

Short Rail Line To Open Soon

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SALAMANCA — The New York & Lake Erie short line railroad will officially open Oct. 15. The railroad leased track from Salamanca to Cattaraugus, and owns track from Cattaraugus to Gowanda.

Rail service along those lines would have been cut off without the new railroad, a spokesman from the Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board said.

The railroad received \$140,000 from the state to defray the costs of leasing the tracks. It also received \$315,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission and \$79,000 from Cattaraugus County to buy the northern line of track.

The railroad, which is owned by Robert Dingman, will carry only freight.