Rehabilitation of the Lake Placid to Saranac Lake Railroad

“The restoration of the Adirondack Railway is a wonderful example of a partnership between government and private interests to develop a resource that will benefit the entire Adirondack region.” Assemblyman Marc Butler

Project: The rehabilitation of a portion of the abandoned Remsen to Lake Placid Railroad to enable the operation of a tourist train from Lake Placid to Saranac Lake.

Background: The railroad was originally constructed in the late 1800's and was operated continuously until 1972 when the Penn Central Railroad ceased service from Utica to Lake Placid. The railroad eventually fell into disrepair to the point where train operation was no longer possible. The project rehabilitated over 10 miles of track, re-decked 12 structures and replaced the historic East Pine Street bridge (the only King Post Truss in New York State). The project was a major effort between Regions 1, 2 and the Main Office Rails Unit, with each contributing significantly to the final product. Currently, the train is proving to be a successful venture, with the Adirondack Rail Preservation Society (ARPS) reporting full capacity on all runs, and possibly offering more runs to accommodate the high passenger demand.

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