

## APPENDIX E

### Queensbury Open Space Plan Trail Classifications

The following classes, or types of trails, are listed here for illustrative purposes only, and do not reflect any formal classification system.<sup>1</sup>

Class 1 - A paved or stone dust, off-road pathway, separated from motor vehicle traffic by a landscaped area or other separation. This type of arrangement is currently used along the Feeder Canal Trail, for example. The path should "fit" the landscape, could include curves and other design features to provide variety and interest. The landscape treatment between the path should buffer the user from adjoining roadways. The class 1 trail is the preferred design type, where feasible. Class 1 trails would be appropriate where public rights-of-way are of sufficient width to permit attractive trail design and safe operation.

Class 2 - A paved dedicated lane along a roadway, often an enlarged shoulder area. This type of arrangement is envisioned for the Luzerne Road corridor.

Class 3 - A widened road lane, share by both bicycles and motor vehicles. Class 3 trails would be appropriate along minor streets or where existing right-of-way limitations prohibit a higher class of trail construction.

Accessible Trail - An off-road path (often an old logging road) that is accessible for wheelchairs and use by the mobility impaired. This is the preferred design standard for off-road paths in gentle terrain. Can also be a snowmobile and/or cross-country ski trail in the winter. These type of trails would be appropriate in the Rush Pond area, for example.

Hiking Trail - An off-road path that contains steep or other difficult terrain.

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<sup>1</sup> See the New York State Highway Design Manual, Chapter 18, Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists at [www.dot.state.ny.us/cmb/consult/hdmfiles/chapt\\_18.pdf](http://www.dot.state.ny.us/cmb/consult/hdmfiles/chapt_18.pdf) for official classifications and design standards based on AASHTO (American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials) 1999 "green book."