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Introduced by M. of A. BARCLAY, KOLB, TOWNSEND -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH, SALADINO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to require the state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to evaluate, recommend and dedicate parcels of land located in Onondaga county as parkland

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation is directed to conduct an evaluation of vacant tracts of land in the county of Onondaga for purposes of increasing green spaces and developing trails to connect neighborhoods and towns within the county of Onondaga by ascertaining the vacant tracts' suitability as parkland or trails. Upon completing this evaluation, the state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall recommend whether any vacant tracts of land shall be dedicated as either a state or municipal park or whether these tracts of land shall be established as part of either a state-wide or local trails system. For purposes of this section, "trails" shall include footpaths, bike ways, snowmobile trails, horse trails, cross country ski trails, roads and other rights-of-way suitable for hiking, strolling, cycling, horseback riding, skiing and other means of motorized and non-motorized travel for recreational purposes and shall include combinations and systems of trails, including connecting and side trails, and trails leading to scenic and recreational areas.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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