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Dave and his wife, Charlotte Dudley have used trails similar to the ECRT over the years for some of their exciting bike adventures. They rode the complete Erie Canal Trail from Albany to Buffalo in 2001. They rode the NYC Five Boro Bike Ride in 2005. Locally they have ridden the Niagara Parkway Trail, the Allegheny River Valley Trail and the Pat MaGee Rail Trail along with several others.

## A history of volunteering

Dave is a retired civil engineering CAD designer. He spent most of his career in Springville working for both Edwards and Moncreiff and RJR Engineering. These days Dave spends his time in his own gardens along with volunteer work. In addition to his work on the trail with ECRT, Dave works with:

- Green Springville
- the Springville Garden Club
- the Boys and Girls Club
- SCA's Art's Cafe Green Roof

Two Village of Springville signs have been planted and maintained by Dave for the last two years and the garden behind the Senior Center is the work of the Garden Club under Dave's guidance.

## Thanks from ECRT

And all of us at ECRT say "It's people such as you Dave, who add a great deal to ECRT!"

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the trail!

To learn more about the Springville Friends of ECRT chapter, please reach out to Mary Carol Dearing at <u>mcdear13@gmail.com</u>.