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The report that follows documents another busy season for the Long Distance Trails Crew (LDTC). The numbers and pictures in this report tell a story of a productive work year supporting NY-NJTC goals and the community of hikers on the Appalachian Trail (AT), the New York Long Path (LP) and the Highlands Trail (HT). This year the LDTC concentrated its efforts on three projects: 1) a rehabilitation of the Appalachian Trail in Harriman State Park near the top of West Mountain, 2) continued rehabilitation of the Long Path in Sam’s Point Preserve, co-aligned with the Verkeerder Kill Falls Trail, and 3) a rehabilitation of a 1873 bridge over Seeley Brook in Goosepond Mountain State Park.

Each project presented unique challenges and resulted in new achievements.

Our season was shaped by notable circumstances. We divided work on the AT into phase 1 at the beginning and phase 2 at the end of the season. The reason was the LDTC was called to duty on the LP at Sam’s Point Preserve to continue post-wildfire repairs begun in 2016. Further, successful fund raising created a mid-season opportunity to tackle a very unusual project - the rehabilitation of a double stone arch bridge over Seeley Brook. Finally, it was back to West Mountain to finish as much work on the AT as possible before the ground froze. Along the way, the LDTC grew in many ways:

* Membership, work trips and volunteer hours continued to grow.
* We continued to improve our culture of safety.
* Our technical skill set expanded.
* Our product sponsor list lengthened.
* Community linkages grew and strengthened.
* Crew members were recognized both within the NY-NJTC and without with an LP End-to End Award, a Presidents’ Lifetime Achievement Award and an Adirondack 46er award.

On the following pages, please use the links provided to access further imagery of each project.
LDTC 2017 By The Numbers

3 Major Projects Completed
83 Trip Work Days
719 Crew Man-Days
66 Individual Volunteers

4550 Work Hours
1406 Travel Hours
1959 Admin & Training Hours
7915 Total 2017 Volunteer Hours

1.25 miles of trail relocated/rehabilitated, including:
182 stone steps
466 square feet of crib wall built
499 feet of sidehilled trail constructed/rehabilitated
27 waterbars installed
33 blowdowns removed

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West Mtn. Appalachian Trail Rehabilitation

2250 Work hours
629 Travel hours
1007 Admin hours
3886 Total Project Hours

31 work days
0.5 miles of trail relocated
104 stone steps installed
306 square feet of crib wall built
276 feet of sidehilled trail constructed
0.06 miles of old trail revegetated
19 waterbars installed

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Sams Point Preserve
Verkeerder Kill Falls Trail
Long Path Rehabilitation

434 Work hours
168 Travel hours
229 Admin hours
830 Total Project Hours

5 work days
0.75 miles of trail rehabilitated
78 stone steps installed
15 square feet of crib wall built
178 feet of trail rebuilt
8 waterbars installed

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Highlands Trail Goosepond Mtn.
Rebuild of Seely Brook
Double Arch Stone Bridge

1768 Work Hours
558 Travel Hours
167 Admin Hours
2493 Total Project Hours

30 work days
288 crew man days
43 total individual volunteers
rebuilt 100 year old double arch stone bridge
25 tons of concrete mixed and poured by hand
constructed 4 plywood & framing forms
filled voids with stone and crush
25 tons of asphalt road millings spread as roadway
145 square feet of crib-wall built

New bridge is 18 ft. wide by 37 ft. long

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Seely Brook Bridge

Before and After
2017 LDTC Supporters & Sponsors
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