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Dear Editor,

On behalf of Herkimer County HealthNet, we would like to encourage the communities located along the Canalway Trail to utilize the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) funding through the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Regional Council to apply for funds to close the gaps in the trail located in our region.

As part of Governor Cuomo's efforts to improve New York's business climate and expand economic growth, in 2011 the governor created ten Regional Economic Development Councils (Regional Councils) and the CFA. If you're not familiar with this, please take this opportunity to do so (specifically Page 72 on the following link; <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/assets/documents/2012-Available-CFA-Resources.pdf> **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY, JULY 16TH, 2012.**

The Canal Corporation is making available \$1 million for matching grants (which also includes in-kind services, other state funding, and a portion marked for administrative costs) earmarked for projects between \$50,000 and \$150,000 for development and tourism promotion, construction or enhancement of the Canalway Trail, and canal community infrastructure projects.

Sincerely,

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