At the highest point of the ridge there are panoramic views of the Catskills that border Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



1. A new connection from the new parking lot on Raymond Drive to the Lenape trail at the railroad: 1.34 miles (1.05 miles new)

2. A new SRT segment from the new Lenape segment fork to the existing SRT: 0.95 miles (0.66 miles new)



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Volunteer Achievements

Hours of Service
April 30 - July 20, 2015

14 volunteers at 150 hours
4 AmeriCorps members at 1,400 hours



New Volunteers: 11
Returning Volunteers: 3



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Construction Achievements



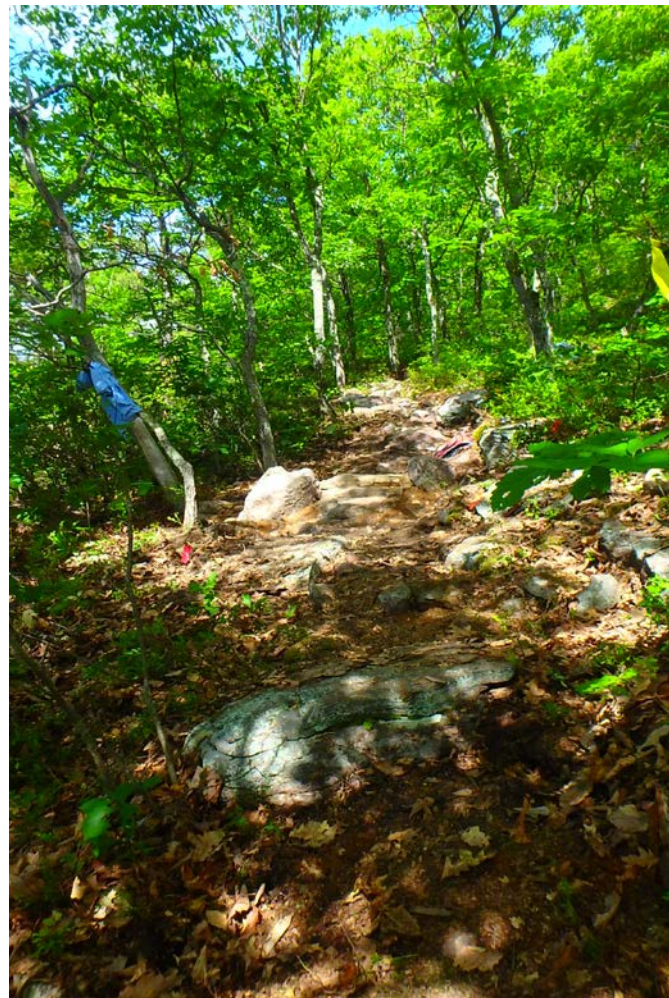
8,970 linear feet of corridor clearing
393 feet of side-hilling/benching
25 large stepping stones and steps



25 Stepping Stones and Step Rocks



Before

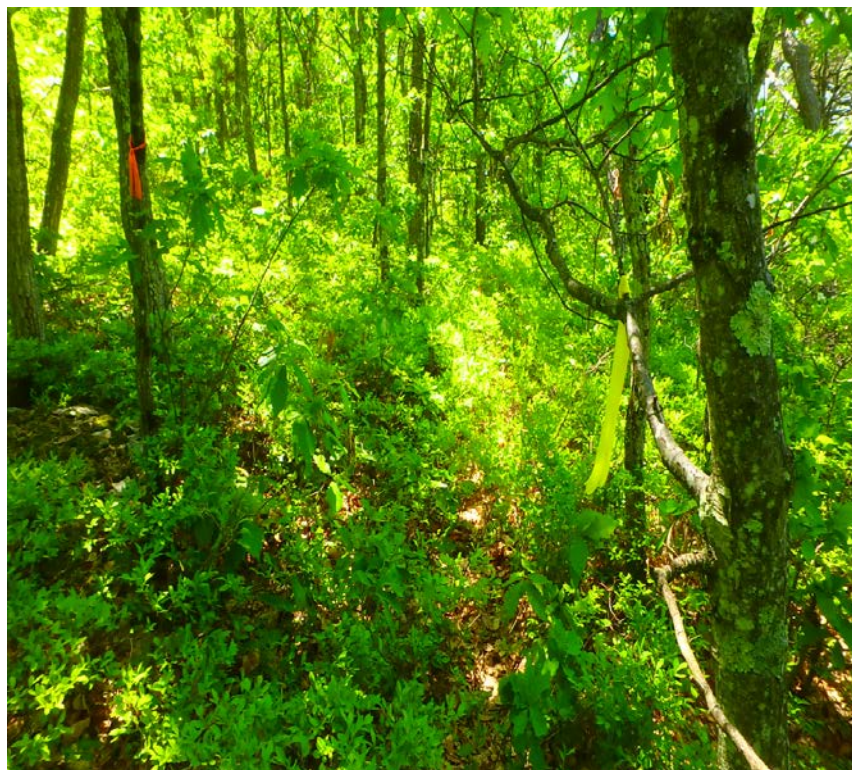


After

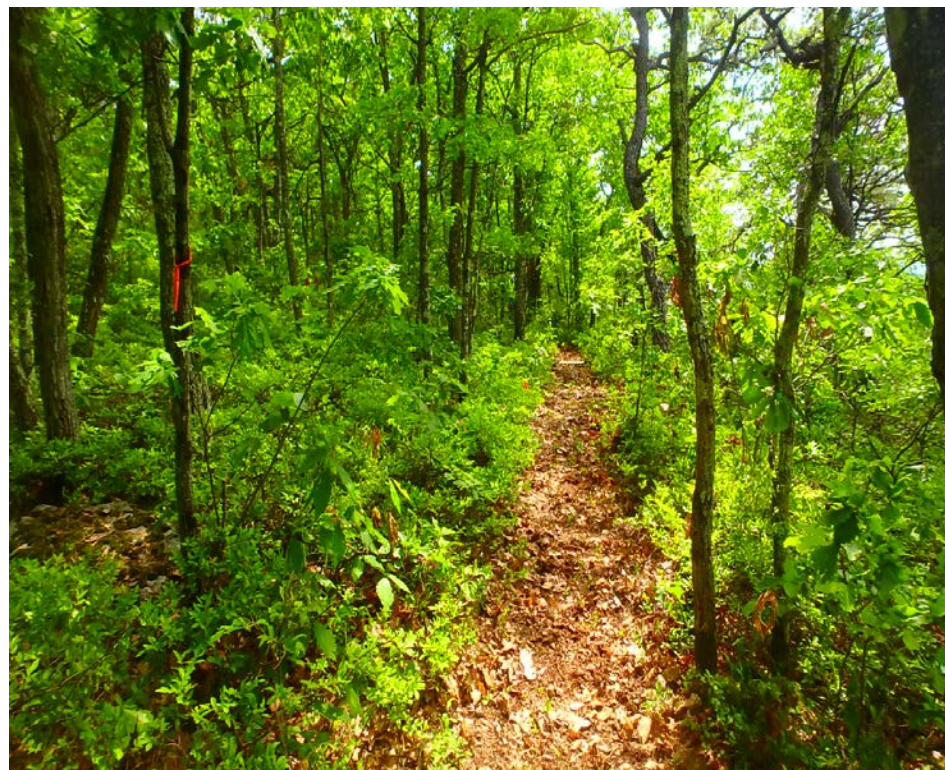


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8,970 Feet of Corridor Clearing



Before



After



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393 feet of Side-hilling/Bench Cutting

Before



After





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