

## Niagara River Greenways Commission Meeting

June 26, 2006  
Buffalo City Hall

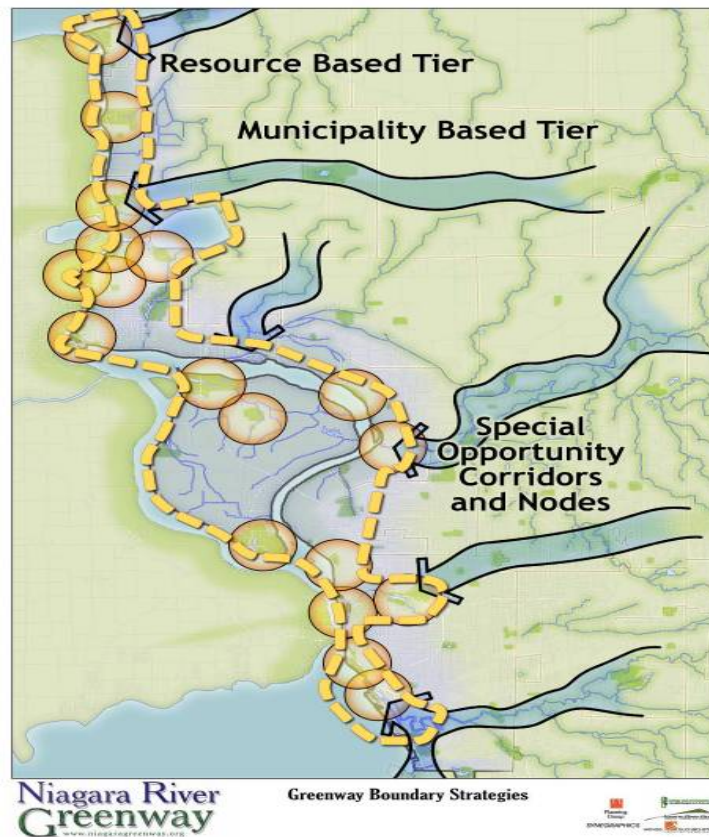
### Niagara River Greenways Plan Status Report

- Schedule: On task, on time June/July – Analysis/project identification  
August – Concept plan development
- SEQRA: Underway: Lead Agency Designation comment period thru 7/8/06  
July: Positive Declaration and begin Draft GEIS thru 8/06
- Working Definition of a Greenway:

*“The Niagara River Greenway is a world-class corridor of special places, parks, and landscapes that celebrates our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and heritage resources and provides access to and connection between these important resources”*

- Greenway Draft Goals:
  - **Excellence** – world class standards
  - **Sustainability** – long-term viability and effectiveness
  - **Accessibility** – physical and visual access
  - **Connectivity** – access and continuity
  - **Ecological Vitality** – health of resources
  - **Public Well-Being** – physical and emotional wellness
  - **Restoration** – reuse and revitalization
  - **Authenticity** – clear sense of place/tradition
  - **Celebration** – share/promote diverse resources
  - **Partnerships** – cooperation, integration, compromise
  - **Community Based** – reflect local preferences & plans

- Four overall themes to identify ideas and opportunities:
  - “Making Connections” – parks, recreation, trails, corridors
  - “Telling the Story” – historic, interpretive, education assets
  - “Preserving Unique Resources” – ecological and environmental resources
  - “Sustainable Development and Tourism” – community vitality
- Preliminary Greenway Boundary Strategy: A combination of resource strategy and a Tiered approach



- Funding suggestion: There is a need for a published executive summary
- Large Scale Independent Projects: Recognize/understand how they fit into plan, set principles, criteria and priorities for our planning, knowing specific designs/ EIS's will be done by other agencies.
- Expectations Moving Forward:
  - General plan and municipal plans.
  - Projects will range from site specific to opportunities/principles
  - Process assistance through LGAC and CAC.
  - Identify priority ideas/projects by end of July.