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### **Cycling group to host meeting on September 30**

The Otsego Regional Cycling Advocates, a committee of the Otsego County Conservation Association, will host a community meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Upper Susquehanna Cultural Center on N. Main St. in Milford. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues related to bicycle safety, road infrastructure, and other concerns relevant to cycling in Otsego County and surrounding areas. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend and to share their comments and opinions about cycling in the region.

The mission of ORCA is to promote bicycling as an enjoyable, safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly activity for people of all ages and abilities. The group organizes the annual Bike to Work Day in Cooperstown and is working to develop bicycle education programs. In addition, ORCA advocates for safe roads for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. If you would like more information about ORCA, please email Martha Clarvoe (martha.clarvoe@gmail.com) or Dennis Savoie (densav@verizon.net) or call Clarvoe at 607-547-4020.

According to Clarvoe, people particularly interested in joining ORCA might fall into one or more of the following categories:

- a potential cyclist interested in learning to bike safely
- a current cyclist interested in the availability of more group rides (tours) or races
- an advocate cyclist interested in promoting bicycle education and roadway improvements
- an off-road cyclist interested in promoting the extension of the Susquehanna Greenway multi-use trail from Oneonta to Cooperstown
- a motorist/driver's education teacher interested in interacting safely with cyclists
- a parent/teacher/school board member/youth group organizer interested in promoting safe routes for biking and walking to school for your children
- an employer/employee interested in promoting bicycle commuting to work
- a community leader/medical advocate interested in promoting the health of our communities
- a village representative interested in promoting the many benefits of a bicycle friendly community
- a highway official interested in designing our local streets/roads for the improved safety of all roadway users (complete streets)

- a law enforcement official interested in promoting highway safety for all users
- a service club member looking for a meaningful local project to support
- a chamber of commerce member hoping to increase "green" tourism
- a business owner hoping to improve shopping accessibility