## **BREAKING NEWS!**

On the beautiful afternoon of October 1, 2024, a group of over 100 people looked on (below) as Kirkland Trails dedicated and opened a one mile section of the former O&W Utica Division right-of-way from Dugway Road to Route 12B near Franklin Springs. With the addition of this new section, the trail system utilizing the abandoned O&W roadbed, now extends 7 miles from near Oriskany Falls to Franklin Springs (near Clinton) through the Towns of Marshall and Kirkland.





Left- Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente speaks to the crowd about how the partnership between the county, town(s), and Kirkland Trails brought to fruition the still developing trail system through the county. Kirkland Trails President Chip Bassett (blue shirt) pleasingly looks on.

Below- Trail officials and political dignitaries salute the new section's opening with an official ribbon cutting. The newly opened trail section extends northward behind the group. Future plans call for the trail to be developed beyond Clinton to Route 5 in Kirkland.

