

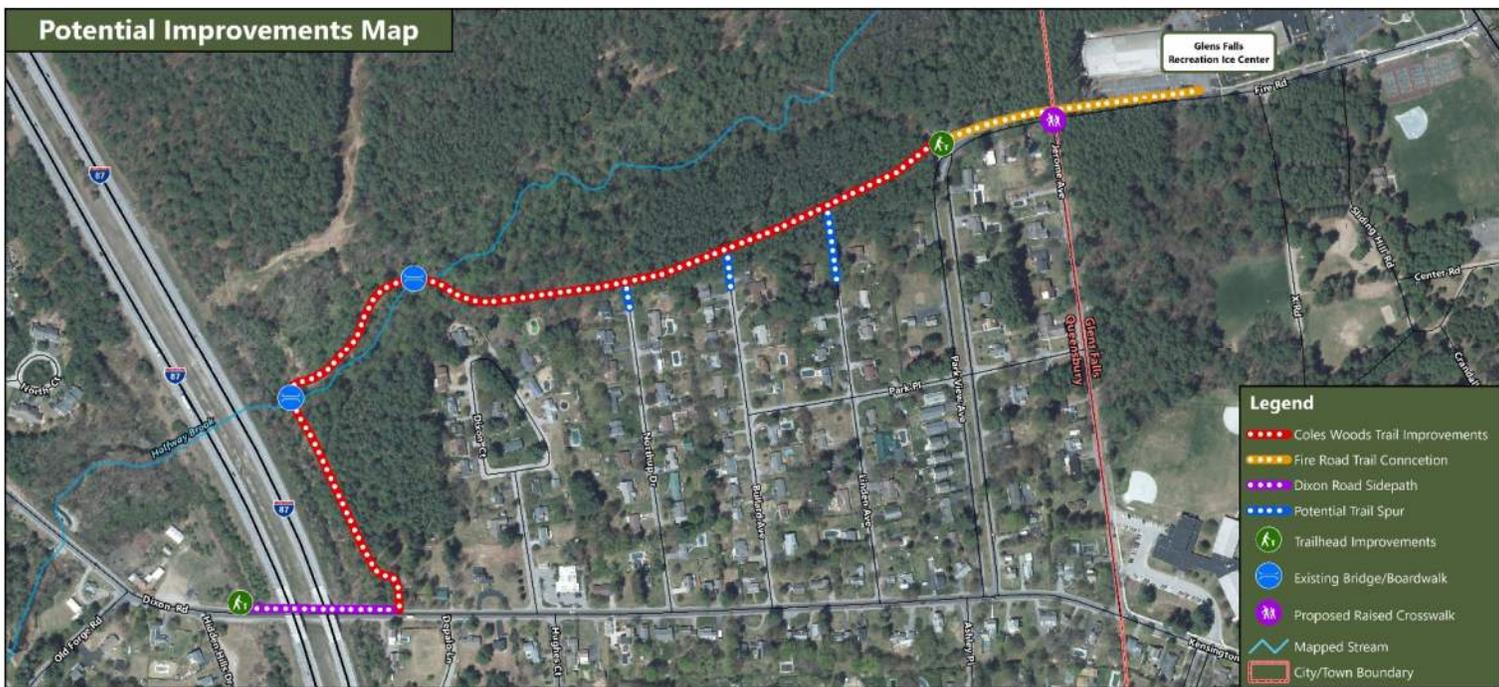


# PIN 1761.01: Cole's Woods Make the Connection

## The Trails of Cole's Woods

Cole's Woods is a multi-use trail system that is used throughout all months of the year, by cross-country skiers in the winter, and pedestrians/bicyclists in the warmer months. When Cole's Woods opened in 1971, it became North America's first lighted cross-country ski trail system. Throughout the years Cole's Woods has expanded and improved, allowing an array of different trails and terrains for users to enjoy. To this day, Cole's Woods continues to play host to several cross-country ski races each year, but also is home to several running races and community events during

the spring, summer, and fall. The latest proposed Cole's Woods Project will improve the exiting trail between the Park View Avenue Trailhead and Dixon Avenue, improve the existing bridges over the Halfway Brook, create a side path along Dixon Road (under the Northway Bridges), create a connection from the Glens Falls Recreation Ice Rink to the Park View Trailhead along Fire Road, and improvements to the existing trailheads at Park View Ave and Dixon Avenue. The Project is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2020.



## Trail Benefits

The improvement and extension of the Cole's Woods Trail System would bring several benefits to trail users and the surrounding area including:

-  **Trail surface and drainage improvements to eliminate standing water along the trail**
-  **Safer bridge crossings with the installation of railings and improvements to the bridge deck**
-  **Create a safe connection to the YMCA and Glens Falls Recreation Ice Center**
-  **Create a safe access for all trail users to the Dixon Road trailhead**
-  **Provide a safe pedestrian crossing on the Fire Road/Jerome Avenue intersection**
-  **Improvements to the existing trailheads will allow for more organized parking and designated handicapped parking stalls**
-  **Potential connection to more adjacent residential areas through trail spurs**



To view the existing Cole's Woods Trail System Please Visit:

<https://www.glensfalls.com/images/coles-woods-map.pdf>



Scan the QR Code to view the Cole's Woods Trail Map!

## Timeline & Next Steps

The City of Glens Falls and the Design Team are in the scoping/preliminary planning and design phase. The design process will continue through the Winter of 2019-2020. Construction is set to begin in the Spring of 2020.

