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## **CITY OF WATERTOWN CONDUCTS TRAIL ENHANCEMENT IN THOMPSON PARK**

The City of Watertown is facilitating a trail improvement project in partnership with NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Student Conservation Association (SCA). Earlier this week, student workers and City Parks and Recreation Department Staff began clearing a trail head at the corner of Thompson Boulevard and Gotham Street in an effort to improve trail access for the public. This project is a follow up to trail improvement work conducted in 2019 along a trail known as, Middle Trail.

The current project was spearheaded by the non-profit group, Friends of Thompson Park, who have made the improvement of existing trails and the addition of new trails a priority in an effort to provide better access to underutilized areas of Thompson Park.

Thompson Park was designed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century by John and Fredrick Law Olmsted Jr., sons of Frederick Law Olmsted, who design New York City's Central Park and many other grand parks throughout the United States and Canada.

Trail clearing operations are expected to continue through Friday, October 2, 2020 and will resume later this fall.

For further information or questions, please contact the City's Planning and Community Development Department at (315) 785-7741 or Friends of Thompson Park Chairman, Phillip Sprague, at (315) 778-1237.