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**County Executive Neuhaus celebrates the extension of the Heritage Trail from the Village of Monroe into Village of Harriman**

*Section runs from Monroe at Clark Street to River Road Harriman*

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus participated in a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Friday to celebrate the extension of the Heritage Trail from the Village of Monroe into Harriman.

Neuhaus was joined at the event by Orange County Legislators Jim DiSalvo and Myrna Kemnitz, Village of Harriman Mayor Stephen H. Welle, Monroe Town Councilman Tony Cardone, Village of Monroe Mayor James Purcell and Department of Public Works Commissioner Chris Viebrock.

“I appreciate the strong support of the County Legislature on the extension of this segment of the Heritage Trail,” Neuhaus said. “The Heritage Trail is one of the most popular recreation destinations in the County. I live near the trail and enjoy utilizing it with my family and having the opportunity to interact with residents who take advantage of using this wonderful space in our County.”

Added DiSalvo: “I am very happy that this day has come and want to thank the County Executive and The Village Board of Harriman for all their support on this project. The Heritage Trail is a great economic engine for Orange County and enjoyed by so many residents.”

The Heritage Trail was extended from the Village of Monroe at Clark Street to River Road in the Village of Harriman, adding approximately two miles. Funding for the \$375,000 project came from a County Capital Project Budget.

“I want to thank County Executive Neuhaus and the County Legislature for extending the Heritage Trail into Harriman,” Welle said. “Our community is excited about the health and wellness benefits this extension will offer. On behalf of our residents, we appreciate that local families will be able to take advantage of this County gem.”

The Heritage Trail now runs approximately 14.5 miles from Goshen to Harriman with approximately 150,000 people using it each year for running, biking, hiking and environmental and natural studies. It has access points in Monroe, Chester and Goshen. The trail features historic landmarks, scenic views, a bird/wildlife sanctuary and access to dining and shopping in the municipalities through which it runs.

Future extensions of the Heritage Trail include up to an additional 10 miles of paved trail from Goshen to Middletown. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2018.

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Front row (from left to right) Village of Monroe Mayor James Purcell, Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus, Department of Public Works Commissioner Chris Viebrock, Legislator Jim DiSalvo, Legislator Myrna Kemnitz and Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Mike Amodio. Back row (from left to right) Village of Harriman Mayor Steve Welle, Village of Monroe DPW Supervisor Jim Linderman and Monroe Town Councilman Tony Cardone.