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Unification Seminary adds hiking path to Greenway trail network

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RED HOOK – A Barrytown hiking path that was once used by young Theodore Roosevelt will soon become part of the state's Greenway trail network.

Administrators of the Unification Theological Seminary on Monday plan to sign an agreement with town officials and the Winnakee Land Trust to set aside a one-mile hiking path along the Hudson River for public use.

"It runs from the southern edge of our property to the northern edge and turns a corner and heads east," said Tyler Hendricks, the seminary's president. "It takes about 10 to 15 minutes to walk. The southern end is Barrytown Road and the northern end is in the proximity of Montgomery Place, and if they develop a trail, it will connect there, but that isn't in yet."

The trail, one of five on 250 acres owned by Unification The-

ological Seminary, is called "Father's Trail" in honor of the Unification Church's founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

"It's not right on the river, but it's as close as it gets," Hendricks said. "It has nice views of the (Catskill) mountains, the river, and Tivoli Bay."

For nearly two decades, the state has been developing a plan to provide a continuous walking path along the Hudson River from Battery Park in New York City to the Adirondacks. It's now known as the Greenway Heritage Trail.

The agreement for the seminary trail is scheduled to be signed at a Town Board meeting Monday. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, state Route 9G.

Under the agreement, the Winnakee Land Trust will develop a management plan for the trail.

"We are holding the easement and will be working with them

closely to improve the trail," said Michael Haggerty, the executive director of the trust.

The seminary property, formerly the estate of John R. Livingston (1775-1861), was purchased by John Aspinwall in 1860. The original mansion was destroyed by fire in 1885 and replaced by a High Victorian Gothic-style house.

Seminary officials note that references to areas near the trail were the among the first entries 9-year-old Theodore Roosevelt made in a journal of nature exploration that continued through his adulthood and into his presidency.

"He was inspired to begin his famous diaries on the day he arrived (in 1868) and also collected insects, birds and mammals," officials said in a press release. "They became one of the first collections in the Museum of Natural History in New York City, which his father helped to found."