

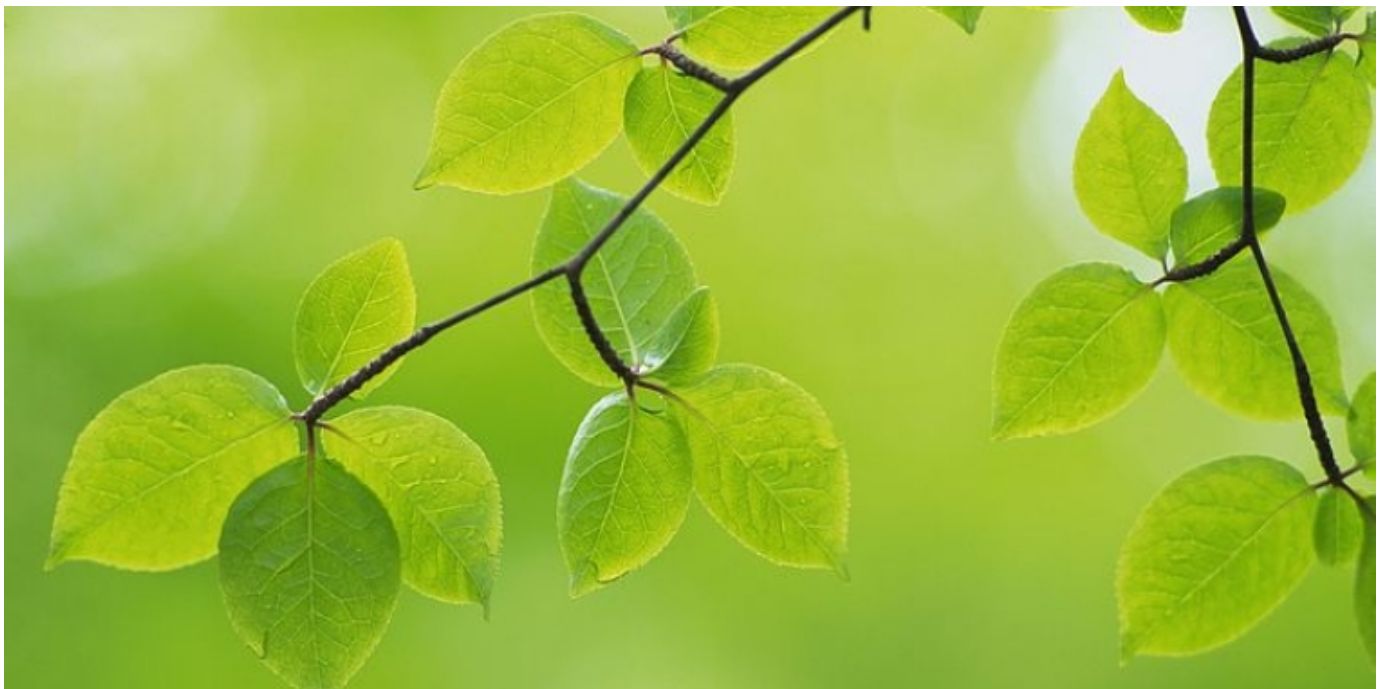


NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie: \$50,000 in Funding to Take Learning Outside the Classroom, and Into the Great Outdoors at Madrid-Waddington

PATTY RITCHIE June 13, 2016



State Senator Patty Ritchie has announced she has secured \$50,000 to help students in the Madrid-Waddington Central School District tap into the learning potential of the great outdoors.

Funds secured by Senator Ritchie will be used to help the district improve its nature trail, construct an outdoor classroom and enhance outdoor learning sites.

“There’s so much we can learn from the outdoors—especially here in the North Country,” said Senator Ritchie.

“This is a project that not only will benefit students, but also community members who utilize the district’s nature trail. I am pleased to deliver this funding, and look forward to seeing how the Madrid Waddington Central School District uses it to improve educational offerings for its students, as well as outdoor recreation for those who live in the area.”

“Here at Madrid Waddington, we see outdoor learning as a major part of the educational experience for our students,” said Lynn Roy, Madrid Waddington Central School District Superintendent.

“By taking learning outside the classroom, we’re giving them an opportunity to learn about everything from the importance of protecting the environment to the lives of various species. We would like to thank Senator Ritchie for her help in securing this important funding, which is helping us achieve our goal of offering our students the best education possible.”

Release of funds is subject to state approval.