SUPPORT THE WOODSTOCK TROLLEY

The Catskill Mountain Railroad is planning a Trolley Service to run from its proposed new terminal at Basin Road near Stewart's on Route 28 to the Village of Woodstock.

The Trolley would add visitors to local stores and businesses while reducing traffic congestion and parking problems in Woodstock. It would also carry bikes from Woodstock to the Ashokan Trail and connect to the CMRR's shuttle train service to Kingston.

This service would be similar to the Kaaterskill Trolley which recently ran between Palenville and Tannersville in Greene County as a means of eliminating traffic on NYS Route 23A.

The Ulster County Legislature will soon be voting on extending the CMRR's existing operations to the Ashokan Reservoir at Basin Road. Without the extension the Trolley will never happen.

The CMRR will be making a presentation and answering questions about the Woodstock Trolley on November 18th at 7pm at the Woodstock Community Center, 56 Rock City Road in Woodstock.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) **What is the Proposed Woodstock Trolley?** The Trolley would run between the CMRR's proposed new Rail and Trail Station at Basin Road/Route 28 and businesses in West Hurley and Woodstock. It would be patterned after the Kaaterskill Trolley that successfully ran between Palenville and Tannersville in Greene County. See this link:

   https://catskillmountainrailroad.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/West-Hurley-Woodstock-Train-Station-June-2025.pdf

2) **What is the Purpose of the Trolley?** The Trolley service would allow both Tourists and Residents the opportunity to explore and utilize local businesses within a 15-minute ride from the CMRR''s new Woodstock Train Station. It can be equipped with a bike rack and has handicap accessibility.

3) **What is the Woodstock Train Station? Where will it be? Who will Build it?** The Catskill Mountain Railroad will build the station with a grant awarded by NYSDOT at the southwest corner of the intersection of Basin Road/Zena Road and Route 28, diagonally across from Stewarts. It is on a separate site from the old gas station and is in the Town of Woodstock.

4) **Why Does the CMRR not run there now?** The CMRR has requested an extension of its operating permit from Ulster County to this site from where is currently ends in Stony Hollow. The Ulster County Housing and Transportation Committee is voting soon on whether to allow the extension and new station to be built.

5) **Why is the CMRR doing this?** The CMRR believes that its extension to Basin Road to allow passengers direct access to the Ashokan Rail Trail and the Trolley Service to Woodstock and West Hurley will generate sufficient ridership to pay for the extension and Trolley Service.

6) **What is the Economic Benefit to Ulster County and Woodstock of the CMRR's Extension?**

   By creating a multimodal attraction that enhances both the Ashokan Rail Trail and the Railroad, combined with a Trolley, the CMRR estimates that with the extension it will increase its 2025 ridership of 61,677 (52,062 or 84.4% are visitors) by 25,000. It will also increase its current $834,000 payroll (3 full-time employees, 36 part time and 118 seasonal), current $558,000 of expenditures in Ulster County and $10.3 million current economic impact by 40%. This will increase its economic impact on Ulster County businesses by $4.5 million to $14.8 million per year. Much of the additional impact will accrue to West Hurley and Woodstock businesses. See this link:

   https://catskillmountainrailroad.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/CMRR-Economic-Impact-2025.pdf

7) **Why do you believe you can increase your ridership by 25,000 by extending the railroad to Basin Road?**

   Only 12% of the Ashokan Rail Trail users are visitors, or about 16,700. We believe this can be increased by 15,000 by offering bike rentals, indoor bathrooms, and small food concessions to the CMRR's out-of-town riders who usually don't bring bikes with them. The addition of indoor bathrooms will allow the Ashokan Rail Trail and the CMRR to be listed on the "Attractions" signs on the New York State Thruway.

   An additional 10,000 riders are expected to take the "Woodstock Express" that will transport passengers by rail to West Hurley and by Trolley to West Hurley and Woodstock.

8) **Are my County Legislators in Favor of the Trolley?** Legislator Collins is against the extension of the CMRR to Basin Road, and believes the Trolley Service can be operated from Stony Hollow. However, that site is infeasible for such an operation and the Trolley service will only happen if the CMRR's operations are extended to Basin Road. Legislator Levine has not endorsed the extension or the Trolley. Their contact information is below:

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