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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the improvement, formalization, or creation of trails

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-165 to read as follows:

§ 18-165 Trails. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "trail" means a path reserved for recreational activities such as walking or bicycling and on which the use of motor vehicles is prohibited.

b. The commissioner shall improve, formalize, or create at least 300 miles of trails in parks and natural areas within 3 years of the effective date of this section. The commissioner shall prioritize work on trails so that:

1. They connect the maximum amount of natural areas; and
2. They improve access by low and moderate income communities to natural areas.

c. The commissioner shall publish on the department's website a map or maps of trails within the city and shall update such map or maps with the trails that are improved, formalized, or created as required under subdivision b of this section.

d. When improving, formalizing, or creating trails the commissioner shall consider how such work can improve or create trail networks.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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