

Rural Ulster Preservation Company  
Kingston, NY  
"Cool Kingston" Green Trail  
Budget: \$52,725



As a member of the [Kingston Green Trail](#) community development alliance, [Rural Ulster Preservation Company](#) (RUPCO) is developing a bike-friendly green corridor to reduce its community's impact on climate change.

RUPCO and the alliance plan to transform a 2.5-mile stretch of Kingston, New York's historic business core into a [green trail](#) complete with container gardens, bike racks and bike lanes. RUPCO Community Development Director Guy Kempe says the alliance will "sponsor improvements to make the urban environment more friendly to nature, residents and visitors."

As part of its efforts, the alliance has already installed planters at interested businesses along the corridor, created a sustainability section at the local library and established bike trail plans with the city government.

The alliance has also [reached out to businesses](#) and residences near the corridor, encouraging them to join the alliance in its efforts to curb climate change. Kempe says the outreach has been met with "universal enthusiasm." One business anchoring the trail has even installed 1,000 square feet of food-producing [gardens on its rooftop](#).

Kempe says RUPCO is currently working closely with a partner organization, [Sustainable Hudson Valley](#), to "develop a vision of an eco-landscaped, beautiful Broadway." Future plans include installing solar-powered trash compactors, informational signage, street furniture and public art along the trail. The alliance will also plant trees and sponsor a Bike to Dinner week in the corridor this fall.

When complete, the alliance will write case studies for each project so that other communities can replicate Kingston's green trail.